

MALTATAL

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The valley Maltatal is one of the best ice climbing areas in Austria. Ice climbers can find all kind of routes, easy frozen creeks, long, steep falls and tricky mixed climbing routes. You can reach the valley and even the waterfalls very easy and most of them are protectet against avalanches.

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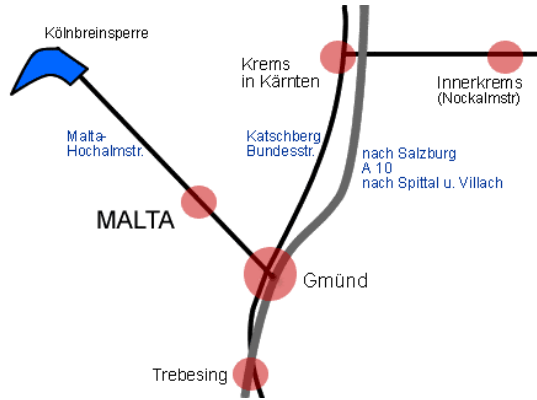
Most of the falls are on private property. The areas are used for hunting and wood processing. There was made an agreement between iceclimbers, landowners and hunters.

Please observe the following rules:

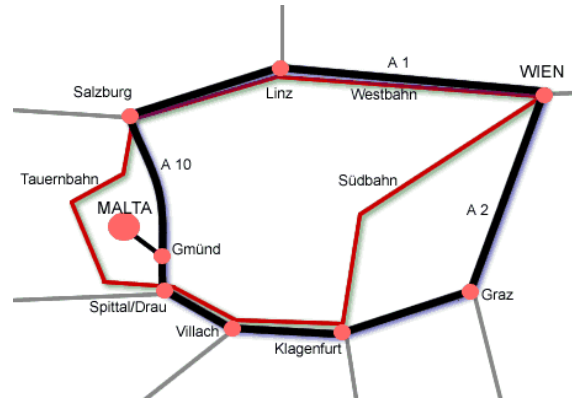
1. The hunting season ends at Dec. 31st. Please start climbing at Jan. 1st.
2. Please use the car parks. The road is closed in winter at the toll station of the pay road Malta-Hochalmstrasse (Falleralm)!
3. Please use roads, ways and paths. Avoid passing deer feedings!
4. Rapell down the waterfalls after finishing - You can find trees with slings or bolts - or descent beside the waterfalls. Please do not escape in upper regions after climbing a fall (wildlife recreation areas).
5. If You are planing a new route, please get in contact with us.
6. Camping is not allowed in this area (privat property), please avoid noise and garbage.

The quality of the ice depends on weather, temperature, rain and snowfall and many other determinants. You have to decide by your own, if the ice is climbable!

