Zinkenbach (Abtenau)

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Salzburg **Subregion:** Bezirk Hallein **Town:** Abtenau		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 2h45
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:** 1h15	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 1000m	**Altitude exit:** 940m	**Delta Altitude:** 60m
Canyon length: 600m	**Highest rapell:** 10m	**Amount rapells:** 9
Transport: Bike/Mountainbike	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:** 10-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (8)	**Info:** ★ 3 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (6)

Warnings:

Note for Bicycles/MTBs

The use of signposted cycle paths is permitted at your own risk from May 1 to November 15 and from 2 hours after sunrise to 1 hour before sunset.

Specialities:

Gear:

Ropes: 2x20m
drill tool,

Summary: (machine translated)

Beautiful, short and narrow lime canyon; many slippery places; some entanglements; cold water; very susceptible to flooding; only short abseil steps over Inox single hooks; possibly a difficult emergency exit possibility in the middle of the canyon; well combinable with the Ackersbach; the combination with the nearby long Gerbach tour (! ropes 2x40m/ 4-5h) I would recommend only extremely sporty canyoneers. Exposure south; most beautiful light incidence from midday; no or poor cell phone reception, in spring a lot of meltwater; large catchment area (Egelseehörndl, Labenberg, gr. Pitscherberg, Osterhorn).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

Valley access:
From Salzburg Süd via the A10 to the Golling exit. Then continue on the B102 (Lammertalstraße) towards Abtenau. At "Voglauerhof", turn left over the Lammer bridge and then immediately left again. Follow the mountain road to the large parking lot at Pichl (47°36'03.00 N, 13°17'55.00 E) where you can park your car.

Alternative mountain access (50min):
After the Lammer bridge, turn right past the Voglauer furniture factory. Follow the mountain road in the direction of Wegscheid/Postalm. At the automatic toll booth €11,- (from 16.30 -50%) is due for cars. Then follow the mountain road over the Lienbachsattel and a little further on until you see a large gravel area with a no-driving sign and barriers on the left-hand side (47°.642925 N, 13°.421369 E). There are two small lay-bys on the right-hand side (approx. 50m) where you can park your car.

Approach: (machine translated)
(45min by bike + 15min on foot)
Valley access:
You ride your bike (next to the Aubach) on the wide forest road for approx. 45min (7.8km) towards the Postalm. The forest road is rather flat at the beginning (approx. 5km) and becomes steeper before the bridge over the Ackersbach. From the Ackersbach bridge it is approx. 3km to the bridge over the Zinkenbach (981m WGS 84. 47°38'06" N 13°12'31 "E). For the exit/return route, it is advisable to park your bike a few 100m beforehand at a wood storage area with a fork in the forest road (signs prohibiting bicycles).47.631770,13.371702 Here you can immediately turn left on foot and follow the forest road with the driving ban. After a short hike you come to a suitable place (gravel gully) where you descend into the Zinkenbach. Entry at approx. 1000m.

Alternative mountain access (15min bike + 15min on foot):
By bike, at the parking lot/barrier, follow the forest road with the hiking sign "Voglau bei Abtenau 3 1/2h", past the alpine pastures and next to the Lienbach, the wide forest road leads slightly downhill for approx. 4km to the bridge that crosses the Zinkenbach (sign "Zinkenbachklamm 981m WGS 84". 47°38'06" N, 13°12'31" E). Once at the bridge, park your bike. Then you can walk (orographic right) briefly and steeply through the forest up to the other forest road. Follow this road to the right until you reach a visible small chute where you descend into the Zinkenbach stream. Entry at approx. 1000m.

Tour: (machine translated)
The remote, short, canyon is best reached by bike (recommendation - free access to the valley by bike!). Directly at the Zinkenbach bridge, you can already see the narrow gap in the middle section. This narrowness is characteristic of the whole tour. The difficulty in the canyon is not in rappelling the short steps (5-10m), but in moving along the mostly narrow and slippery sections. As the canyon can change considerably after high water (blockages, gravel, damaged anchors) and the canyon is rarely used, the emergency drill set should not be forgotten under any circumstances. During our inspection (June 2021), all of the stands had been repaired. Without major blockages, the tour is really worthwhile. A beautiful, not too deep but narrow lime canyon with beautiful small pools and abseiling points awaits the hiker. There is usually enough time by bike to take the short and nearby Ackersbach (approx. 3 km down the valley) (additional time required approx. 2 hours).

