



# Kaiate Falls

River v4a3I ★

## Location

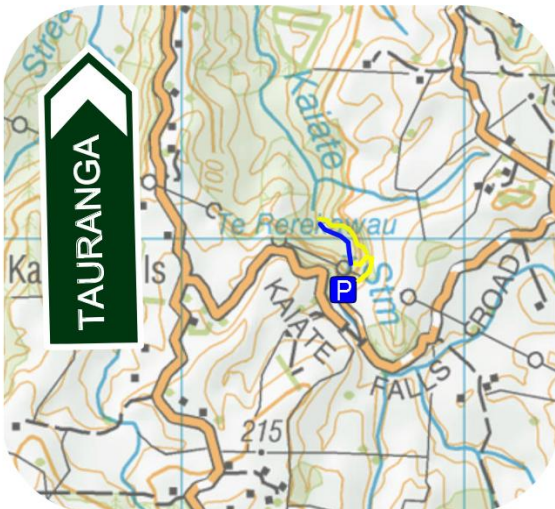
Kaiate Stream, Bay of Planety

## Character

This is a short sharp canyon that would be great on a hot summers day as there are some deep pools. The area could get quite busy in summer due to the scenic nature of the falls and the adjacent walking tracks so discretion is advised. It may be better done on a weekday or in an evening. There is a great pool at the bottom that is an excellent place to practice jumps.

## Map

Topo50 BD37 Tauranga



## Approach by Car

Take Welcome bay road off SH29 near Tuaranga. After 6.4km turn Right onto Waitao Road. After 4.9km turn onto Left Kaiate Falls Road and the the Turnoff to the Falls reserve will be 550m on the Left.

## Water

This is a Shallow stream with low flow.

## Catchment

7.84 km<sup>2</sup>

## Approach on Foot

Looking at the Track map in the Carpark, Take the Main Downhill track for approx. 5 Mins until you reach the top of the First Drop.

## Anchors

Natural Protection. Trees (Sometimes Marginal so select carefully). This canyon in my opinion would benefit from some bolts

## Gear

Minimum 20m Rope + 20m Pullcord. Extra tape & maillons to use for anchors. (These are easily retrieved on the walk back to the carpark)

## Route Description

R1 begins to the right of the waterfall and drops into the pool at the top of R2. There is potential to jump this pitch but it will need thorough scouting first. There is a reasonable current in the pool so care needs to be taken as it flows straight off the next drop. R1 & R2 Could be done as one pitch if your rope is long enough. R3 Could be a nice waterfall abseil if it were bolted but instead we climb high on the TL to find Tree anchors. This has been done as 2 pitches to facilitate pull-down.

## Time

Vehicle park to Top of Falls	5min
Canyon descent	30-90min
Return to Vehicle	25min
<b>Total</b>	<b>1-2hrs</b>

## Flash flood danger

A reasonably large catchment for this canyon means that it has the potential to come up quickly. As always, a canyon or watercourse is a dangerous place to be at the wrong time although this stream is easily escapable from almost anywhere.

## Escapes

The canyon is open and escape seems to be possible from almost all areas.