ARRIVAL

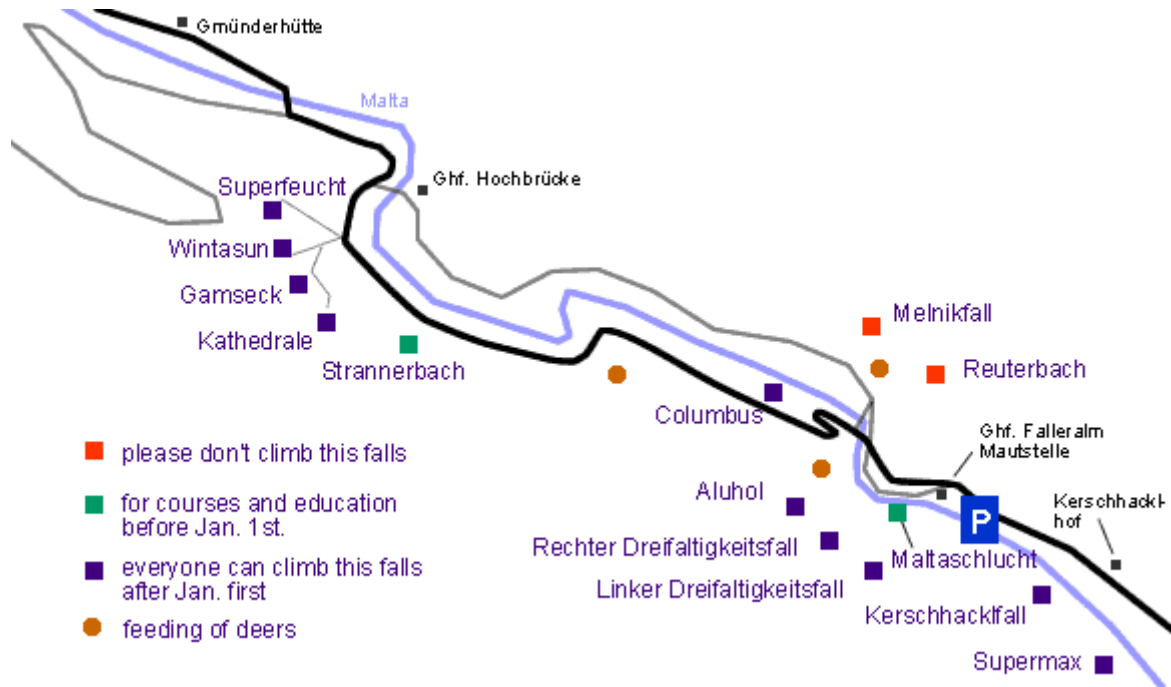


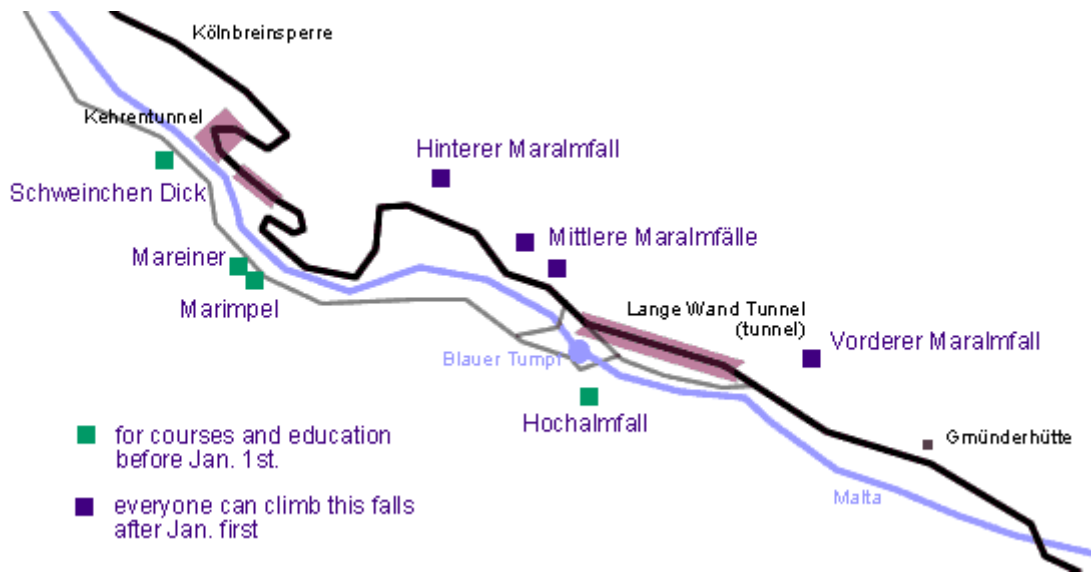
By car you can reach the Lieser-Maltatal-region easily via A 10, Tauernautobahn. From the North it is a 1 h 30 drive from Salzburg. From the South it takes 45 minutes from Villach.



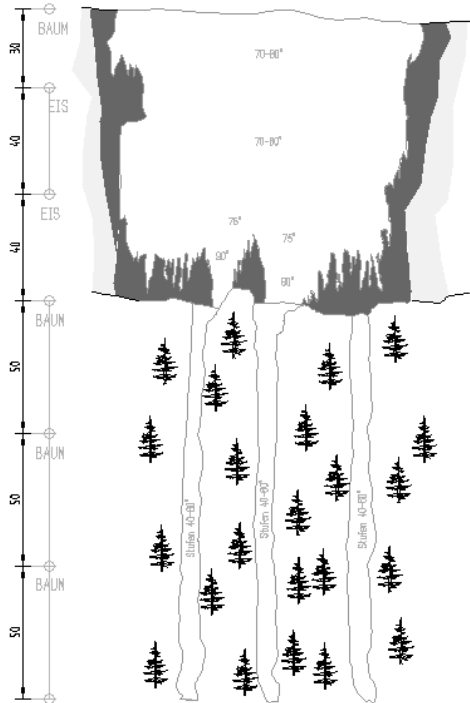
If You take the train, next station, where Intercity Trains stop is Spittal/Drau, about 20 Kilometers away from Malta.

