Kobelache

Kobelache,Kobelach,1ère partie:Merlin's world - 2ème partie:Kanguru jumping,Kobel-Ache,Kobelach(e),Känguru Jump,Merlins World

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Vorarlberg **Subregion:** Bezirk Dornbirn **Town:** Dornbirn		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 3h20
Approachtime: 5min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 770m	**Altitude exit:** 510m	**Delta Altitude:** 260m
Canyon length: 1600m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 17
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:** limestone	**Drainage area:** 20.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 10-15 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.4 (69)	**Info:** ★ 3 (60)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (65)
Specialities:		

Gear:
Ropes: 1x 40m

Summary: (machine translated)
A truly beautiful canyon that offers plenty of jumps, slides, and scenic highlights. Because it’s so easy to reach, with great jumps and plenty of emergency exits, commercial operators herd masses of tourists through the stream on nice weekends. But you can usually pass them easily. The different parts of the canyon have been given various names:

Upper part: Merlin’s World
Lower part: Kanguru Jump

Hydrology: (machine translated)
The Kobelache flows into the Enz, which has an automatic water level gauge. The Kobelache should be navigable up to 2 m³/s. At flows exceeding 2 m³/s, a local canyoning guide should accompany the group, or the trip should be canceled, as many sections must be bypassed and some slides and jumps are either impassable or life-threatening.

Access: (machine translated)
Freeway exit Dornbirn Süd and then continue in the direction of Gütle. It is best to leave a bike (or second car) at the inn in Gütle and continue by car in the direction of Ebnit. Cross the Rappenlochschlucht gorge over a bridge and after another 650m a road branches off to the left uphill. Follow this road until you reach a saddle where you can park.

Approach: (machine translated)
To the left of the parking lot (down the valley), a hiking trail begins. Follow it for about 100 meters until you see a small trail leading down to the streambed (the second trail leading down to the streambed). This brings you directly to the first rappelling spot.

Tour: (machine translated)
At the first rappelling point, you rappel down the left side. Alternatively, there's a somewhat hidden anchor you can use to rappel or slide down the supposed slide. After a short walking passage through the water, we reach two fixed ropes that lead—on the left and right—to belay stations for the highest rappel in Merlin's World (12 m). After the rappel, there is an emergency exit on the left.

After another short stretch through a narrow gorge, we reach a narrow passage known as the "Schlitz." Here, on the left, there is a belay station for rappelling or downclimbing the fixed rope. On the right, there is a steel cable railing to bypass the Schlitz when the water level is high. At flow rates of approximately 1 m^3/s or higher, you should not enter the Schlitz but instead stay close to the wall until you have passed the narrow section.

Next comes the first jump, S3, on the right. After that, you reach the so-called "Kochtopf" (cooking pot). Here, you can slide down the first slide. When the water level is high, there is an anchor on the right for rappelling to bypass the siphon in the "Kochtopf." On the left is an emergency exit.

After passing another rope traverse and a fixed rope for downclimbing, the next jump, S4, follows. Here, too, you can rappel or downclimb on the left.

Next comes the so-called "Swiss Bobsled Track"—a large slide that exits in a narrow, deep pool. The slide can be bypassed or rappelled down on the left.

The canyon now opens up again. There's some downclimbing ahead, along with the option of a 3-meter jump into shallower water. This is followed by a small slide and more downclimbing. Another slide with a short free fall is usually descended backward. This is followed by a rope traverse to help you downclimb until you reach the dam.

You exit to the right via a metal ladder and follow the path downhill to a small bridge. At the dam, a chain anchor has been drilled into the rock on the orographic left, allowing you to rappel down from the dam.

Alternatively, you can exit to the left before reaching the dam. Here, you'll find several fixed ropes in the forest and eventually reach the hiking path toward Amannsbrücke. As an extremely fun rappel, you can rappel about 25 meters from the bridge's opening (where a rappel point is set up) onto a raised area (to the right) and, after checking it out, jump from there; or you can descend to the left before the bridge and back into the Kobelache. The detour to the left is definitely a worthwhile alternative.

After the trail leads back to the stream, you'll come to a fixed rope for rappelling. Jumping isn't possible because a large metal pipe lies in the pool. A short river walk follows to the "Gletschermühle." This used to be jumpable, but is now blocked by a tree trunk. Starting at medium water levels, you should bypass it on the right along the rope traverse. The pool forms a deadly backwash.

