Gerbach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Salzburg **Subregion:** Bezirk Hallein **Town:** Abtenau		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 IV	**Total time:** 5h30
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 4h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 1080m	**Altitude exit:** 800m	**Delta Altitude:** 280m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 29
Transport: Bike/Mountainbike	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.6 (19)	**Info:** ★ 2.8 (13)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (14)

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: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)

Beautiful, narrow, secluded vertical lime canyon; some log jams; several slippery sections; south-facing; best accessed by bike; can be combined with the Ackersbach, into which the Gerbach flows (Ackersbach + 1h); 10mm stainless steel anchors; prone to flooding; emergency exits are only possible at the start, before the 30m cascade, and at the end, after the 20m rappel (with a hole in the rock).

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)

From Salzburg South, take the A10 to the Golling exit. Then continue on the B102 (Lammertalstraße) toward Abtenau. When you reach “Voglauerhof,” turn left over the Lammer Bridge and then immediately left again, passing the Ascherbad Inn. Follow the mountain road to the large hiking parking lot near Pichl (N47°36´03.00 E13°17´55.00). Park your car here and switch to your bike. By bike, follow the wide (mostly flat) forest road for about 6 km (approx. 20–25 min) toward Postalm until you reach the bridge over the Ackersbach (also a canyoning route). Park your bike here.

Alternative route to the mountain: Drive up the toll road to the Postalm (€14, 2026) to coordinates 47°38'36.1" - 13°25'22.9".

Park your car here and switch to your bike. From the parking lot at the barrier, follow the forest road marked with the hiking sign “Voglau bei Abtenau 3 1/2h”; past the alpine pastures and along the Lienbach, the wide forest road leads about 4 km downhill. Here, cross the Zinkenbach (also a canyoning route), and after another 3 km, you’ll reach the bridge over the Ackersbach. Park your bike here.

Approach: (machine translated)

Directly at the bridge you can already see the water level of the Gerbach, which flows into the Ackersbach above the bridge. From the bridge, follow the forest road on foot for about 100m up to the third left fork (the first two lead to the forester's lodge). If you walk past the third junction, you will see a yellow hiking sign with the inscription "Voglau/Postalm" (old Postalm road), where an inconspicuous path leads up to the forest road (Karrenweg Hochzinkenalmen). Follow this first in open terrain, then through the forest up to the steep rock face and bridge over the Gerbach at 1080m. Tip: after approx. 30 minutes uphill, you could also descend/enter the canyon on the left (directly before the 30m cascade) (= approx. 1h time saving).

Tour: (machine translated)
The Gerbach is a secluded and therefore rarely visited, beautiful, and rewarding canyon. The only drawback is a few log barriers, though these have become less common in recent years. Anyone interested in this fascinating, narrow, and vertical canyon should definitely check the weather and water level, and be sure to bring an emergency drilling kit. As mentioned earlier regarding the access, you can start the canyon from the very top at the small bridge over the Gerbach or from further down (visible wildlife trail to the left before the rock face). Right at the start (bridge entry), you'll encounter the first 10-meter rappel point in the narrow section of the gorge. This is followed by small steps that can be downclimbed, rappelled down, or slid down. After that comes the first high 20-meter rappel point (chain anchor far to the left). This is followed by several more short abseil sections and downclimbs in open terrain. After a 10-meter abseil section on the right and a few large rocks, you can exit the canyon to the left onto the forest trail (the only option!). A short downclimb follows until you reach the beautiful 30-meter cascade and the deeply incised section of the gorge. The cascade can be rappelled in one go from a chain anchor, or you can split it into two sections (10 m + 20 m). After this rappel, the route remains narrow and continuous. There are approximately 20 rappels to follow, up to a maximum of 20 meters, using 10mm stainless steel anchors and chain anchors (the anchors are not always immediately visible!). Jumps should be carefully considered. Between the abseil sections, there are several—mostly very slippery—tree snags that must be climbed over or downclimbed. Toward the end of the route, there is another beautiful 20-meter (right) abseil section with a rock hole. After that, there's a fairly flat, slippery section with two (three) short rappelling points before you reach your bikes again at about 800m (small old wooden footbridge).

