Etzlibach

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Uri **Subregion:** Silenen **Town:** Erstfeld		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a5 IV	**Total time:**
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:**	**Returntime:** 2min
Altitude entry: 1060m	**Altitude exit:** 850m	**Delta Altitude:** 210m
Canyon length: 750m	**Highest rapell:** 55m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 27.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 0 ()	**Info:** ★ 0 ()	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:
Winter canyon,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Very watery, vertical canyon.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Glacier in the catchment area, only accessible in winter.

Access: (machine translated)
Leave the highway in Lucerne and head towards Gotthard in Amsteg. Cross this village and turn left up the small road through the Maderanertal valley. The serpentines in tunnels are already a curiosity... Cross the village of Bristen, a first bridge, then turn right to cross the river again on a small bridge. Stay on the main road for 500 m and you will find the parking lot on the right just after another small bridge over the Etzlibach, where you can measure the amount of water (small artificial waterfall above the dam).
Do not park in front of the timber loading traffic circle.

Approach: (machine translated)
On foot: Take a path that runs along the right bank of the stream and along a meadow, then up some switchbacks to the forest before joining a wide path and passing a small farm. You pass the hamlet and stay on the main path, which initially climbs and then flattens out. At the first small canyon and when you see the stream, you descend and reach it at the foot of a small waterfall in the boulders (45 minutes, a little longer with snow!).

Tour: (machine translated)
Hydrology:
There is no lack of water! As this route has to be covered in winter conditions, there is ice. It is better to have too much material than too little! Nevertheless, the current is quite strong and there may be backwaters // rollers in some catch basins. Watch out for the ice barriers...
The last waterfall can cause difficulties if the current is too strong, but could be re-equipped on the right bank, which would allow a greater flow.
A loophole on the right bank, before C9, tricky ascent through a canyon (see description). Occasionally on the left bank when the rock face retreats, but it is somewhat exposed.
After C9 there is no way out.

Commitment:
Very pronounced! Blame the ice, the huge water catchment area, the hanging icicles and the wintry and therefore cold conditions. It seems to be a good precaution not to take too many people with you.

Return: (machine translated)
A final small slide (4 m) ends the canyon. Path 10 meters up to the meadows, at the exit of which is the parking lot!

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.7571 8.7084
Parking Entry and Exit 46.7590 8.6472
Canyon End 46.7639 8.7052

Reports:

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