Schwarzenaugraben

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Tirol **Subregion:** Bezirk Schwaz **Town:** Achenkirch		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 III	**Total time:** 4h55
Approachtime: 1h15	**Tourtime:** 3h30	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 1310m	**Altitude exit:** 980m	**Delta Altitude:** 330m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 40m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 2.76km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.7 (12)	**Info:** ★ 2.4 (11)	**Belay:** ★ 2.2 (13)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Open canyon with beautiful views of the Achensee.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Take the B181 to Lake Achensee, either coming from the Inntal valley or from Sylvensteinsee or Kreuth. About halfway along the lakeshore you come to the entrance to the "Schwarzenau" campsite. Park your car here to the east of the B181 near the bridge over the Schwarzenaugraben. Alternatively, there is another parking lot 50 meters further/before on the other side of the road.

Approach: (machine translated)
On the B181 northwards over the bridge. Immediately after the bridge (970m above sea level), take the hiking trail eastwards up to Kotalm-Niederleger (1260m above sea level). As soon as we see the buildings of the alpine pasture, we also see the slope running up above to the right. We head straight for it high above the meadows. We turn right on the piste and after approx. 150 meters we reach the first sharp leftward haipin bend (1300m above sea level). Here we climb steeply uphill without a path for a few meters (to about 1330m above sea level), then follow a dilapidated fence (remains of posts) on daring tracks to the right until we reach a barbed wire fence. Continue upwards along this (approx. 50m) until you can see a path between two posts. We climb over the fence and follow the sometimes more or less recognizable tracks horizontally towards the south and the stream (already audible depending on the water level). When we see the stream we descend to it, be careful, danger of falling!

Tour: (machine translated)
A few meters in the gently sloping stream, then the first of a total of three high rappels awaits (stand left, the other downclimbs measure less than 25 meters), now one rappel follows the next, from time to time there are shorter walking passages and passages for downclimbing. There are no slides or jumps.
On the first high rappel, the belay station is too far back and it is difficult to pull off. And the steel rope is poorly secured. Abseil height 30 m
At the second high rappel there is an intermediate pool with tree trunks. Be careful when rappelling or use the new intermediate belay on the left, but you have to rappel towards it. Abseil lengths 10 m / 20 m / 15 m
At the third high rappel, the rope traverse should be replaced and properly installed. Here we have drilled a new, exposed belay at the very front of the edge on the right, to which you have to rappel. Pulling off the ropes is now no problem. Abseil lengths: 7 m / 40 m
Overall, the quality of the pitons is extremely mixed and could be improved in many places.

Return: (machine translated)
After the third high rappel, a few more short ones follow. At the former water catchment, exit left onto a faint track that quickly takes us to the bridge and the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.4700 11.7234
Parking Entry and Exit 47.4692 11.7150
Canyon End 47.4696 11.7165

Reports:

2026-09-06 | Halder Tobi | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Not much water, not slippery. The sections were fine so far. For access to the start of the route, follow the old (!) partially dilapidated barbed-wire fence (machine translated)

2026-06-05 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
A good alternative after it rains. Stands are in good condition. (machine translated)

2025-12-13 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
No ice and snow on access and in the canyon. Anchors all ok. Top view (machine translated)

2025-11-30 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Impressive in winter too! There is currently a lot of snow and ice in the canyon. Anchors therefore sometimes difficult to find. (machine translated)

2024-09-19 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Schwarzenaugraben Après les chutes de pluie et de neige de la semaine dernière, on constate une forte augmentation du débit. Une belle descente. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22390/observations.html)

2024-09-19 | Casa Vento Madeira | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
With the current amount of water (snowmelt in September) a great tour. The key point is the waterfall with the intermediate basin, where you can hardly avoid the falling water. (machine translated)

2024-09-10 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Schwarzenaugraben Nous avons fait la descente sous une légère bruine. La quantité d'eau était correcte et nous avons aménagé deux nouveaux relais: Sur la double cascade, une à gauche au milieu (donc maintenant 10, 20, 15 m de hauteur de rappel) et sur la cascade la plus haute, un tout devant sur le bord (40 m de hauteur de rappel). Le retrait de la corde se fait désormais sans problème (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22390/observations.html)

2024-09-10 | Christian Balla | | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ High | 👍 Completed
Hiked in relatively poor weather. The canyon loses a significant part of its charm in poor visibility - we could only guess at the beautiful view instead of enjoying it. The condition of the anchoring is mixed. Partly very good, partly poor (e.g. loose chain links, rusty chain links) The ascent in just under an hour as described is ambitious. The ascent is steep. (machine translated)

2024-07-29 | Patrick Summerer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All anchors in place, even after a heavy thunderstorm. At the exit of July, the sun shines in perfectly in the afternoon, on hot days also possible without a neoprene top (machine translated)

2024-07-14 | Wolfgang Held | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Top anchor, good water level, very slippery in places. (machine translated)

2024-07-12 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Schwarzenaugraben (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22390/observations.html)

2024-05-01 | Max | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top! Super nice spring tour. (machine translated)

2023-10-14 | Isabella Rosenau | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Beautiful open canyon. All hooks present, partly quite slippery. (machine translated)

2023-08-13 | Pat fritz | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Low | 👍 Completed
Beautiful abseil. In summer after little rain but very little water, (machine translated)

2023-07-22 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
All stands in good quality. (machine translated)

2022-10-17 | Joey CIA | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed