Sandbach (Inferiore)

Eigerwandschlucht

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Bern / Canton de Berne **Subregion:** Verwaltungskreis Interlaken-Oberhasli / Interlaken-Oberhasli administrative district **Town:** Grindelwald		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 II	**Total time:** 4h10
Approachtime: 50min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 1950m	**Altitude exit:** 1700m	**Delta Altitude:** 250m
Canyon length: 500m	**Highest rapell:** 25m	**Amount rapells:**
Transport: Cablecar	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 0.40km²
Season: September - November	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:** 8-12 o'clock
Rating: ☆ 4.3 (10)	**Info:** ★ 2 (6)	**Belay:** ★ 1.8 (9)

Warnings:
inactive: *Prohibition of fishing in Bern Case C* (yearly 01.01. - 15.07.)
According to the fishing regulations of the Canton of Bern, this stretch of water may only be used from 16.07.-31.12.

Specialities:
Glacier in drainage area,

Gear:
Ropes: 2x30m

Summary: (machine translated)
Narrow slot canyon a few meters below the surface. Autumn canyon, very cold water.
Raw data import from Descente Canyons https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/22570

Hydrology: (machine translated)
The catchment area appears small, but consists mainly of the north face of the Eiger and therefore usually has too much water or ice.

Access: (machine translated)
Wengernalpbahn to Alpiglen, note that there is another Alpiglen in Grindelwald on the other side of the Große Scheidegg.

Approach: (machine translated)
https://swisstopo.app/i/5/VVASGYRR

Tour: (machine translated)
The canyon quickly becomes very narrow.
Mostly just below the surrounding boulder fields and meadows.
Two higher steps (30m), one of which is the waterfall you passed on the access.
Many narrow climbing sections in the best rock.
Be careful with too much water, it is not only cold but also mostly compressed.

Return: (machine translated)
Follow the hiking trail back to Alpiglen and take the train down to Grindelwald

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.5939 8.0113
Canyon End 46.5989 8.0114
Parking at Exit 46.6226 8.0233
Waypoint 46.6001 8.0019

Reports:

2026-09-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sandbach Started early with the first train. The water flow increased a bit during the day with the melt, but it was still manageable. One bolt is missing right after the first 30m waterfall. We put a very badly placed Dyneema loop, but it would be nice to drill a new bolt (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22570/observations.html)

2026-09-19 | BiodiversitAndy | |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Some anchors could not be found. There were some with diameters of 6 to 8 mm that had been added. We fitted two belay stations with new ropes. We made it through the canyon to just below the last waterfall, but the path to the exit is missing there—it was washed away. You can still get out, though. The sky was cloudless, and we had a blast. (machine translated)

2026-09-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Sandbach / Eigerwandschlucht, Wasserstand: "Mittel" Verankerungen: "Gut, ein Maillon an Bohrhaken montiert und ein Bohrhaken gebohrt." Schöne eingeschnittene Schlucht. Es hat nicht mehr viel Schnee oder Eis wo man unten durch geht, abseilt. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1263-sandbach-eigerwandschlucht)

2026-09-08 | Adrian Büschlen | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
A beautiful, narrow canyon with several places to downclimb. There are several slings used for rappelling that are still in good condition but could use replacing again. Two bolts have been re-drilled. (machine translated)

2026-09-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 High | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sandbach Inner Sandbach pratiquement secDucoup on se motive pour Sandbach, bien technique avec ce débit. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22570/observations.html)

2025-11-03 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Sandbach (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22570/observations.html)

2025-11-03 | Ald184 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Moorings in good condition (machine translated)

2025-10-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Sandbach / Eigerwandschlucht, Wasserstand: "Wenig" Verankerungen: "Sandbach Sup. es fehlt eine M10 Platte mit Mutter, Stift vorhanden, sonst ok, unterer Teil ok, ev. sollten die Schlingenstände gelegentlich erneuert werden. " Ganze Tour zu zweit begangen. Sup. Einstieg 2120 genommen. erster Abseiler ca. 20m dann über Band links raus kraxeln, Schneebrücke ist eingestürzt. Viel Eis am Grund, gut begehbar. Objektiv nicht ganz unproblematisch. sonst super. Unten raus unter dem Eis durch ist Höhlenforschen angesagt. Etwas Eisbildung durch Spritzwasser. in der gesamten Schlucht. Landschaftlich ein Leckerbissen. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1263-sandbach-eigerwandschlucht)

2024-11-05 | Alexander de Tempe | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Low water level, fair anchors. Some webbing is a bit old, but doable. Some of the small rappels can be climbed down.

2024-10-31 | Alex54 | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
It is a superlative creek, although I am not a big fan of this kind of canyon so narrow it is a real treat and we had been wanting to enter it for a while xhr. We added a point, it is super recommended to bring a drill because every year with the melt something is taken away wual something, overall not even complex. (machine translated)

2024-10-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Sandbach / Eigerwandschlucht, Wasserstand: "Niedrig" Verankerungen: "Ok" (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1263-sandbach-eigerwandschlucht)

2024-10-27 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Superiore conditions. (machine translated)

Parts:
Sandbach (Inferiore), v3 a3 II, 50min+3h+20min
Sandbach (Superiore), v5 a2 V, 1h30+3h+50min