Kleine Melchaa

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton Obwalden **Subregion:** Sachseln **Town:** Giswil		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 V	**Total time:** 3h25
Approachtime: 45min	**Tourtime:** 2h30	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 680m	**Altitude exit:** 490m	**Delta Altitude:** 190m
Canyon length: 600m	**Highest rapell:** 26m	**Amount rapells:** 15
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Northwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (14)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 2.1 (11)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x 30m

Summary: (machine translated)
A rappel canyon with clear water and beautiful pools. CAUTION: Automatic flushing may occur—it is absolutely necessary to check in and out at the power plant by calling +41(0)416665103.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Lucerne on the A 2 southwards in the direction of St. Gotthard. After 8 km at the Interlaken, Sarnen exit onto the A 8 and 18.5 km further south to exit 33. Here leave the A 8 and take the 702 (Brünigstraße) for 1 km to the beginning of Giswil (490 m above sea level). Here park the car at a suitable place (2012 large construction site for the regulation of the discharge of the Kleine Melchaa).

Approach: (machine translated)
About 180m on the road back towards Sarnen, then at the signpost take the path on the right up through the forest to the forest road (610m above sea level). On the slope to the right and (in southeastern direction) to the bridge over the Kleine Melchaa. After the bridge, descend left into the streambed.

Tour: (machine translated)
A nearly uninterrupted series of rappels in a beautifully eroded canyon. No emergency exit available. Some jumps and slides are possible. Water diversion in the upper reaches (Lungern Hydroelectric Plant, Tel. 0416665103)

Return: (machine translated)
Before the slide brake, exit to the left and follow the road to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 46.8353 8.1996
Canyon End 46.8393 8.1931
Parking Entry and Exit 46.8371 8.1874
Waypoint 46.8409 8.1952
Waypoint 46.8396 8.1965
Waypoint 46.8394 8.1976

Reports:

2026-08-31 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Kleine Melchaa, Wasserstand: "mittel" Verankerungen: "ok" viel holz, rutschig, geht aber gut (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1005-kleine-melchaa)

2026-08-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Kleine Melchaa, Wasserstand: "ca 60lt/s" Verankerungen: "alles bestens" im ersten teil der schlucht hat es viel holz drin, geht aber ganz gut daran vorbei. wir haben den stamm bei der kleinen rutsche entfernt, ist also wieder rutschbar. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1005-kleine-melchaa)

2026-07-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Kleine Melchaa Mono point mais pas que. Équipement okLa personne du barrage était très sympa. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22654/observations.html)

2026-07-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Kleine Melchaa, Wasserstand: "DC" Verankerungen: "Okay" Im oberen Abschnitt sehr viel (teils auch frisches) Holz, das teilweise stört, nach unten weniger; nur leicht rutschig; für Hochsommer eher frisch in der Schlucht. Kontakt mit KW war problemlos. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1005-kleine-melchaa)

2026-07-25 | Simone Steffke | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Lots of relatively new timber; some of the brushwood is still unstable. But it’s easy to get past. No slides or jumps are possible at the moment. All anchors are in good condition. The staff at the power plant were very friendly and easy to deal with. (machine translated)

2026-07-24 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Kleine Melchaa, Wasserstand: "DC" Verankerungen: "Ok. Der eine oder andere Hacken dürfte erneuert werden" Bitte eine ordentliche Spülung, es hat sehr viel Holz im Bach und unten ist es recht schludrig. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1005-kleine-melchaa)

2026-07-11 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Kleine Melchaa Équipement globalement ok. Canyon très glissant par endroit. Beaucoup d’arbres et d’embâcles. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22654/observations.html)

2026-07-09 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Kleine Melchaa, Wasserstand: "mittel" Verankerungen: "Ok" Viel Holz in der Schlucht. Haken alle in Ordnung. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1005-kleine-melchaa)

2026-07-09 | Anja | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Nice rappelling route, lots of wood in the canyon, all belay stations in good condition. No jumps or slides possible. Check-in and check-out at the power plant went smoothly. (machine translated)

2026-06-27 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Kleine Melchaa Beaucoup d arbres sont tombes dedans par rapport à l'année dernière.Le cadavre d'animal est dans la vasque d'arrivée de la dernière grande cascade. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22654/observations.html)

2026-06-26 | Adrian Roth | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon, but there was a lot of wood scattered about. All the anchors were in good condition. The power plant operator on the on-call phone was very friendly and deactivated the automatic flushing system. After the tour, I received a call from another employee of the power plant who thanked me for checking in and out but informed me that hiking through the canyon is no longer permitted. He sent me a statement to that effect via email. (machine translated)

2026-06-20 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Kleine Melchaa Tutto ok...molti legni (Quelle: