



# ELLIS

## Creek v4a2II ★

### Location

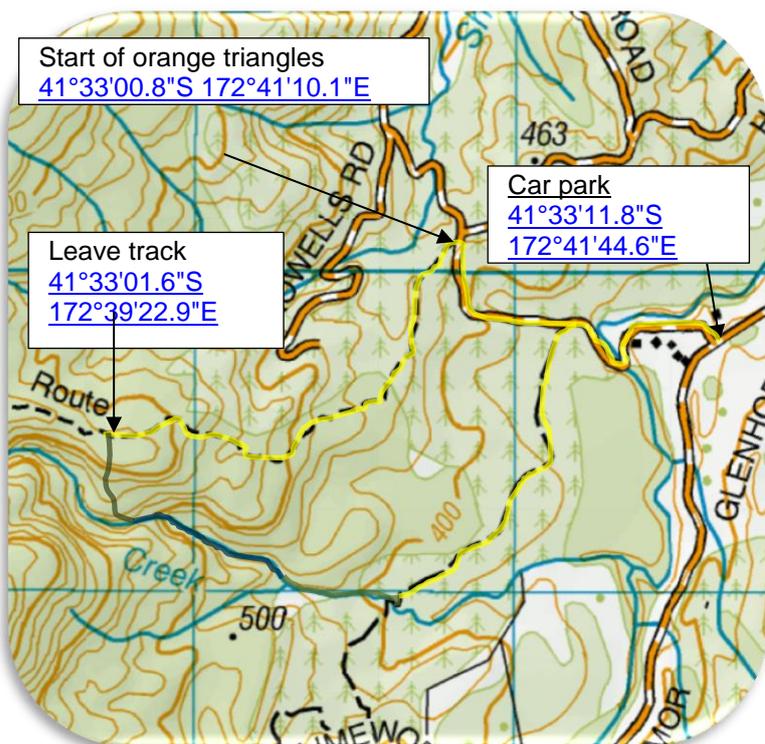
27km south of Tapawera on Tadmor Glenhope Rd.

### Character

A short, pretty canyon with some nice slides and beautiful waterfalls. Makes for a nice half day trip.

### Map

BR24 Kawitiri.



### Approach by Car

Drive to Tapawera then drive 25km south along the Tadmor Valley and Tadmor Glenhope Roads. Park at the sign to the Lookout Range Route (marked as the turn off McIntyres Road on the map, although it is only a paper road nowadays).

### Approach on Foot

From the car park, walk along McIntyres Road for 1.2km. (At the crossing of the Tadmor River, jump across at the concrete blocks 50m downstream or take your shoes off, as a didymo precaution). At one point along this section there is an unmarked fork in the road – stay right. At the four-way intersection, turn left and follow the orange triangles which mark the Lookout Range Route. You'll know you're definitely on the route when, after a 100 metres, you see the sign to Conical Hill. Follow the well-marked route for 1.5km and then leave the track at 630m altitude, as it levels off a little. The bush is thick, so it's worth the effort to try and find

your way onto the spur down into the creek, rather than follow a gully. You can aim just left of the highpoint visible on the other side of the creek. Either way, the bush bash may be thick but it's pretty short.

### Rock

Separation Point Granite (same as Abel Tasman).

### Water

Low volume in normal flows.

### Catchment

2.8 km<sup>2</sup>

### Anchors

Mix of double bolt and natural anchors.

### Gear

Minimum of 2x40m rope.

### Route Description

The canyon starts with a great 8m slide. A large 40m waterfall follows shortly after – it's a full 40min length, although if needed you can get off the rope a few metres short of the bottom and climb down behind the waterfall. There are then two more rappels, including a very pretty 10m waterfall. The canyon finishes with a neat 5m slide and a series of down climbs and small jumps.

There is then 500m of walking down stream before exiting via the obvious track/farm road on the true left. Stay on this farm road until you reach McIntyres Road and then turn right to get back to your car.

### Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon	1h30m
Canyon descent	2h
Return to Vehicle	30m
<b>Total</b>	<b>4h</b>

### Flash Flood Danger

Low.

