Fallenbach (Walensee)

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland **Region:** Kanton St. Gallen **Subregion:** Wahlkreis See-Gaster **Town:** Amden		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 IV	**Total time:** 4h55
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 4h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 940m	**Altitude exit:** 610m	**Delta Altitude:** 330m
Canyon length: 2500m	**Highest rapell:** 33m	**Amount rapells:** 22
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (10)	**Info:** ★ 2.5 (8)	**Belay:** ★ 2.4 (8)

Specialities:
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Gear:
Ropes: 2x35m

Summary: (machine translated)
FUN Canyon, with plenty of opportunities for jumping and slides, is often operated commercially in the summer. The canyon may not be entered without a permit from December 1 through July 1, as it is a wildlife protection zone.

Hydrology: (machine translated)
https://www.hydrodaten.sg.ch/#4301 (neighboring stream)

Access: (machine translated)
Leave the Chur-Zurich highway at the Weesen exit (no. 45) at the western exit of Lake Walen in the direction of Amden and drive up towards Amden. The road climbs along the rock. At the next leftward haipin bend, park the first car in the parking lot (9.6 km from the freeway).
Continue with the second car up to Amden as far as the Fallenbach bridge at the exit of the village (another 2.7 km).

Approach: (machine translated)
Ascend about 100 m orographic left high bank of the Fallenbach. Then either rappel sideways from the tree into the canyon or continue along the canyon rim until you can downclimb into the canyon rim.

Tour: (machine translated)
Runs, smaller rappel and downclimb to the confluence with the Rombach (beautiful cauldron). Then, after a few small steps, you reach the reservoir. Swim through it as soon as possible out to the right.

At the dam wall you have to expect a suction effect. Caution is advised!

Since 2012 swimming through the reservoir is prohibited. A permit can be purchased for 1000,- Swiss francs incl. instruction.
Without a permit a fine is due.

Return: (machine translated)
Swim through to the reservoir with permission: From the dam wall up the path to the right (direction W) for about 250 m and back to the hairpin bend where the car is parked.

Swim through to the reservoir without a permit:
About 30 m after the road bridge out to the right and follow the path to the parking lot about 5 min.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 47.1512 9.1497
Canyon End 47.1399 9.1343
Parking at Entry 47.1493 9.1470
Parking at Exit 47.1409 9.1324
Waypoint 47.1422 9.1375

Reports:

2026-08-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Fallenbach, Wasserstand: "sehr tief bis trocken" Verankerungen: "ok" Ab dem "Zusammenfluss" vom Rombach kein fliessendes Wasser mehr. Grosser Pool vom "Rombachzufluss" war komplett trocken. Es lagen einige tote Fische in den Pools. (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1038-fallenbach)

2026-08-16 | Matthias Holzinger | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Half of the canyon still has running water. From the Rombach "tributary" onward, there's no more running water. I've never seen anything like this before—crazy!! The reservoir has an extremely low depth. (machine translated)

2026-08-08 | marc sparklefarts | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ | 〰 Low | 👎 Not done
Only very little water and therefore a bit smelly and dirty. We excited after 2/3 because we didn't enjoy it enough. Next time we do it after a good cleaning.

2026-07-28 | Matthias Holzinger | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Very little water, 1–2 L/sec. The water and the pool are still clear, and the current is good, too. Rombach is completely dry. The reservoir is about 3–4 m below normal level. (machine translated)

2025-09-23 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Fallenbach (integral) Entré a la passerelle à 749m d'altitude.Tronçon avec quasi tout équipé en fixe par les guides avec sauts et tobs.Très glissant.Courte nage de retour dans la retenue. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21885/observations.html)

2025-09-14 | Matthias Holzinger | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Currently very good conditions with clear water. (machine translated)

2025-07-05 | Patrik | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Very good grip, little wood, currently very good conditions. (machine translated)

2025-07-01 | Newmee | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Very nice conditions. Condition see inspection 07/2024 (machine translated)

2024-08-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Fallenbach, Wasserstand: "niedrig" Verankerungen: "Obererteil gut, unten top" schön klares wasser,guter gripp, sind vor dem stausee auf der linken seite ausgestiegen (Quelle: https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1038-fallenbach)

2024-07-15 | Newmee | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Super beautiful, clear water like rarely before. Wood chaos has moved down, just before the high rappel. The rest is only slightly slippery and everything is jumpable and slippable. (machine translated)

2023-06-25 | Harald Gunz | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
All necessary hooks present. In the upper part a little rusty. Lower part which is commercially walked is perfectly equipped. Municipality Amden has introduced in the area of the Fallenbach and Rombach a time-limited game rest zone until 01.07. Also a sign incl. cameras has been set up at the reservoir. Who is caught with swimming through has to reckon with sensitive fines. The local canyoning company has a permit to enter the area. (machine translated)

2023-03-09 | System User | ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | |
Info: Teile der Canyonbeschreibung wurden automatisiert übernommen. Konkret die Felder Weblinks, Koordinaten, Rating, Länge des Canyon, Einfachseil Mindestens von https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon/21885

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