

1601 SE Canyon

West Matukituki Valley

From Bruno, a Climber in Wanaka:

A few years back we climbed about 6 pitches up a frozen waterfall ... just up from the confluence of the east and west matukituki rivers. A couple of the pitches ... you'd climb up (steep but not vertical) ice and then pop out onto a perfectly flat ledge that would have been a pool when the waterfall was flowing. And then walk to the back of the ledge and belay off of the ice that was going to be the next pitch. These 'ledges' were surrounded by 270 degrees of water worn shist ... it was quite spectacular.

Access permission would be required from the lease holder, but is unlikely to be a problem since its just one paddock off the marginal strip. Climb the steep sloping flanks of the TR, about 600m west of the end of the canyon. Likely to be low flow.