### Escapes

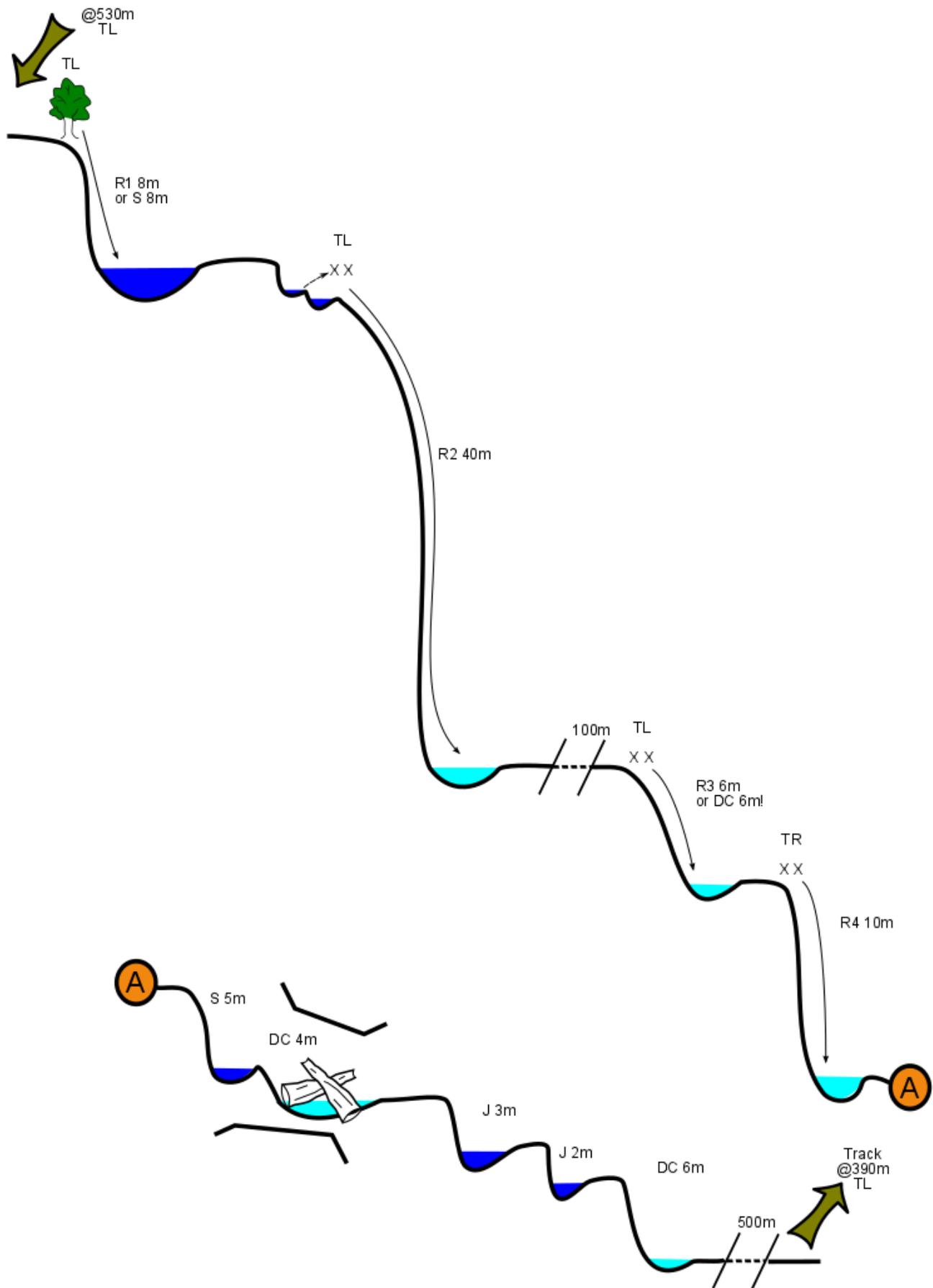
The canyon is escapable throughout, although it is steep terrain.

### Notes

There are a few waterfalls (up to 20m) further up the creek, but they're not really worth the extra effort.

First descent: Lee Den Haan, Drew Gallagher, Rosie Hadfield, Richard Bramley. 11 December 2016.

Fun to effort ratio:  $(2+3)/2 = 2.5$





Lee Den Haan at the top of the 8m slide  
Photo by Richard Bramley



Richard Bramley part way down the 40m waterfall.  
Photo by Drew Gallagher



Lee Den Haan in the short narrows  
Photo by Richard Bramley



The final waterfall  
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