

Pureora Non-Canyons

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Hi Dan

I think I'm dropping the ball a bit on the Pureora front. Been asking around amongst hunters etc about gorges and there doesn't sound like too much.

The Okauaka apparently has two waterfalls in it that stop hunters getting up, but then someone else says you can turn the waterfalls. Its the last major bit of river on the west side of the Hauhungaroa Range that we haven't done a blue duck survey – so I'm planning a work trip there in November or December. Someone has to do it. Welcome along though I think it will just be stream tramping and maybe a rope down a couple of falls.

A floating type trip might be the Mangakino on the east side of the park. Its certainly very gorge like in sections, but not sure there would be any abseiling. Plenty of water.

The Waihaha could be a nice summer walk and floating trip. One gorge that I've peered into looks a bit impassable but apart from that lots of pools and ignimbrite shelves and a walking track for any slow sections of river.

Am sure we can do some interesting exploring but am not so sure we'd get rave canyoning.

Pyrenees would be great, went there many years ago and even vaguely remember walking down a short canyon, Torla/Monte Perdido area.

Dave