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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Kärnten **Subregion:** Bezirk Klagenfurt-Land **Town:** Ferlach		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a1 II	**Total time:** 1h50
Approachtime: 1h	**Tourtime:** 40min	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 740m	**Altitude exit:** 640m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 3
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:** dolomite	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northeast	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 1.2 (3)	**Info:** ★ 1.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (3)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20

Summary: (machine translated)
Open gorge in the heart of the Ferlacher Horn, usually with little water. Access via a self-made via ferrata. No neoprene necessary in summer. More of an adventure hike than a canyoning tour.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Klagenfurt on the B91 to Unterloibl, turn off Loiblpassstraße in the village and drive briefly in the direction of Ferlach. Parking at the church.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the no-entry road southwards to the bridge over the Loblbach, cross the stream and ascend on the road until a well-trodden path branches off to the right in a left-hand bend. Follow this path to the valley floor. Two torrent obstructions can be bypassed orographically on the right (the second with some loss of altitude). Above the second torrent obstruction through the gravel bed to the end of the gorge, then stay in the streambed to the uppermost 15m waterfall. The waterfalls are overcome via a via ferrata of your own construction (B-C), at the last step orographic left into the gravel gully and as soon as possible left to the rocky ridge above the waterfall. Securing material is quite good thanks to a mountain rescue exercise in 2022.
After the first wire rope, you could also ascend to the left into a side trench and then cross high above the canyon into the rock basin; this variant avoids the wire rope belays, but crosses a sandy, unpleasant erosion funnel.

Tour: (machine translated)
15m rappel at the beginning, then slide and downclimb to a 10m rappel and continue sliding and possibly jumping to the wide gravel bed. At the WIldbach obstruction there is an abseil stand on the right which can be used to save the ascent.

Return: (machine translated)
Like access

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.4969 14.3039
Canyon End 46.4998 14.2986
Parking Entry and Exit 46.5070 14.2886

Reports:

2026-08-18 | Friedl Martin | ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything is currently covered in gravel. I always enjoy coming back to this canyon. In summer temperatures, you can do it all without a wetsuit. You only get splashed with water. (machine translated)

2025-05-25 | ViKo | ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
mainly multiple sharp bolts at those few anchors, we placed mailon at the first one, old spare carabine at the second one. one nice 2m jump :-)

2022-10-08 | GeorgB | ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
A fixed point from the wire rope of the bypass of the 10m waterfall was broken. Safety points in the gorge were fine thanks to a previously held mountain rescue exercise. Little water but also relatively little gravel. (machine translated)