Return: (machine translated)
(with bike)
From the bridge (Ackersbach junction), follow the forest road by bike back down to the parking lot in Pichl.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.6387 13.3464
Parking Entry and Exit 47.6433 13.4215
Parking Entry and Exit 47.5999 13.2982
Canyon End 47.6314 13.3426

Reports:

2026-09-11 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Still easy to walk on even after rain. Unfortunately, the color of the pools is more brownish-yellow than turquoise, as shown in the pictures. Very slippery, making some spots difficult to reach. (machine translated)

2026-08-22 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Unfortunately, there's more wood than last year; it's very slippery again—otherwise, everything's OK (machine translated)

2026-06-27 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
As Roli already mentioned, everything is fine. Only one chain anchor was no longer easily accessible due to reduced overhang and was re-drilled on the other side. In addition, an anchor for a removable rope traverse was drilled into a very slippery spot in the middle section. (machine translated)

2026-06-26 | Roland Ivenz | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
As beautiful as ever; a few minor changes throughout the book, but all pages are in excellent condition. (machine translated)

2026-06-21 | Roland Ivenz | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything's fine; it has a nice grip. (machine translated)

2025-08-12 | Julia Eising | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Very slippery in places. Anchoring is fine, a few places are more difficult to reach if you are not so tall or because it is slippery. (machine translated)

2025-06-19 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Apart from the slippery spots and some wood, everything from the upper entry to the bottom is great. (machine translated)

2025-06-14 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
New anchors were drilled in all important places in the upper part (now there are no more sufficient ones for the upper part □) In addition, the 30er cascade got a chain instead of the tree sling.wood was not disturbing today. Access to Ackersbach and Gerbach is possible, but it will be closed after that. (machine translated)

