# Rotenbach

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| **Create:** 2023-07-19 14:20:04 | **Update:** 2023-10-22 23:16:08 | **Print:** 2026-10-30 01:10:30 |
| **Country:** Österreich / Austria **Region:** Vorarlberg **Subregion:** Bezirk Bregenz **Town:** Schwarzenberg | | |
| **Difficulty:** not as difficult | **Grading:** v3 a2 III | **Total time:** 5h50 |
| **Approachtime:** 1h10 | **Tourtime:** 4h30 | **Returntime:** 10min |
| **Altitude entry:** 985m | **Altitude exit:** 630m | **Delta Altitude:** 355m |
| **Canyon length:** 1600m | **Highest rapell:** m | **Amount rapells:** 15 |
| **Transport:** Car optional | **Rock type:** limestone | **Drainage area:** km² |
| **Season:** | **Orientation:** East | **Best Time:** |
| **Rating:** ☆ 3 (3) | **Info:** ★ 2 (2) | **Belay:** ★ 1.7 (3) |

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**
Ropes: 2x30m

**Summary:** (machine translated)
Forest canyon with a few rappels and lots of climbing. Not without scenic charm.

**Hydrology:** (machine translated)
https://vowis.vorarlberg.at/stationsInfo/tbl_Abflussstationen.aspx

**Access:** (machine translated)
from Dornbirn to the parking lot exit and access, if no second vehicle available:
https://www.google.de/maps/place/6850+Dornbirn,+%C3%96sterreich/@47.4261182,9.7771058,13.44z/data=!4m17!1m1
Possible implementation, provided access to the hamlet of Schnellvorsäß is not closed to motorized traffic (not verified):
https://www.google.de/maps/dir/47.3784685,9.850759/47.3888569,9.8536704/@47.377134,9.8540526,3354m/data=!3m1

**Approach:** (machine translated)
Either from the parking exit on foot to the entry according to https://de.wikiloc.com/routen-wandern/rotenbach-140992616
or from the Brünneliseggalpe (Weiler Schnellvorsäß) first follow the dirt road for 50m, then turn left towards the west onto a path that leads in the direction of Vorsäß Klausberg in a wide right turn to the stream (entry)

**Tour:** (machine translated)
See photos and video of the ascent on 15.07.2023.
After the 6th or 7th rappel (the rappels are numbered consecutively), a lateral rockfall fell into the canyon. This destroyed 2 of the old anchors. We helped ourselves with rappels from dead wood. The situation here is still somewhat unstable.

**Return:** (machine translated)
As soon as possible after the last rappel turn right and follow a clear track through the sparse forest down the right bank of the stream, later left along the edge of a meadow down to the road and your car.

**Coordinates:**
Parking Entry and Exit 47.3889 9.8538
Canyon Start 47.3832 9.8430
Parking at Entry 47.3785 9.8508

**Reports:**

2026-05-09 | Kris Klein | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
Stands all OK, despite some rust. IdR chain anchors with glued anchors. A few downclimbs fell victim to the rockslide, but were easy to downclimb or bypass. It was slippery. Partly sunny at noon. In places you can still set one or two anchors. (machine translated)

2026-03-22 | Betschart Stefan | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ | Low | Completed
All stands io. No. 9 already quite rusty but io. Some stands equipped with chains. Extremely slippery in the water on rocks, on gravel it works. At the described rockfall of 15.7.23 you can climb down on the far left. no problem. Rappels and walking passages alternate. All in all, a beautiful canyon in the Bregenzerwald (machine translated)

2023-07-15 | Wolfgang Streicher | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | Normal | Completed
Widely unknown gorge. The stands are mostly equipped with only 1 attachment. The numbering suggests an intermittent commercial access. After the 6th or 7th rappel (the rappels are numbered), a lateral rockfall has fallen into the gorge. This destroyed 1-2 of the old rappel points. We helped ourselves with rappels from deadwood. The situation here still seems a bit unstable. (machine translated)