Under the Amannsbrücke, you reach the first higher jump. Afterward, you climb up a fixed rope to the final jump (S6). You have now reached the exit of Merlin's World.

Next, on the left, is the start of the lower section of the Kanguru Jump. Until recently, a jump of approximately 9 meters was possible here. Since 2026, the pool has been only 1.20 m deep. A jump here would be potentially fatal. You can either rappel 9 m or use a new fixed rope further down to make a 3-meter jump into the deeper part of the pool.

Next comes a rope traverse leading to an abseil point (R8). Afterward, a jump from the boulder (S3) is possible. Check the water depth! Alternatively, you can rappel here or, if the water level is low, slide to the right. Next is a 50-meter swim until you reach the rockfall. This is downclimbed via a fixed rope. You now reach two small caves, which can alternatively be rappelled down to the right (1st cave) and to the left (2nd cave). A slightly shallower slide ends in a shallow pool.

Continue either by rappelling down the center or by downclimbing to the so-called "monkey swing" on the left. A longer fixed rope follows. Jumps between 7 and 10 meters are possible here. You'll reach a fixed rope on the left and another jump (S3). After that, stay completely to the left for the easiest route to the next jump, S5.

You'll now reach the highest rappelling point at 20 meters, where you can rappel from various belay stations. The

Return: (machine translated)
You follow the stream for a short while until you can exit onto a path on the right side. This leads us directly back to the Gütle.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.3749 9.7872
Canyon End 47.3869 9.7815
Parking at Exit 47.3912 9.7757
Parking at Entry 47.3759 9.7859

Reports:

2026-09-29 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
The water is crystal clear right now... it's always a pleasure :-) (machine translated)

2026-09-27 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
A quick solo hike through the Kobelache in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Took the time to take photos and update the topographic view. The description, photos, and topographic view will soon be completely revised and updated to reflect the current state of the canyon. (machine translated)

2026-09-26 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
I climbed both pitches as part of Dornbirn's Triple (Rudach + Kobelache). So far, everything's been fine, just like yesterday. One of the fixed ropes before the final jump has been cut through as of today. I didn't have a spare rope with me, though. If in doubt, rappel 3 meters from the chain anchor. (machine translated)

2026-09-25 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
The fixed rope at rappel point 3 is frayed down to the core. A new rope should be installed during the next inspection instead of using the fixed rope. As always, be careful regarding the water depth in the "Kochtopf." Otherwise, everything is OK. (machine translated)

2026-09-14 | Marcel Rangk | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
We started yesterday. Not much water, some slides, and most of the jumps were manageable. We were alone in the canyon—it was very pleasant. (machine translated)

2026-09-13 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Kobelache bei Dornbirn (Vorarlberg), Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Sehr gut" Griffig zu gehen, klares Wasser und nicht viel los in der Schlucht; man spürt den Herbst kommen (kühleres Wasser und viel mehr Schatten); wir haben auch die beiden Abseiler beim Damm mitgenommen, der zweite befindet sich mittig in der Schlucht an einem grossen Felsen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1045-kobelache-bei-dornbirn)

2026-09-11 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ | Low | Completed
Clear but rather cool water. All the jumps and slides can be done with caution. (machine translated)

2026-09-06 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
The fixed rope for the final jump at Merlin's World had a core that was frayed through on one strand and a sheath that was frayed on the other. I cut out the fixed rope and replaced it with a new one. It should last until next season. (machine translated)

2026-09-05 | Airmax | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
All good (machine translated)

2026-09-05 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
The "Kochtopf" is becoming increasingly challenging. Sliding is only possible by maintaining contact with the rock face. You'll need to brake hard and absorb the impact well in the pool. If in doubt, it's better to downclimb to the right or do a rappel. Otherwise, everything's fine. For some of the jumps, though, it's better to do a cannonball. (machine translated)

