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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Obwalden **Subregion:** Kerns **Town:** Sarnen		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v4 a5 V	**Total time:** 4h5
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 630m	**Altitude exit:** 490m	**Delta Altitude:** 140m
Canyon length: 2700m	**Highest rapell:** 10m	**Amount rapells:** 2
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (4)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Hiking canyon with 1 or 2 rappel.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Lucerne on the A 2 southbound in the direction of St. Gotthard. After 8 km at the exit Interlaken, Sarnen on the A 8 and 12 km further in southern direction until exit 35 (Sarnen Süd). At the traffic circle, take the first exit to the right onto Militärstrasse 700m back in a NNO direction parallel to the highway. Here cross Flüelistraße and 100m further turn right onto Ennetriederweg. Pass under the highway and approach the Grosse Melchaa. On the bank turn left uphill to the edge of the forest. There park the lower car.\nWith the second car back to the Flüelistraße, on this to the left, over the highway away and on the Flüelistraße 3.3 km up to Flüeli. At the beginning of the village, after the right turn, park the second car (700 m above sea level).\nFrom the place where the Flüelistr. crosses the highway, a hiking trail also leads up, first to the "Hohe Brücke" over the Große Melchaa, from here 500 m on the road in direction SSW. At a detached house on the right of the road, turn left onto the field path, after 180 m you reach the high bank of the Melchaa and after another 350 m you come along the high bank in a southerly direction to the place where the path leads down into the riverbed.

Approach: (machine translated)
We take the path in the direction of ONO, between the houses and come at a solitary house to the wooded slope edge high above the Great Melchaa. Here a few meters to the left (north), the path then descends, first in a southerly, later in an easterly direction, to the river (entry).

Tour: (machine translated)
River walk in a great canyon with some narrow key points that are dangerous when the water flow is above average (backflow).\nThe rope length is oversized so that you can "rope around" (handrail)at a narrow point and also install sufficiently long drift anchors (backpack).\nWater catchment in the upper reaches (flushing about every 2 weeks).\nIn view of the disproportionate water risk, caution is required.

Return: (machine translated)
As soon as a concrete structure becomes visible on the left at the end of a right turn of the river, up here onto a dirt road. Follow it downstream for about 1 km, then cross to the other bank and walk another 150 m to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.8746 8.2740
Canyon End 46.8866 8.2623
Parking at Entry 46.8737 8.2691
Parking at Exit 46.8893 8.2544

Reports:

2026-05-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Grosse Melchaa, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Ok" 2 bohrhaken neu gesetzt (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1004-grosse-melchaa)

2025-06-28 | Silvan | ☆ ☆ ⯪ |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Very beautiful canyon, but with longer walking passages. A new anchor has been placed at the first rappel so that you no longer have to rappel directly in the water over the blockage. This point can also be jumped. As always, the operators of the power station are very friendly and reliably switch off the automatic system on request. (machine translated)

2024-09-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Grosse Melchaa Aucune difficulté. Le parking de opencanyon (application) est plus juste que celui du livre. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22990/observations.html)

2024-07-19 | Silvan | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
The anchor was missing at the first abseil point. It can be improvised using the blocked tree stands. However, rappelling over the blockage in the water at this point was not easy at this water level. This point could be easily bypassed by placing an anchor. After that, the canyon was easily accessible. (machine translated)

2024-07-12 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Grosse Melchaa Die angegebene Telefonnummer ist korrekt, und die Leute sehr freundlich. Bei Anruf wird die automatische Spülung gestoppt.Das Wasser an der Autobahnbrücke war etwas höher als Knöcheltief, oberhalb der Fassung flossen 6kubik ein und abgelassen wurde an diesem Tag die mindestmenge von 120 litern/sek.Wir waren uns trotzdem unsicher ob die gefährlichen Stellen problematisch sind.Sind im nachhinein auf eine geführte Gruppe getroffen, und haben vernommen dass es beim aktuellen Wasserstand keine Schwierigkeiten gäbe. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22990/observations.html)

2024-07-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Grosse Melchaa, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Ok" Im oberen teil viel holz ,haken fehlt kann aber im holz improvisiert werden. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/?view=article&id=1004&Itemid=203)

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