

Wappbach

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Country: Deutschland / Germany Region: Oberbayern / Upper Bavaria Subregion: Landkreis Berchtesgadener Land Town: Bayerisch Gmain		
Difficulty: not as difficult	Grading: v3 a2 II	Total time: 3h55
Approachtime: 45min	Tourtime: 3h	Returtime: 10min
Altitude entry: 820m	Altitude exit: 580m	Delta Altitude: 240m
Canyon length: 1000m	Highest rapell: 15m	Amount rapells: 20
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: limestone	Drainage area: 3.00km ²
Season: March - October	Orientation: North	Best Time: 12-18 o'clock
Rating: ★ 3.7 (11)	Info: ★ 2.1 (10)	Belay: ★ 2 (10)
Specialities: Suitable for families, § Chargeable parking,		
Gear: Ropes: 1x10m, 1x30m		
Summary: (machine translated) Short, small, max. 40m deep canyon suitable for beginners with many slides and small abseiling steps in the Lattengebirge. Partial emergency exits are possible on both sides of the gorge. In the narrowly incised part of the canyon, a moderately difficult emergency exit orographically to the left only after several rappels. Otherwise, emergency exits only after the second C15 orographic left.		
Hydrology: (machine translated) The water level can be checked from the parking lot to the bridge at the exit. No direct automatic water level measuring point.		
Access: (machine translated) From Salzburg West via the Walserberg Bundesstraße to the turn-off on the left towards Großgmain (alternatively, you can also drive to Großgmain via Salzburg Süd-Grödig-Fürstenbrunn. Then continue on the Großgmainer Landesstraße to the village of Großgmain, Bayerisch Gmain (state border). Immediately after the border, continue left until you reach Bundesstraße 20, turn right here and after approx. 200m turn left (signposted Bahnhof/Wanderzentrum). From here, follow the road with the signs to the Bayerisch Gmain hiking center. There is a paid parking lot at the exit of the dead end (3h/€3,-).		
Approach: (machine translated) From the parking lot, follow the hiking trail signposted Alpgartensteig, which after a short time leads to the Wappbach stream and a metal bridge (exit). From the metal bridge, you can either hike up the orographic left or right path next to the stream (Alpgarten circular trail) as both paths lead about the same distance to the upper metal bridge (entry).		

Tour: (machine translated)

The Wappbach is the lower course of the Alpgartenbach and is already on the German side. The canyon is ideal for a morning or afternoon tour and is also suitable for beginners or children. Immediately after the metal bridge at the entry point, there are two small slides and one of the two highest abseiling points (C15) in a narrow passage. This is followed by a small step and a longer open walking passage before the canyon narrows again. In the next part, there are several small steps that can be rappelled, slid or downclimbed. The next higher rappel (C10) can alternatively be dry rappelled on the left. Now follows the most beautiful part of the tour, a longer parts with the second 15m high abseil in the watercourse that goes 90° around the bends, beautiful washouts and some small slides. After another open walking passage, there is a casual abseil (C10) with a shower under a clamping block and the last incised gorge section where there are still many small slides and abseils. Towards the bottom, the canyon opens up more and more and you reach the lower metal bridge where you can decide whether you want to get out or overcome the last abseil. Attention! In one of the last pools where you can slide (approx. 100m before the bridge) there is a piece of metal (Oct.2023). Unfortunately, the piece of metal cannot be retrieved. Use the last rappel point before the bridge to rappel the second point, otherwise you will have to downclimb after the rappel.

Return: (machine translated)

Either before or after the metal bridge (last abseiling point), exit to the right and follow the hiking trail shortly to the parking lot. A little further up, there is also a level access or exit on the left. This leads a few meters over the Alpgartensteig to the metal bridge and back to the parking lot.

