

# Pegleg Creek

Water	Drop	Rope	Anchors	Rock
Moderate	47m	2 x 60m	Bolts and Natural	Greywacke

Pegleg Creek is a big day in a semi-remote alpine canyon. It is mostly bolted but be prepared with natural anchor rigging materials. The upper canyon starts with open waterfalls with easy escapes before giving way more to enclosed steep walls. On the way down the valley there are nice views to Mt Rolleston. Once past the final waterfall the escape is by following the creek to the end. Recommended for experienced canyoneers.

## Approach by car

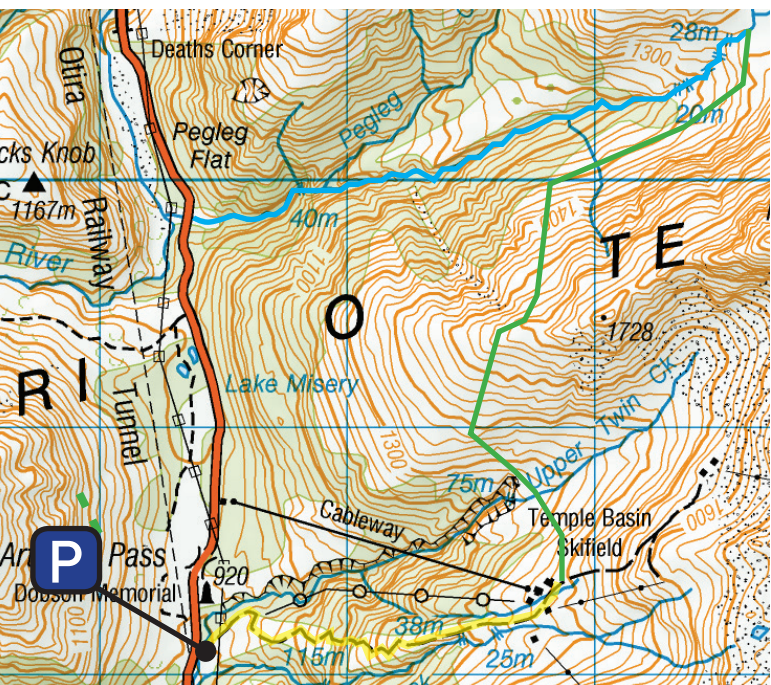
Travel on SH 73 to Arthurs Pass Village. Travel 5 minutes further on to the Temple Basin track/ski field car park. Consider a car shuttle at Peg Leg Creek if you don't want to walk the 1.8km back along the road at the end of the day.

## Approach by foot

Climb the Temple basin track for about 60 minutes to the ski lodges. On the north side of the lodges traverse down and around to the head of Upper Twin Creek. Ascend and gain the south ridge of Phipps Peak to 1500m in height where a large slip can be traversed. Descend down into Pegleg Creek until the 1300m level and then side towards the upper canyon waterfalls. Ascend to the head of the valley to around 1400m.

## Route Description

The main part of the canyon descends around 200m of widely spaced waterfalls (≈ 50m apart). The first 5 pitches are wide and open with the next 5 being more enclosed. Once the green pool is reached the canyon opens up again with easy exits on all sides. You can exit back to Temple Basin on the TL following the approach on foot.



Continue on down the canyon boulder hopping and down climbing for around 1.5km.

The crux of the canyon is the 47m R11 as it has much higher flow with Peg Leg north branch entering just above. Use the tree and an intermediate bolt anchor to set a handline out to the double bolts. The abseil through the flow would be difficult however by keeping hard TL at the top, an abseil is possible down the side.

Exit the canyon at the bridge over SH73 and walk 30 minutes back to the car along the road.

