

Gamchi

Gamchi (Gletscherschlucht), Gamchibach

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Country: Schweiz / Switzerland Region: Kanton Bern / Canton de Berne Subregion: Verwaltungskreis Frutigen-Niedersimmental / Frutigen-Niedersimmental administrative district Town: Kiental		
Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v5 a5 V	Total time: 5h20
Approachtime: 2h	Tourtime: 2h40	Returntime: 40min
Altitude entry: 1950m	Altitude exit: 1670m	Delta Altitude: 280m
Canyon length: 1000m	Highest rapell: 60m	Amount rapells: 20
Transport: on Foot	Rock type: limestone	drainage area: 6.50km ²
Season: October - November	Orientation: North	Best Time: 10-14 o clock
Rating: ★ 4.8 (9)	Info: ★ 1.6 (5)	Belay: ★ 2 (7)
Specialities: Glacier in drainage area, Winter canyon,		
Gear: Ropes: 2x70m Headlamp,		
Summary: (machine translated) High alpine gorge with entry directly under the glacier. One third of the route is in complete darkness.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) A6 to Spiez, then turn off in the direction of Adelboden. In Reichenbach turn left and follow the road uphill to Kiental. Continue to the exit of the public road at the parking lot Griesalp (2016: 2 Chf, exchange machine for francs available)\n		
Approach: (machine translated) Follow the road as far as a snack station, from here on a mountain pasture path crossing steep terrain to the flat Gamchiboden. The further ascent crosses rocky terrain and is secured in places with wire ropes. At about 2000m the path climbs to the left to reach the glacier mörane above. Here turn right onto a very indistinct path that crosses the crumbly slope directly to the entry (cairns). If you want to walk the main branch of the gorge you can enter at the first gorge about 90m above the bridge, otherwise still about 100m to the east to reach the left gorge branch. In winter the bridges over the gorge are dismantled. \The access crosses many small watercourses that are completely frozen in winter. Crampons and ice axes are then necessary.		
Tour: (machine translated) Main branch: First downclimb on the orographic right canyon rim just above the beginning of the gorge, then downclimb and rappel in the narrow gorge where the left branch joins (here three rappels). In open terrain with not easy downclimbs to a break above the gorge. From the rock platform on the left 20m rappel, then from the anchor on the right under a large clamping block. The rappel points for the 60m rappel are on the left. If the water level is too high for a direct rappel, there is a difficult to reach intermediate stand after a few meters on the left. From here several rappels in complete darkness before the gorge ends with a long, narrow corridor.		
Return: (machine translated) Turn right onto the trail and return to the car as for the access.		

Coordinates:

Canyon Start [46.5168 7.7927](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.5482 7.7622](#)

Canyon End [46.5245 7.7901](#)

Canyon Start [46.5167 7.7922](#)

Parking Entry and Exit [46.5483 7.7609](#)

Waypoint [46.5173 7.7927](#)

Waypoint [46.5215 7.7929](#)

Reports:

2024-12-05 | System User | |📖|📍| |

Automatisch importiert von Schlucht.ch für Canyon Gamchibach / Gletscherschlucht, Wasserstand: "Niedrig"
Verankerungen: "Gut" Es hatte genügend Schnee, Stand findung und Fortbewegung im Wasser nicht einfach. Alles mit Steigeisen gemacht. Super coole Eindrückliche Schlucht. (Quelle: <https://schlucht.ch/schluchten-der-schweiz-liste/1069-gamchibach-gletscherschlucht>)

2024-11-16 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gamchi No jumps, no toboggans and a lot of caca-bloc in the collecteur befor the dark section. But this section is truely fantastic. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22228/observations.html>)

2024-11-16 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gamchi We recommend crampons. For the approach. These are not necessary in the gorge.At this water level, you can abseil down the high waterfall directly. (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22228/observations.html>)

2024-11-16 | Bina |★★★★☆|📖|📍★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

We recommend using crampons or grödel for access. These are not necessary in the canyon. The high waterfall can be rappelled directly at this water level. (machine translated)

2024-11-11 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gamchi Equipe de sauvetage des cordes, un beau sac de nœud à démêler. Sinon nous sommes allés chercher le fractio, aucun problème pour arriver en bas avec des cordes de 65m. Bonne condition, aucun soucis et canyon mythique ! (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22228/observations.html>)

2024-11-10 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gamchi Toujours top! :Dconditions parfaites, gros débit selon les critères de la base ;-) (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22228/observations.html>)

2024-11-10 | System User | |📖|📍|🌊 High |👍 Completed

Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gamchi Le sol est bien gelé (températures négatives toute la journée à l'ombre) mais pas de glace dans le canyon pour le moment.Il est possible que la grande cascade mesure désormais un peu plus (ce sont des alluvions au pied)... Il y avait quand même du rab sur notre 70m (sans le fractionnement). Pour l'équipe qui nous suivait, espérons que quelqu'un passe lundi, avant que la neige fasse son apparition.Le débit reste conséquent.2 points rajoutés (au début du bras principal + départ MC accès à la grande cascade) (Quelle: <https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/22228/observations.html>)

2024-11-10 | Bigoudi88 |★★★★★|📖★|📍★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

Superb canyon, but the 56m doesn't do it at all, we're more like 65m !!!! So we left our two ropes there unfortunately... Please contact me at +33648747501 if you get them back, we'll offer you a nice bottle ;) Superb canyon, on the other hand the 56m is not at all, we are no longer 65m!!!! So we left our two ropes there unfortunately... Please contact me at +33648747501 if you recover them, we will offer you a good bottle ;) (machine translated)

2024-11-08 | Alexander de Tempe |★★★★★|📖★|📍★★|🌊 Normal |👍 Completed

0°C at 2900 meters, no snow or ice in the canyon. Bridges were removed for winter, so we chose to start at the right section ('bras central'). Anchors are of good quality. Mostly single bolts; high rappels with double bolts. We did the C56 with the D7 and D48. Tricky (but not too hard) to reach the anchor of the D48; and easy to spot from above. With a 50m rappel rope we barely made it to the ground (the last person ended up 2 meters above the ground). We would advise to take a longer rope (55+m). Most bolts are well placed so you can stay clear of the water. Siphons were not a problem, easy to shunt or go through. Beautiful and impressive trip!

2024-11-02 | Christian Lopez |★★★★★|📖|📍★★★|🌊 High |👍 Completed

First time. Water level at the entrance we think normal, once inside after a few hours we noticed an increase of water due to thawing without problems. Anchorages well, with hardly any ice except at the beginning a little bit. (machine translated)