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [47.7054 12.8928](#)

Canyon End [47.7141 12.8962](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [47.7159 12.8985](#)

Waterlevel Checkpoint [47.7132 12.8959](#)

Reports:

2026-03-28 | Celin Grabs | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Due to nice weather, started the canyon again & it was a very nice canyon with lots of slides and downclimbs. However, the metal part is still there in the lower part. Otherwise superiøre recommendable [] (machine translated)

2026-03-28 | Mario Rojer | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Hiked the Wappbach again today because of the nice weather. A little-known canyon, much more beautiful than expected. The upper C15 secured with adhesive anchor and spreader anchor + slings, the lower one secured with chain anchor, the rest with Inox single anchor, but partly in less good quality. A total of 3 new adhesive anchors have been installed. These are of very good quality. In the lower part there are 2-3 downclimbs that could do with another anchor, even if only 3-4m. Metal part still present in the slide. Unfortunately, it cannot be retrieved even with effort. Otherwise, the remaining anchors are OK and all present. (machine translated)

2026-03-27 | Celin Grabs | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

It's a very nice canyon to walk through. However, the emergency exits are not so well done because there isn't one everywhere. And you should probably walk it in good weather, we walked it today in not so good weather and it was just cold at some point. But otherwise recommended! (machine translated)

2026-03-27 | Mario Rojer | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Almost winter canyoning today. About 20cm of fresh snow at the entry. But the water level in the stream was normal to low. The first rappels were set up with glued anchors. At the first C15 a proper chain anchor would be superiøre. The second has one. The further you descend the stream, the poorer the quality of the anchors. Occasionally 2-3 glued anchors. Some of the new anchors were very loose. We anchored 4 anchors properly with a 17 mm wrench. We replaced 1 anchor. 1 new one, which was completely rusted and not an Inox anchor. Instead, there is now a brand new Inox anchor with Inox maillon. Otherwise a really beautiful canyon that doesn't really deserve a bad rating. Super rappel, especially suitable for beginners to practice, especially with 15 pieces and a variety <5m. I agree with Christian's entry, we had 1 x20m and 1x40m + emergency rope 50m with us. It was enough everywhere. Topic emergency exits: There are no emergency exits left or right in either narrow part of the canyon. Some of these are only possible 3-4 rappels later and rather moderately difficult orographically on the left. After the second C15, another very easy emergency exit is possible orographically to the left. Otherwise at any time before the bridge. We completed the tour in a total of 4 hours. The rating, duration, GPS information and description have been updated accordingly. Topographic view follows. (machine translated)

2025-07-04 | Christian Balla | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

In fact, a much nicer canyon than you would expect. Many exit possibilities. Stands OK, but mixed quality. Metal part still in the last slide. I will adjust points in the description: Rappel recommendation: 1x10m & 1x30m - Reason: most rappels are <5m, at the highest the 30m double was enough. Duration: 2h total is extremely ambitious, 3h sporty. I recommend as a guideline (2-4 people, with a break, without rushing) to buy the parking ticket for 4 hours, then it is a leisurely tour that you can enjoy. (machine translated)

2025-06-22 | Elke Osswald | ★★★★★ | 📖 | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Low | 🟢 Completed

All stands OK. Pools covered with gravel. No jumps possible. Careful slides were mostly possible. Underestimated nice gem. Attention .the metal structure (stainless steel plate) towards the exit orographic right still present and was clearly visible at this water level. (machine translated)

2025-05-23 | Max H. | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

Nice little tour with rather little water. An anchor for higher water pressure is missing in one or two places. (machine translated)

