Kernalpbach (superiore)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Nidwalden **Subregion:** Wolfenschiessen **Town:** Wolfenschiessen		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 III	**Total time:** 2h50
Approachtime: 30min	**Tourtime:** 1h40	**Returntime:** 40min
Altitude entry: 1150m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 6
Transport: Cablecar	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 35m

Summary: (machine translated)
Less rewarding than the lower part.
More of an open character with lots of obstructions.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Relatively small catchment area. The water level is difficult to predict from the valley as the water is collected.

Access:

Approach: (machine translated)
Take the Diegisbalm self-service cable car to the middle station (first stop). From there, follow the road on foot to the right around the first hairpin bend and follow the path further uphill. Leave the road at a sharp right-hand bend and follow the marked hiking trail steeply uphill towards Diegisbalm Oberalp. The path is steep, then flat, then steep again, then flat, when the path bends to the right again and goes steeply uphill, follow the path straight ahead until you reach the stream.

Abseil into the canyon from a tree.

Tour: (machine translated)
The upper parts of the Kernalpbach are characterized by open, medium-high rappels. There is a lot of wood in the canyon. The rappels are medium-high up to approx. 30 m. A good preparation for the lower section.

Return: (machine translated)
Exit to the left to the cable car on a clearly visible path that crosses the stream // descend the mountain on foot. Alternatively, descend through the inferior part into the valley.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.8943 8.3661
Canyon End 46.8940 8.3715
Parking Entry and Exit 46.8924 8.3843

Reports:

2026-04-30 | Patrick Klarner | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Still wood in the upper part . Anchorages all OK. (machine translated)

2024-02-04 | Daniel Sturm | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Lots of wood in the canyon. Strenuous climbing over boulders. A few attractive single pitches. Good for warming up for the lower part. (machine translated)

2023-09-28 | Daniel Sturm | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Basic data taken with kind permission by Matthias Holzinger from "Swiss Alps Canyoning VOL. 2.0" (machine translated)

Parts:
Kernalpbach (inferiore), v5 a3 IV, 10min+3h+15min
Kernalpbach (superiore), v3 a3 III, 30min+1h40+40min