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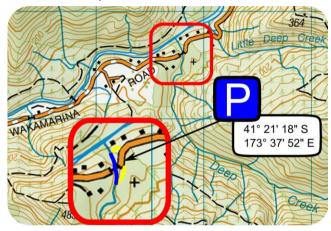
Whakamarina Valley, Canvastown

Character

Extremely short easy canyon

Map

BQ27 Rai Valley



Approach by Car

From Havelock, travel approximately 10km west on SH6 to Canvastown. Turn south, onto Whakamarina Rd. 9.6km from Canvastown, park east of the bridge, clear of any private driveways.

Approach on Foot

There is an access track on the TR, upstream side of the bridge, about 5m from the end of the bridge railings. Follow this for 1 minute into the stream.

Rock

Moderately loose and fractured Argillite

Water

Pools up to waist deep. Wetsuits not required.

Catchment

 9 km^2

Gear

A helmet is recommended due to the rock quality.

Route Description

From the access track, down-climb 3 or 4 very small waterfalls with low current that end in some waist deep pools. The canyon is very short, but carved out of soft bedrock. After the canyon, find a track on the TR that climbs up steeply with steps and a hand line back to the bridge.

Time

Bridge to stream 1min
Canyon descent 5min
Return to car 3min
Total 8-10mins

Flash Flood Danger

Very low.

Escapes

Complete the canyon

Notes

Used by Outward Bound. Not worth a dedicated trip, but worth a look on a hot day if you were finishing off a tramping trip in the area.

Legal public access on the described tracks via unformed legal roads.