2025-04-13 | Elias Eberl | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

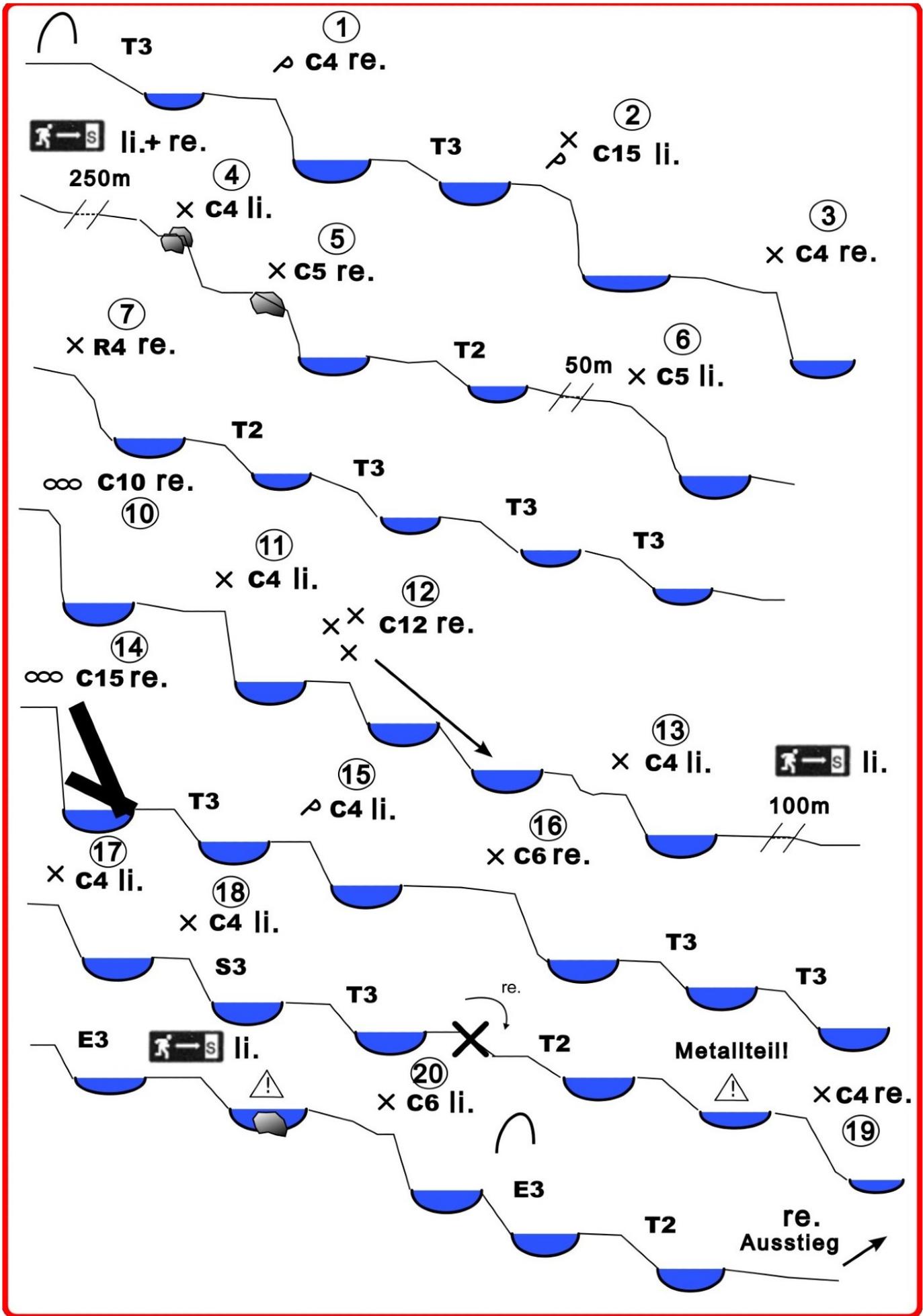
Beautiful stream with no complications worth mentioning. Exit often possible. Belays simple but ok. At the 90° fall, rappel over the pool, approx. 10m. Hardly any wood in it, but quite slippery. (machine translated)

2024-10-05 | Max H. | | 📖 | 📍 | 🌊 High | 🛑 Not done

No inspection due to the increased water level not fitting the group constellation (machine translated)

2024-07-10 | Montie | ★★★★★ | 📖 ★★ | 📍 ★★ | 🌊 Normal | 🟢 Completed

I was positively surprised by this one, more fun and nicer than I expected! Unfortunately almost none of the pools are very deep, so slide and jump with care. Video in the links section



Topo von Mario Rojer vom 28.03.2026