



EVANS

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Location

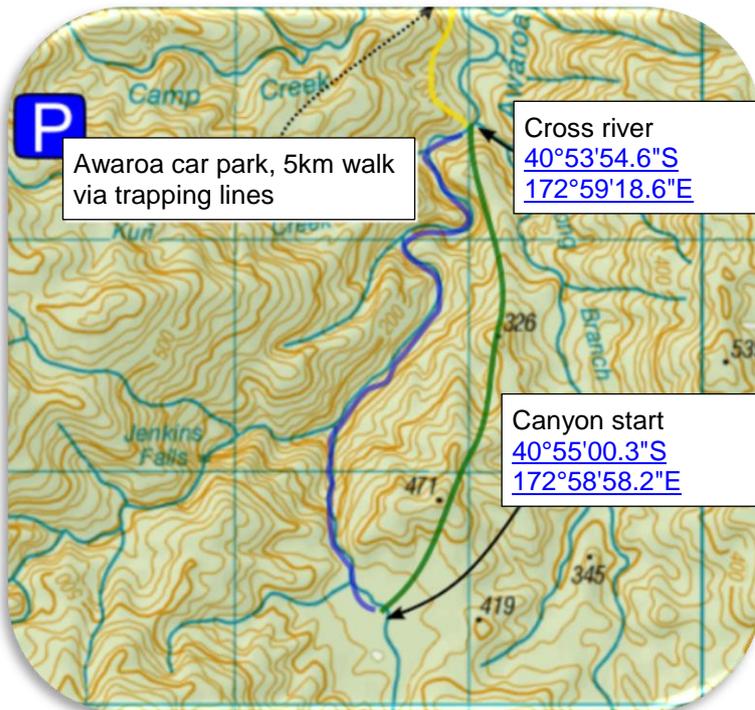
Tributary of Awaroa River, Abel Tasman National Park.

Character

A remote, adventurous canyon that is made doable in a long day by the Project Janzoon trapping lines. Probably only worth the effort if you like the idea of exploring a rarely seen beautiful part of the park. You could potentially do Evans, Table, Waterfall over a few days.

Map

BP25 Motueka.



Approach by Car

Drive to the [Awaroa car park](#) (45 mins from Takaka).

Approach on Foot

Follow the track that starts at the carpark and heads up the Awaroa River (on the true left), as per the access for Waterfall Creek. The track is not marked on the topo map but it is easy going and well-marked. At the confluence of the Awaroa and Long Branch Creek (~2 hours to this point) cross the Awaroa and follow the trapping line that heads up the spur in between Evans Creek and Long Branch Creek. This trapping line will eventually drop down from point 471 on the topo and cross Evans Creek in the middle of the flat section (another 2 hours to this point). Enter the canyon here, although the canyon proper doesn't start until the creek loses height (another ~300m down the creek).

Rock

Separation Point Granite.

Water

Low to medium volume in normal flows.

Catchment

11 km²

Anchors

Natural anchors and some bolted stations.

Gear

Minimum of 1x60m rope and 1x30m rope.

Route Description

Evans Creek Canyon proper is half a km long and ends at the confluence with Table Creek. There are six rappels, all fairly straight-forward in normal flow. From confluence with Table Creek there is a further ~1.5 hours down the river, with lots of swims and down climbs, and at least two good jumps (max 8m). It can be tiring and is not to be underestimated. Pick up the trapping line at the confluence of Table Creek and Long Branch Creek again and follow it back to car park.

Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon	4h
Canyon descent (inc lower Table Creek)	4h
Return to Vehicle	2h
Total	10h

Flash Flood Danger

Low.

Escapes

There are plenty of escapes (although bush bashing required), except for first two rappels.