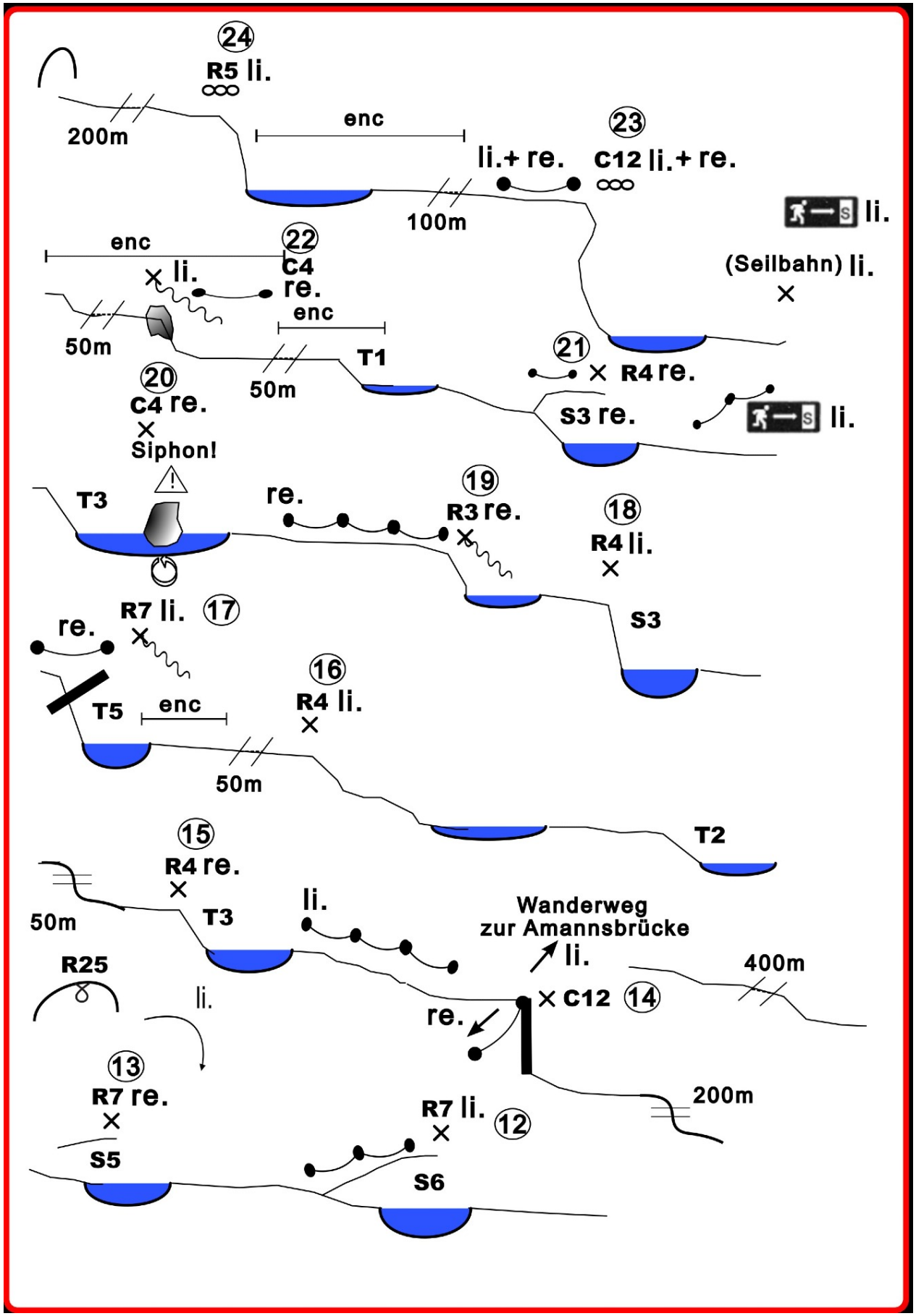
2026-09-04 | Elke Osswald | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Everything's fine; since the water is murky, we probably rappelled down at a few jumpable spots. The final slide isn't possible right now. Ran into Mario along the way. Thanks for your tips and the updated topographic view. (machine translated)

2026-09-04 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
We re-rained the entire Kobelache section following Spätenbach. Everything is still in good shape. The fixed ropes in the Mayerloch and before the final jump at Merlin will be replaced. The tree trunk under the last slide is still there at a current water depth of 1.50 meters. (machine translated)

