

Ryde Falls

Water	Drop	Rope	Anchors	Rock
Low volume	25m	60m	Bolts and natural	Mudstone

Ryde Falls is a great outing located near Oxford in North Canterbury. It is an ideal place to practice your multi-pitch descent before getting into bigger canyons.

Approach by car

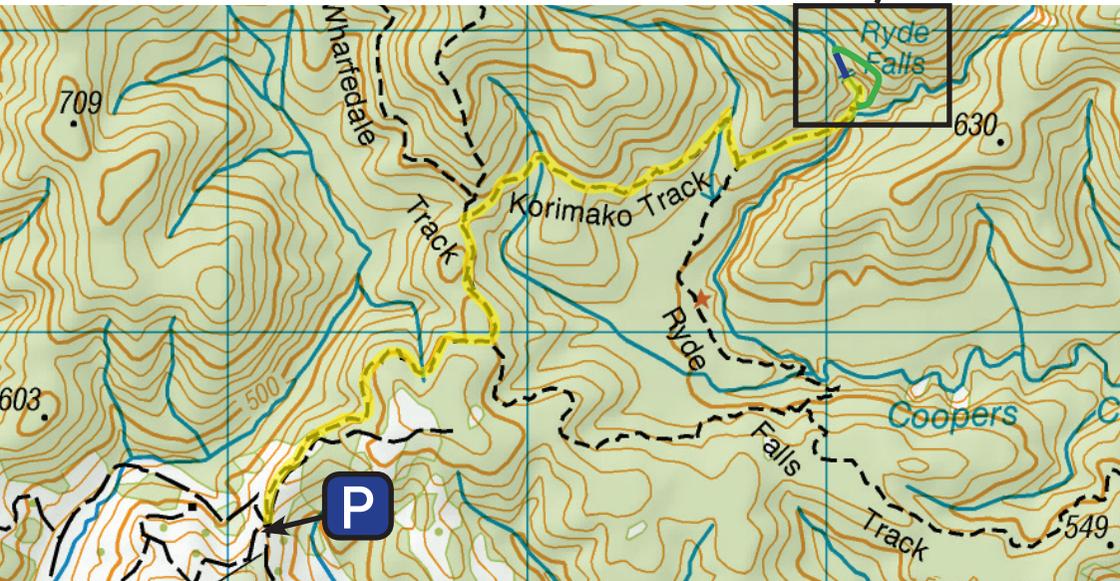
From State Highway 72, the inland scenic route, follow the signs to view hill car park and the beginning of the Wharfedale track.

Approach by foot

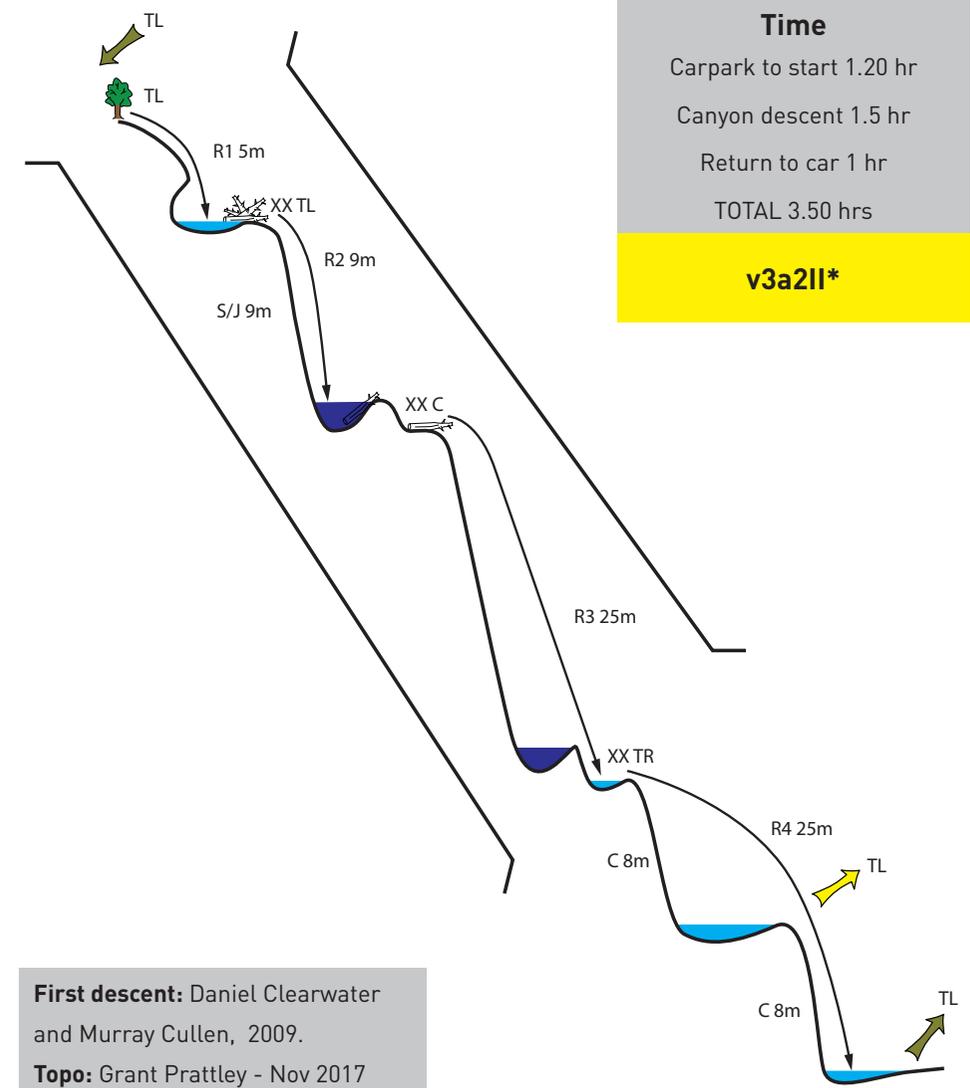
From the view hill car park make your way along the Wharfedale track to the Korimako track turn off (around 2km – second turnoff on the right). From the junction follow the signs to Ryde falls turning left at the Ryde falls track and left at the stream junction. A novel approach to the Wharfedale section of track is to mountain bike and leave your bikes at the Korimako junction.

Route Description

To get to the start of the canyon; from the camping spot, at the intersection of the two streams, walk up the track towards Ryde Falls for around 30m. Head off the track at the big fallen log and gain the steep ridge on the true left. At the large fern grove traverse around keeping height and then down to the top of the first waterfall once the stream is observed.



Although quite a small canyon it is committing. Once you pull the ropes for R1 escape is difficult until you reach to the bottom. The pitches are regular, with no more than 10m in between. The pool on R2 is deep enough for a fun slide or jump however is a collection place for trees so needs to be checked. You can repeat the canyon as its only a short 20 minute climb back to the top.



First descent: Daniel Clearwater and Murray Cullen, 2009.

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