MAPS





1. SUPERMAX



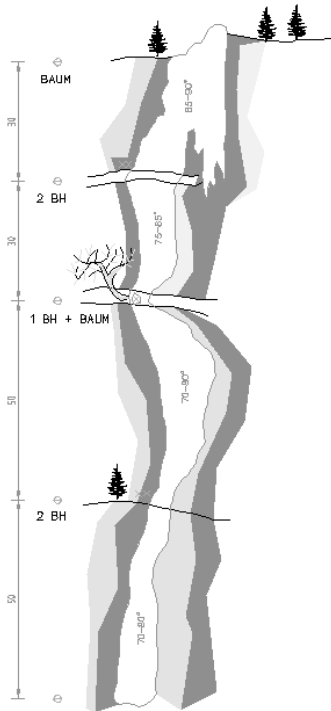
Approach:
10 min from the road.

Length:
260 m

Descent:
Rapell down on the lefthand side two times (trees),
walk, climb and rapell down between the very left and
the middle arm.

Please do not climb before Jan. 1st!
Please do not escape in upper regions!

2. KERSCHHACKLFALL



Approach:

5 to 10 min from the road.

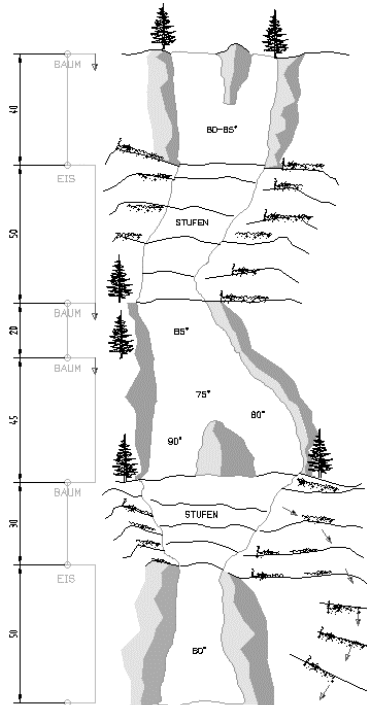
Length:

160 m

Descent:

Rapell down the icefall (trees) - (two ropes, 50 m).

3. ALUHOL



Approach:

Walk up the road from the car park Falleralm (toll station) to a sharp right turn, from there, take the Lodronsteig. After a few hundred meters, leave the path on the right hand side and walk through the forest to the icefall (10 minutes).

Length:

240 m

Descent:

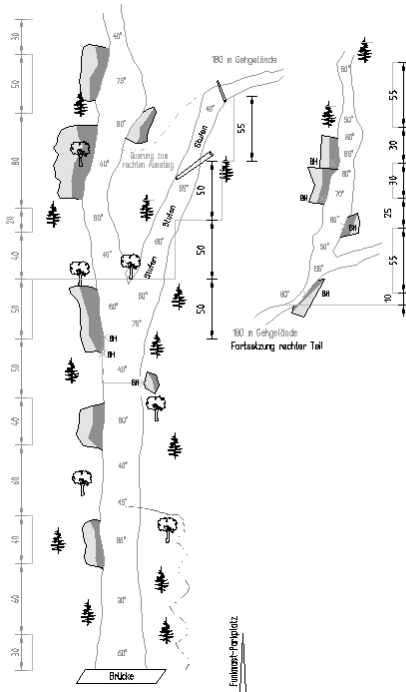
Climb and rapell down on the lefthand side.

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4. COLUMBUS

5. STRANNERBACH



Approach:

The Strannerbach, a long easy climb, starts from the Malta-Hochalmstrasse (bridge) from car park Falleralm you walk 45 min.

Length:

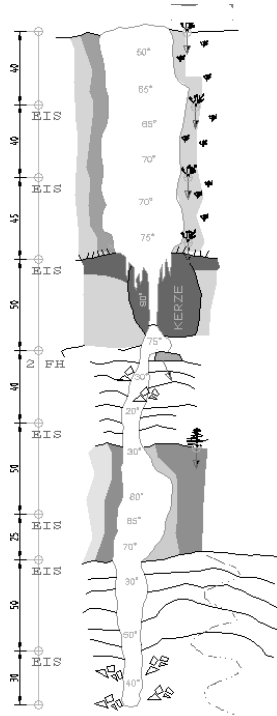
550 m

Descent:

Rapell down the waterfall, You can find bolts and slings (two ropes 50 m).

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6. KATHEDRALE



Approach:

About 300 m after the start of Strannerbach, leave the road in a right turn with an information board. Walk up through the forest for 30 - 40 min. to the starting point.

