

Garnitzenklamm – Garnitzenbach (inferiore)

Description:

Garnitzenklamm is probably the most beautiful gorge in Karnten (Austria). It is located in Gailtal valley near Hermagor on the north side of the Austrian Carnic Alps. The gorge is very well known in this part of Austria, as a natural attraction and the tourist path leads through the gorge. The gorge has plenty of water throughout the year and is accessible at the end of summer and in autumn. The gorge has beautiful deep green pools and offers many opportunities for jumps and slides (short version of Bodengo2). The canyon is always very aquatic, even in high summer, and dangerous in high water, some pitches in full flow of water (there is a danger that the water pulls you over the waterfall) and some anchors are very hard to reach. The check point for the water level is at the first bridge (better at the third bridge). It is possible to do the canyon on the NO ROPE style. Highly recommended, even it's a short trip.

Zone:

Austria – Gailtal - Hermagor

Dimensions:

Entrance: 870 m

Exit: 750 m

Height: 120 m

Length: 450 m

Period

August-October

Times:

Approach: 30 min

Progression: 1'20 h

Return: 10 min

Shuttle:

No

Equipment:

Sufficient -10 mm bolts with maillons, very hard to reach (bring with you 2 or 3 maillons)

Rope:

2 x 25m

Biggest waterfall:

17 m

Possible exit

Yes, after the narrow part on the right side (path)

Maps:

Osterreichische staatskarte: OK 1:25 000 Nr. 199/Hermagor
Freytag & Bernd WK 224 Faaker See-Villach-Unteres Gailtal

Attraction:

Regional (national ?)

Difficulty:

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Access:

From Tarvisio or Villach drive toward to Hermagor. At the end of the Hermagor in the circular intersection take the second exit for Kotschach Mauthen and after about 300 meters, turn left for Moderndorf (sign for Garnitzenklamm). Drive through the village to the big parking lot and there is a restaurant and the entrance to the Gorge (entrance fee).

Approach:

Take the path that leads through the Gorge, cross three bridges and 50 meters after the third bridge is the entry (end of the iron cables). Here is the end of the first part of the gorge (end of the first narrow part).

Description of the canyon (normal and for the NO ROPE style):

C 8m or S3 +T5m: 1 bolt hard to reach (L) -2 cascates

C 7m or S 6m: 1 new bolt (L) or 1 old (R)

C 5m or S 4 m: 1 bolt hard to reach (L)

C 9m or S 9m: 2 bolts hard to reach (L) – crux of the descent (better if you jump)

C 7m or T 7m : 2 bols hard to reach (L) - crux of the descent (if you wont to do the slide, jump on to the left wall and slide, very tricky and dangerous)

C 13m or S 11m: 1 bolt (R)

C 7m or S 5m: 1 bolt (L)

C 5m or D: 1 bolt with fix rope (L)

T 4m (plan inclain)

D + walking 50 m

S 2m

Possible exit on the right (end of the narrow part)

C 17m: 3 bolts (R) – or D on the right 7m and S9 m (very hard – check the pool first)

C 13m or T 9m: for slide jump on to the left wall and slide (bypass on the right)

S 3m: (R)

RETURN:

At the second bridge, get back on the approaching path (left or right) and follow it to the parking lot (10 minutes).

C = cascade

D = down climb

S = shout (jump)

T = tobogan, slide

L = left

R = right

MC= hand line (traverse)

Note:

At the entrance to the Gorge they collect an entrance fee to the end of 15th September (4 EUR per person).

By Canyoning Cult Slovenia on 2th of November 2014.