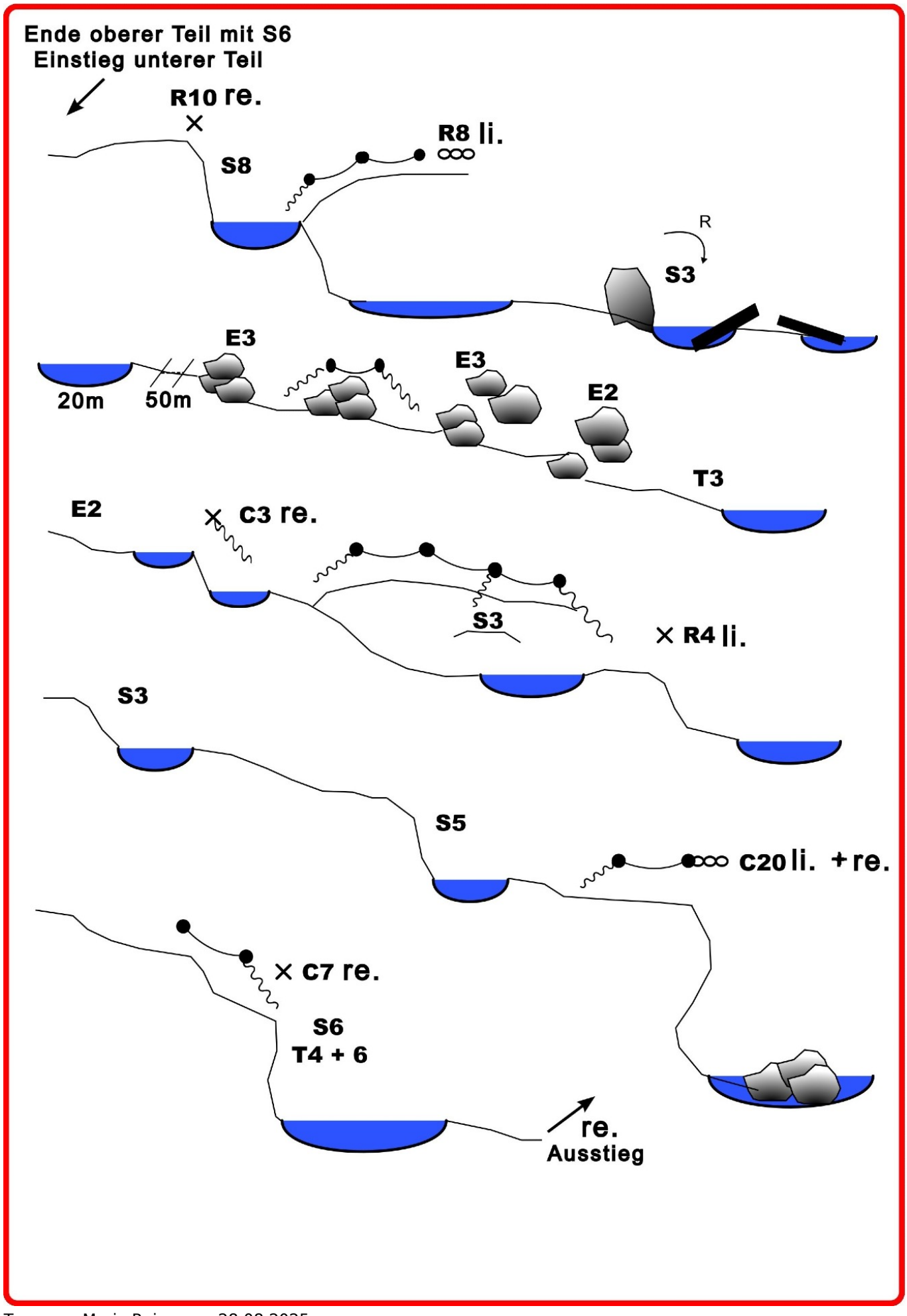
2026-09-03 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Went night canyoning at Merlin's World again. Just like last time, everything went smoothly. (machine translated)

2026-09-03 | Mario Rojer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Low | Completed

Parts:
Kobelache (obere), v3 a2 III, 2min+1h+25min
Kobelache, v3 a3 III, 5min+3h+15min



Topo von Mario Rojer vom 17.04.2026 (aktualisiert)



Topo von Mario Rojer vom 28.08.2025