Length:

370 m

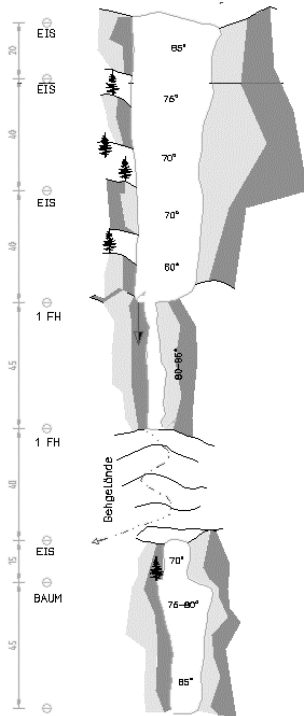
Decent:

Rapell down the Icefall (trees).

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7. GAMSECK



Approach:

About 300 m after the start of Strannerbach, leave the road in a right turn with an information board. Walk up through the forest for 40 min. to the starting point.

Length:

245 m

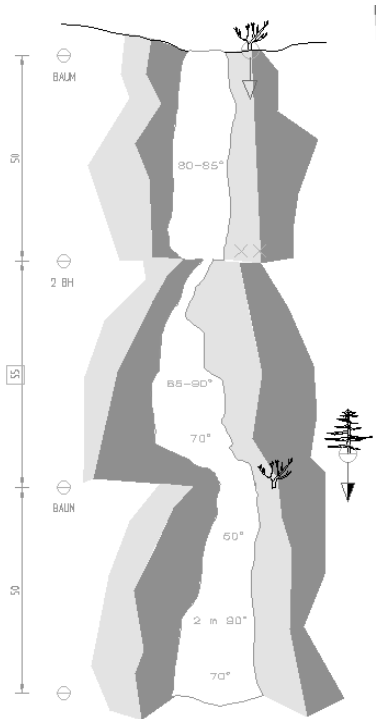
Descent:

Rapell down the icefall (two ropes 50 m) in the lower area walk down on the lefthand side.

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8. WINTASUN



Approach:

About 300 m after the start of Strannerbach, leave the road in a right turn with an information board. Walk up through the forest for 30 - 40 min. to the starting point.

Length:

155 m

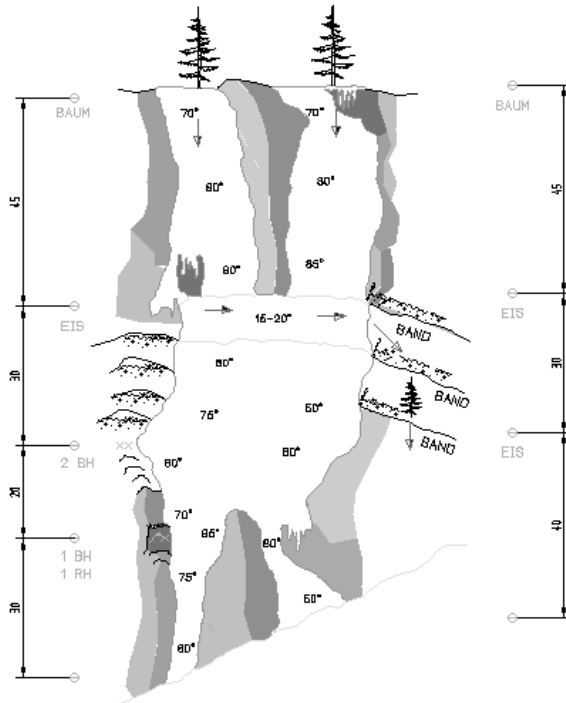
Descent:

Rapell down the icefall.

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9. SUPERFEUCHT



Approach:

About 300 m after the start of Strannerbach, leave the road in a right turn with an information board. Walk up through the forest for 30 min. Head for a gorge. At the beginning of the gorge on the lefthand side You find Superfeucht.

