

Lower Twin Creek

Water	Drop	Rope	Anchors	Rock
Low volume	55m	2 x 60m	Bolts	Greywacke

Steep and inescapable for the first 4 drops. Some very beautiful waterfalls and views to Mt Rolleston. Escapable after R4 back to the Temple basin track.

Approach by car

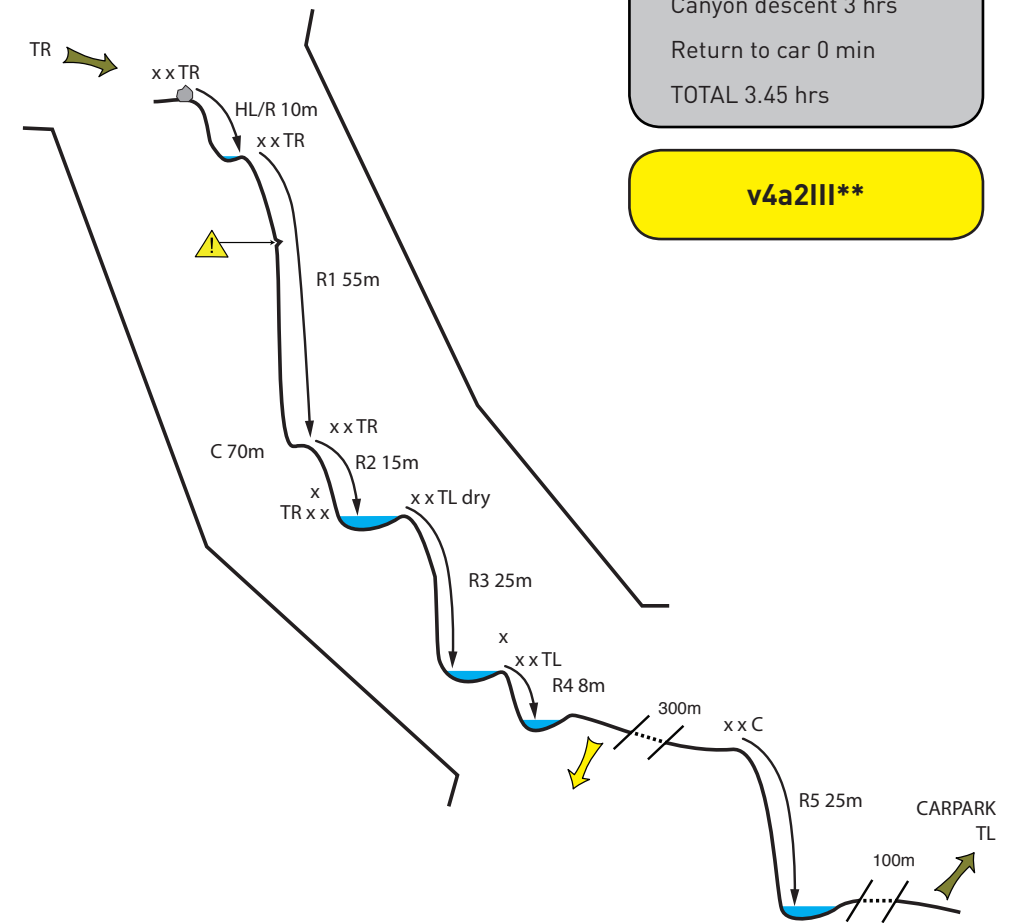
Travel on SH 73 to Arthurs Pass Village. Travel 5 minutes further on to the Temple Basin track/ski field car park.

Approach by foot

Climb the Temple basin track for about 45 minutes. The start of the lower twin creek canyon is at the top of the big obvious waterfall on the TL. The lower twin creek starts at the exit of the 6 pitch canyon in the guide book (pages 304-309, Canyoning in New Zealand, Daniel Clearwater, 2015). To extend the trip you could descend these 6 pitches and then carry on down lower twin creek.

Route Description

The top section is a serious undertaking as there is no escape for the first 115 vertical metres! Make sure you take enough spare rope. The canyon begins with a 80m waterfall that is broken into 3 manageable sections. There is a sharp edge to manage one third the way down the 55m (R1) pitch. The next 25m pitch (R3) has a set of bolts on the TR for rappelling in the flow and TL for dry. Once past R4 the canyon opens up with a boulder hop to the final 25m waterfall (R5) close to the end of the canyon. Exit the canyon at the bridge beside the car park.



Time
 Carpark to start 0.45 hr
 Canyon descent 3 hrs
 Return to car 0 min
TOTAL 3.45 hrs

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First descent: Grant Prattley, James Abbott, Nola Collie 2016.
 (Note: There is an old set of bolts at the top of the first drop so someone may have been down the top waterfall?)
Topo: Grant Prattley