Return: (machine translated)
(15min walk + 15min bike)
After the last abseiling point, follow the stream for approx. 50m until you reach a (mostly dry) tributary on the right. Climb up briefly and steeply to the forest road (bike).

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.6388 13.3752
Parking at Entry 47.6433 13.4215
Parking Entry and Exit 47.6004 13.2979
Canyon End 47.6322 13.3736

Reports:

2026-08-08 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆☆☆½ |🕮★★★ |⚓★★★ | Normal | Completed
Everything’s great right now! New W. ring bolted at Step 3 + new rappelling point with Mc. (left) at Step 4 (on the right, there’s still the old rusty chain anchor). Belay station at Step 8 with Mc. again. Current topographic view under “Internal” □□ (with the midday sun) As always, beautiful with clean, very cold water—slippery (machine translated)

2026-06-26 | Roland Ivenz | ☆☆☆☆☆ |🕮★★★ |⚓★ | Normal | Completed
A beautiful, cool hike. The old Postalm Road from Zinkenbach toward Postalm is closed until August 11. (machine translated)

2025-06-14 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | |🕮 |⚓ | | Not done
Access from the Pichl parking lot to Ackersbach and Gerbach possible, then the barrier□□ (machine translated)

2025-05-01 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆☆☆½ |🕮★★★ |⚓★★ | Normal | Completed
Mc.left to the possible 5m jump point (step no.2) set up + new Mc. right in the middle section, water level currently still a little high and very cold, otherwise everything is great (machine translated)

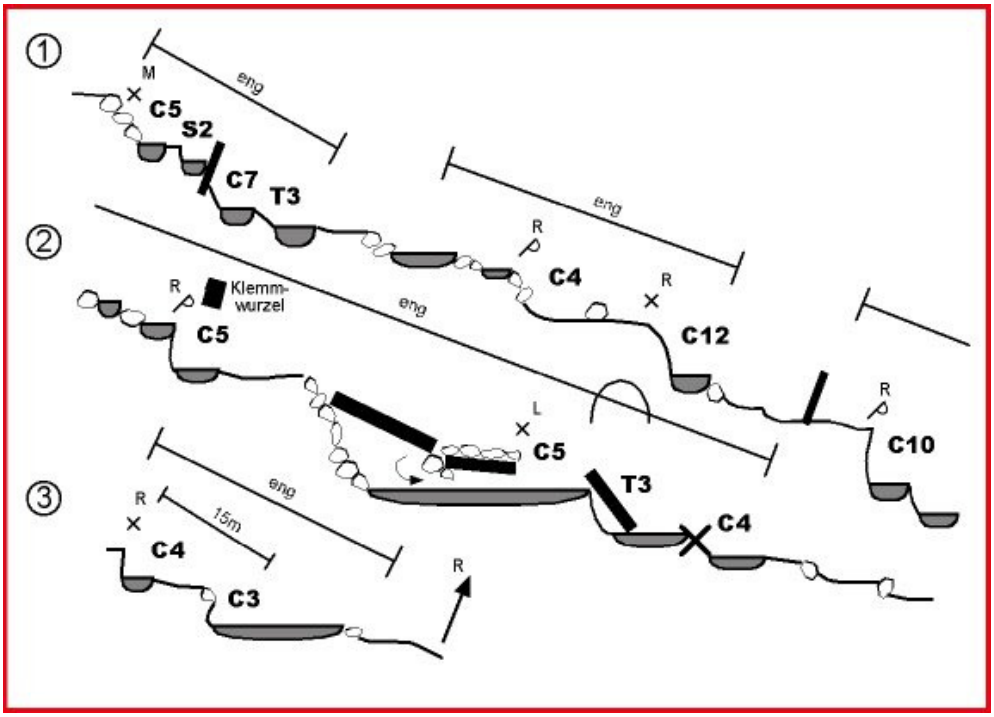
2025-04-26 | Pat fritz | ☆☆☆☆ |🕮★★★ |⚓★★ | High | Completed
Very challenging canyon at higher water levels, beware of tree trunks and branches in pools (machine translated)

2024-08-10 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆☆☆½ |🕮★★★ |⚓★ | Normal | Completed
At the moment the canyon is very nice, almost all pools are washed out, only a few blockages, as always very slippery, two anchors newly drilled, everything else good. Rusty chain no longer in use, has cracks (machine translated)

2023-06-25 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆☆ |🕮★★★ |⚓★★ | Normal | Completed
All hooks and fixed ropes okay, as always cold water and several slippery spots, few entanglements. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆☆☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
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