Dolinzabach

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Country: Österreich / Austria **Region:** Kärnten **Subregion:** Bezirk Hermagor **Town:** Sankt Stefan im Gailtal / St. Stefan im Gailtal		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a2 IV	**Total time:** 3h55
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 25min
Altitude entry: 1200m	**Altitude exit:** 950m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: 700m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 16
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40
drill tool,

Summary: (machine translated)
Steep, incised and beautifully washed-out gorge above the Vorderbergerklamm. The water quickly becomes cloudy.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Villach via the A2 towards Tarvisio, exit at Arnoldstein and take the 111 to Feistritz an der Gail and turn right in the village center to Vorderberg. Here, too, enter the "village center" and then turn left towards the Maria Ditch church. Before you reach the church, turn right towards Kotschitzalm and Dolinzaalm. Follow the narrow asphalt road to the parking lot near the Koschitzalm.
The road to the Dolinzaalm is currently closed to public traffic.

Approach: (machine translated)
Follow the road into the valley for about 300m and descend on the sand road to the bridge over the Vorderberger Wildbach. From here, climb steeply uphill along the road until you can see into the canyon at the first hairpin bends. Before that, descend without a path over steep forest into the canyon, which soon narrows.

Tour: (machine translated)
After a short walking passages and easy downclimbs, you are faced with the first abseils.
The descent is quite continuous, with 30m high rock faces to the left and right and beautiful rappels. All abseiling points are currently secured with a 10mm bolt.
Please only pull off the rope when you see the next anchor, two ropes go over more than one pool.
At the high waterfall, use a traverse bolt to move 5m to the left to the bolt and then rappel either 42m directly or 12m to the hanging pool and then 30m from the hanging stand on the left behind the edge.

The last waterfall flows directly into the Vorderberg torrent

There is also a narrow upper section that begins at 1320m below the last flood protection structures.
Unfortunately, this part is completely overgrown and is very difficult to walk on (clamping wood abseils and 1 BH).

Return: (machine translated)
We made a very arduous and pathless ascent through the steep forest for about 140m to the road. You could possibly descend the stream to the Vorderbergerklamm gorge and add this on.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.5738 13.4839
Parking Entry and Exit 46.5804 13.4819
Canyon End 46.5782 13.4835

Reports:

2025-07-20 | Friedl Martin | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≈ Normal | 👍 Completed
We have a great new canyon in Carinthia. It was first climbed by the four of us. All abseiling points were equipped with 10-point anchors. Jonathan from the water rescue service was also there. The canyon will soon be surveyed and a topographic view prepared. (machine translated)

First descent: 20.07.2025 by Georg Buol, Martin Friedl, Pavel Urbánek