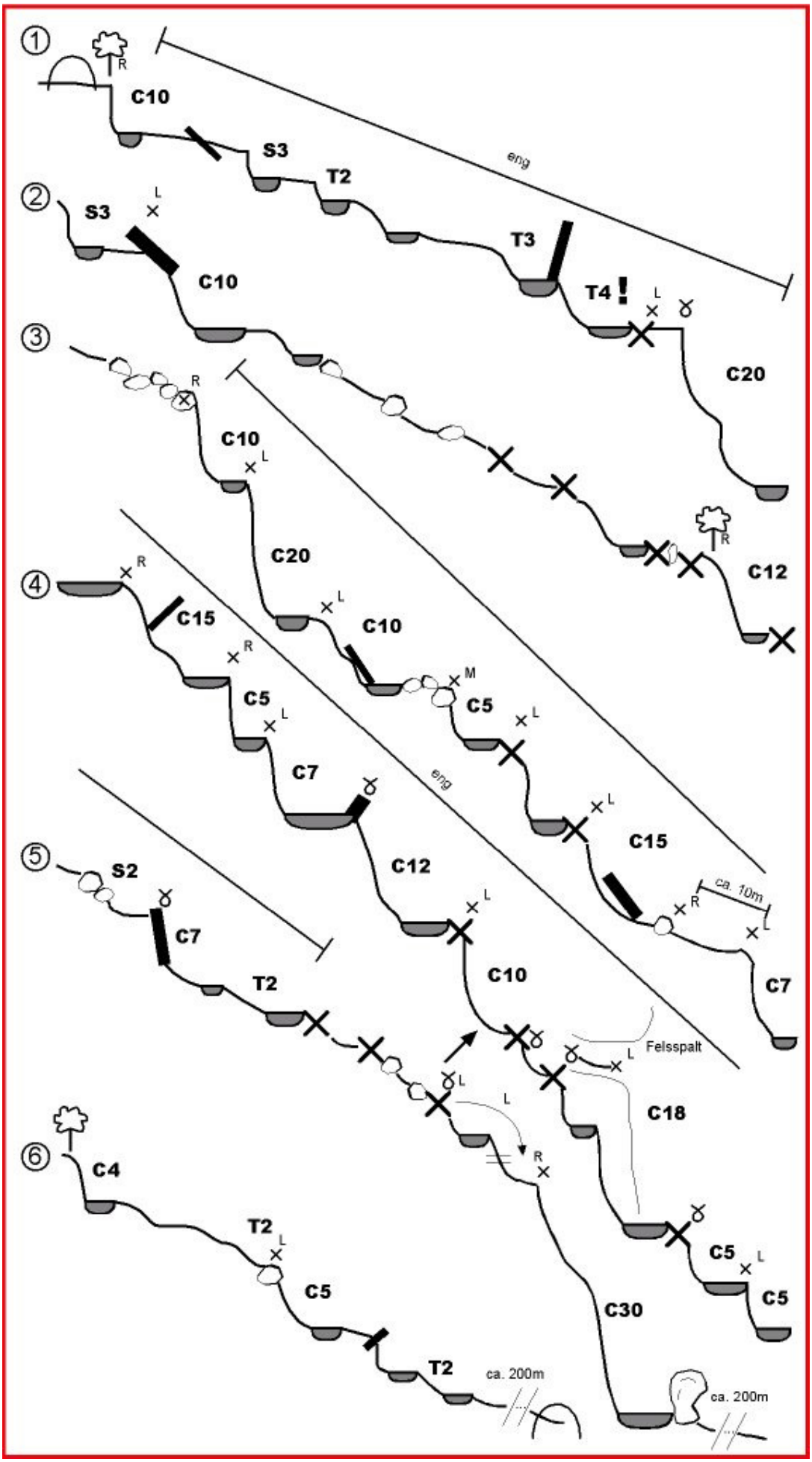
2025-06-11 | Martin | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
A long canyon, but generally well climbed. First combined descent 10+20 not possible, anchor so high that being 185cm I couldn't reach, so you need a longer rope. Long and strenuous access, version with bicycle good, although cars should be allowed on the access.to the canyon, since there are driving there.big trucks that gravel .... nice to connect with the lower canyon □ (machine translated)

2024-11-09 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Everything in order here, unfortunately little water (machine translated)