Length:

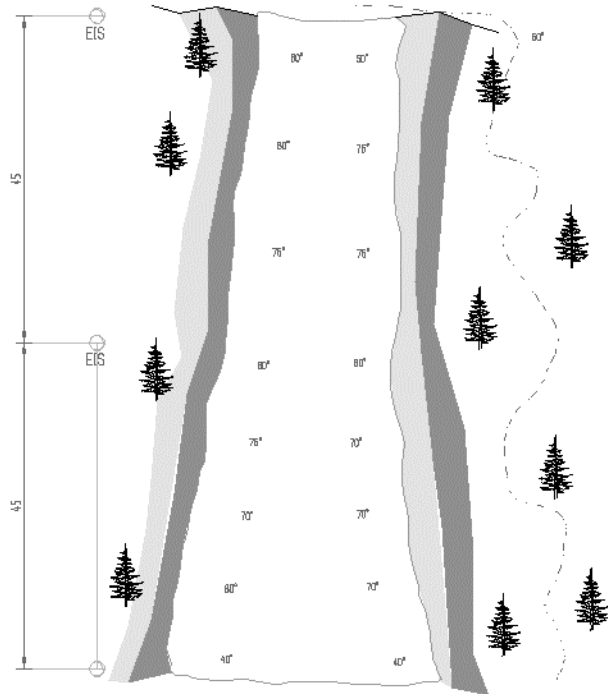
115 - 125m

Decent:

Rapell down the 3rd pitch (50 m), walk down to a tree and rapell down 30 m.

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10. HOCHALMFALL



Approach:

Walk from the car park in front of the tunnel Lange Wand further into the valley passing a big wall. After the wall descent to the river (sign Blauer Tumpf) and ascent at the other side of the valley for a few minutes (approx. 25 min).

Length:

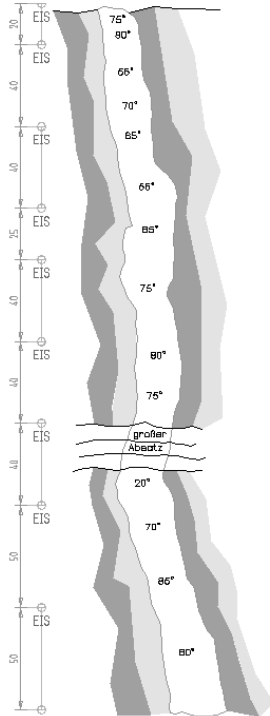
90 m

Descent:

Rapell down the Icefall (two ropes 50 m) or walk and climb down at the right hand side.

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11. VORDERER MARALMFALL



Approach:

From the hut Gmünder Hütte about one hour (path).

Length:

345 m

Descent:

Walk down the path back to hut Gmünder Hütte!

Please do not climb before Jan. 1st!

Please do not escape in upper regions!

Only climbable after a long period of cold weather!

12. MITTLERER MARALMFALL I.

Approach:

After tunnel Lange Wand walk up the road for 200 m, You will find the fall on the right hand side, 20 min from the car park in front of the tunnel Lange Wand.

Length:

100 m

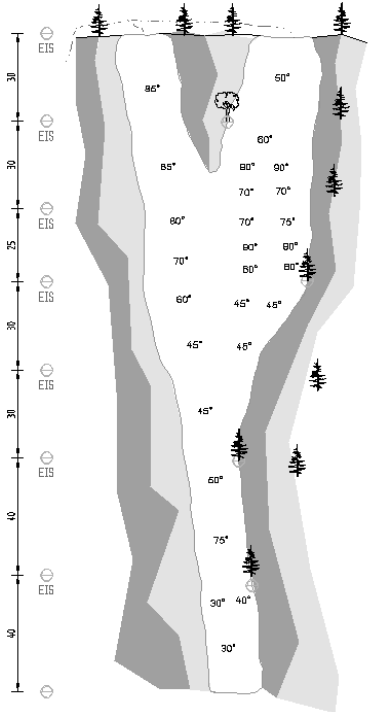
Descent:

Rapell down the icefall (two ropes 50 m).

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13. MITTLERER MARALMFALL II.



Approach:

After tunnel Lange Wand walk up the road for 200 m, You will find the fall on the right hand side, 25 min from the car park in front of the tunnel Lange Wand.

Length:

225 m

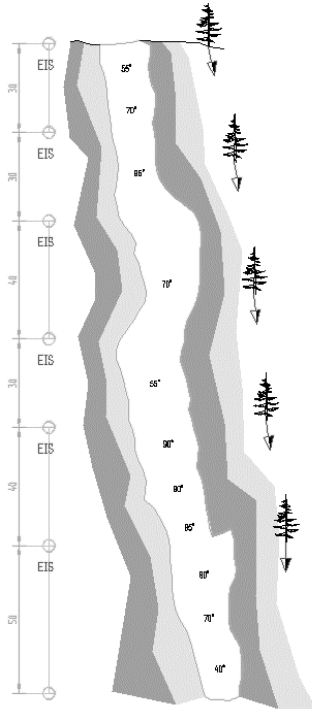
Descent:

Rapell down the icefall (two ropes 50m)

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14. HINTERER MARALMFALL



Approach:

After tunnel Lange Wand walk up the road for 400 m, You will find the fall on the right hand side, 25 min from the car park in front of the tunnel Lange Wand.