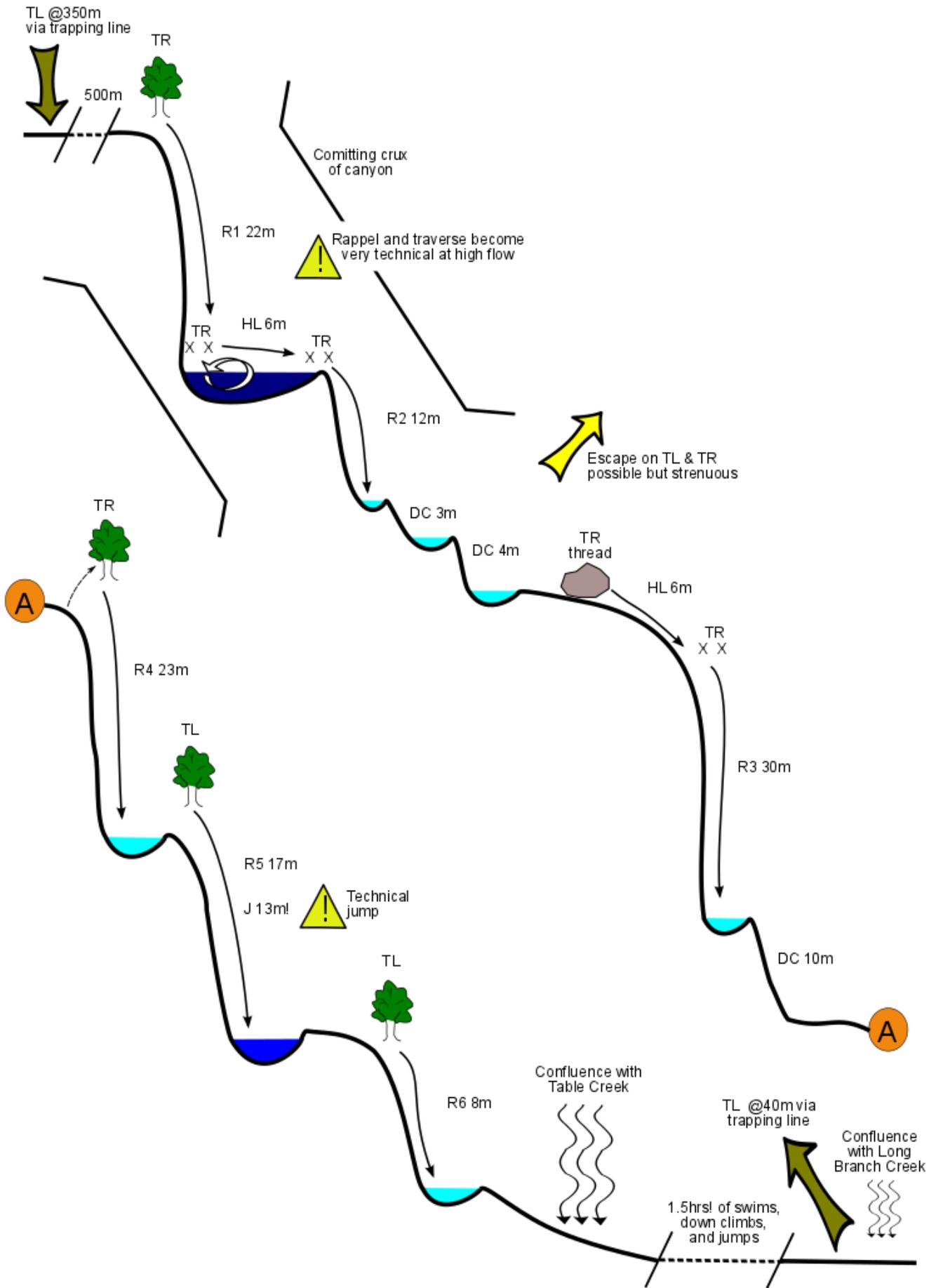
Notes

First descent: Toine Houtenbos, Lee Den Haan, James Alker, Mark Parfitt, Richard Bramley. 9 December 2015.

F2E ratio: (4+2)/6=1

There is an upper canyon containing a few short rappels and down climbs, nothing that spectacular.

An alternative approach on foot to upper Evans Creek is to drop a car at Awaroa and walk in from Harwood's Hole car park. From Porters Rock follow the trapping line to point 734 then leave the trapping line and drop into upper Evans Creek canyon.



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