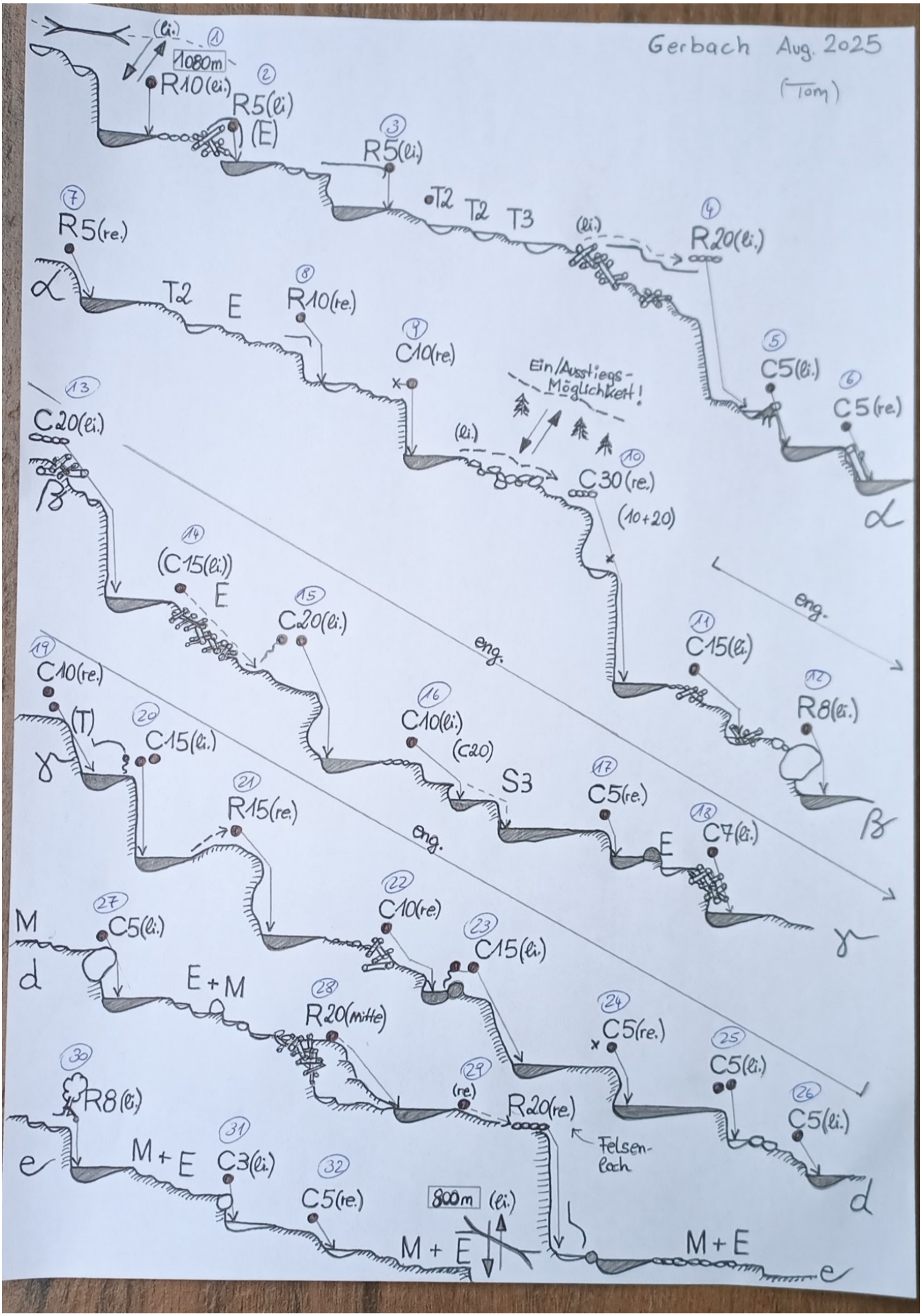
2024-10-26 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Today again from the very top, first step ring left, second step sling around deadwood, third step pitons left somewhat hidden in the gap, then large cascade with chain anchor left in front, even after that everything is well set up only not always immediately recognizable □ I put two new W-ring in the upper part and removed old slings. Now of course less sunlight but still nice. (machine translated)

2024-10-20 | Wolfgang | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Went "all the way up" for the first time today, didn't get on at 30: The upper part would be very nice, unfortunately just a lot of wood and moderately equipped; tw thin cords around trees, etc, we have set a piton. The upper part should be doable in 45-50 minutes. The lower part is great as always - if there weren't some wood obstructions it would be a TOP canyon; we could do it in a good 2 hours. Afterwards, of course, the Ackersbach was added Should anyone find a Garmin watch (rather in the lower part or at the exit) -- please contact 0699 17444222 - thanks, my friend has lost it. (machine translated)

2024-07-27 | Tom (Thomas Fras) | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Entry at C30, all anchors okay, new anchor + chain anchor on the right at the abseiling point in the rock hole (see topographic view), superiore combination with Ackersbach (everything secured there too). (machine translated)



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Gerbach Aug. 2025
(Tom)
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1
1080m
R10(li.)
2
R5(li.)
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R5(li.)
T2
T2
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R10(re.)
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Ein/Ausstiegs-
Möglichkeit!
(li.)
10
C30(re.)
(10+20)
11
C15(li.)
12
R8(li.)
13
C20(li.)
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C20(li.)
16
C10(li.)
(C20)
S3
17
C5(re.)
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C7(li.)
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C10(re.)
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C5(li.)
M
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R20(mitte)
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R20(re.)
Felsen-
Loch
30
R8(li.)
31
C3(li.)
M+E
32
C5(re.)
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