Length:

345 m

Descent:

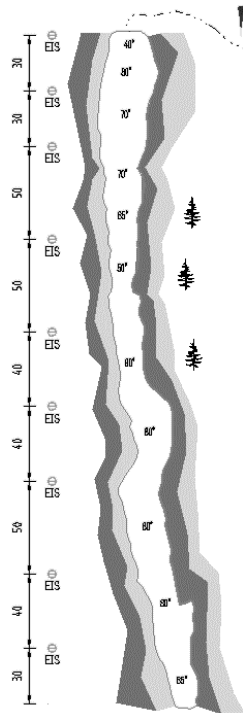
Rapell down the icefall (trees)(two ropes 50 m).

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15. GROSSER KLAMMFALL (RIGHT ARM) „MAREINER“



Approach:

After Tunnel Lange Wand, the path is leading left down to the river Malta, cross the river (bridge) and follow the path til You reach a small gorge at the lefthand side climb up the gorge for 200 m (easy) to the starting point. You walk about 40 min from the car park in front of the tunnel Lange Wand.

Length:

360 m

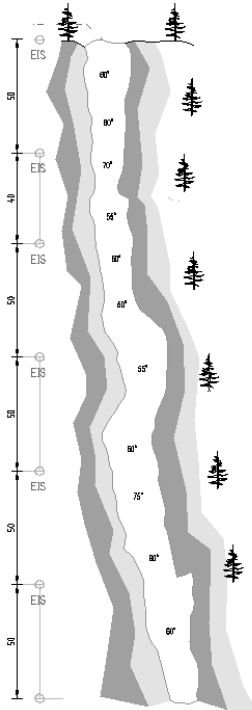
Descent:

After finishing the fall, walk down approx. 200 m to the north, rappell down 2x40 m and You reach a gully. Climb down the gully back to the path.

Please do not escape in upper regions!

Caution when there is much snow - avalanches!!!

16. KLAMMFALL (LEFT ARM) „MARIMPEL“



Approach:

After Tunnel Lange Wand, the path is leading left down to the river Malta, cross the river (bridge) and follow the path til You reach a small gorge at the lefthand side climb up the gorge for 200 m (easy) to the starting point. You walk about 40 min from the car park in front of the tunnel Lange Wand.

Length:

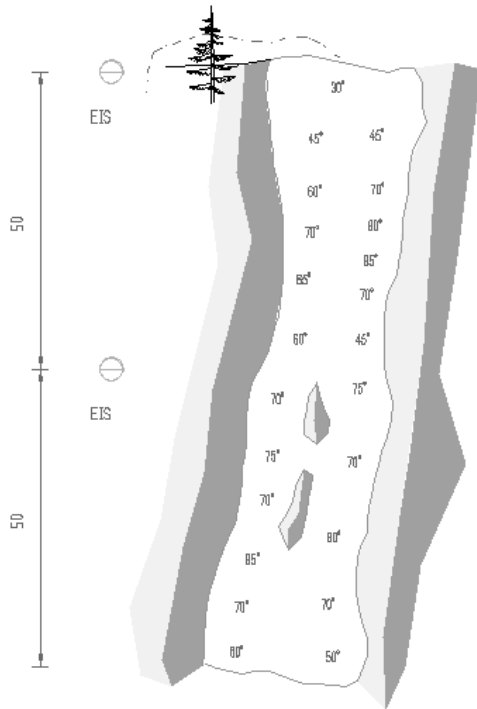
360 m

Descent:

After finishing the fall, climb down (south) till you reach a gorge. Rapell down several times.

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17. VORDERER KEESBACHFALL „SCHWEINCHEN DICK“



Approach:

After tunnel Lange Wand, the path is leading left down to the river Malta, cross the river (bridge) and follow the path til You reach a small gorge at the lefthand side. Pass the gorge and an icy gully till You reach ice cascades. Climb them up (easy) to the starting point. You walk about 50 min from the car park in front of the tunnel Lange Wand.

Length:

100 m

Descent:

after finishing the fall, walk down approx. 200 m to the South, rappell down 2x40 m and You reach a gully. Climb down the gully back to the path.

Please do not escape in upper regions!

Often very good ice conditions and climbable till March

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COMMENT