



Tunakohoia

Canyon v4a2II ★★

Location

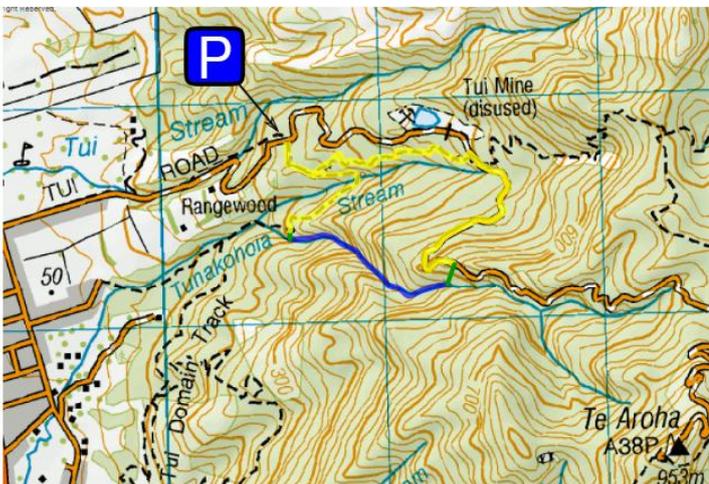
Te Aroha, Waikato

Character

Tunakohoia is a little gem of a canyon nestled in the hills behind Te Aroha Township. Generally low flow, this is an ideal winter trip as you are not required to spend long periods in the water. The canyon is a lot of fun after some rain when the flow increases although care should be taken. R5 can be quite pushy and has the potential to invert the unprepared or inexperienced while on rappel. There are a number of technical down climbs most of which are now protected with bolt anchors that can be used for a hand line or belay if required.

Map

Topo50 BC 35 Paeroa



Approach by Car

Drive north 2.2km from Te Aroha Township until you get to Tui Road. Follow Tui road for 1.9km until you reach the car park on your left.

Approach on Foot

Find the track entrance immediately adjacent to the car park and walk gently uphill for approx 1km until you meet Tui road again. Walk a further kilometer up the road until you get to a sharp left hand bend. Approx 150m past the bend drop into the bush on the right and pick your way through the bush descending off track until you hit the stream. Take care off track as poor route selection may leave you bluffed out

Rock

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Water

This is a low flow stream that can be fun after a period of rain

Catchment

1.2km²

Anchors

Double Bolted anchor stations.

Gear

Minimum 65m Rope.

Route Description

The canyon starts abruptly after the get in and the first pitch has been down climbed but it can be awkward especially in higher flows. There are a few features further upstream but they are not really worth the effort of additional approach time and stream walking. R2 & R3 descend back to back through several hanging pools. The top of R4 provides a pleasant vista across the Waikato countryside before dropping into the top of R5 which can be forceful in higher flows. The final pitches are easy going before a short walk along the stream and exiting on canyon right.

Time

Vehicle park to Top of Falls	1 hr
Canyon descent	5 hrs
Return to Vehicle	0.5 hr

Total

6.5 hrs

Flash flood danger

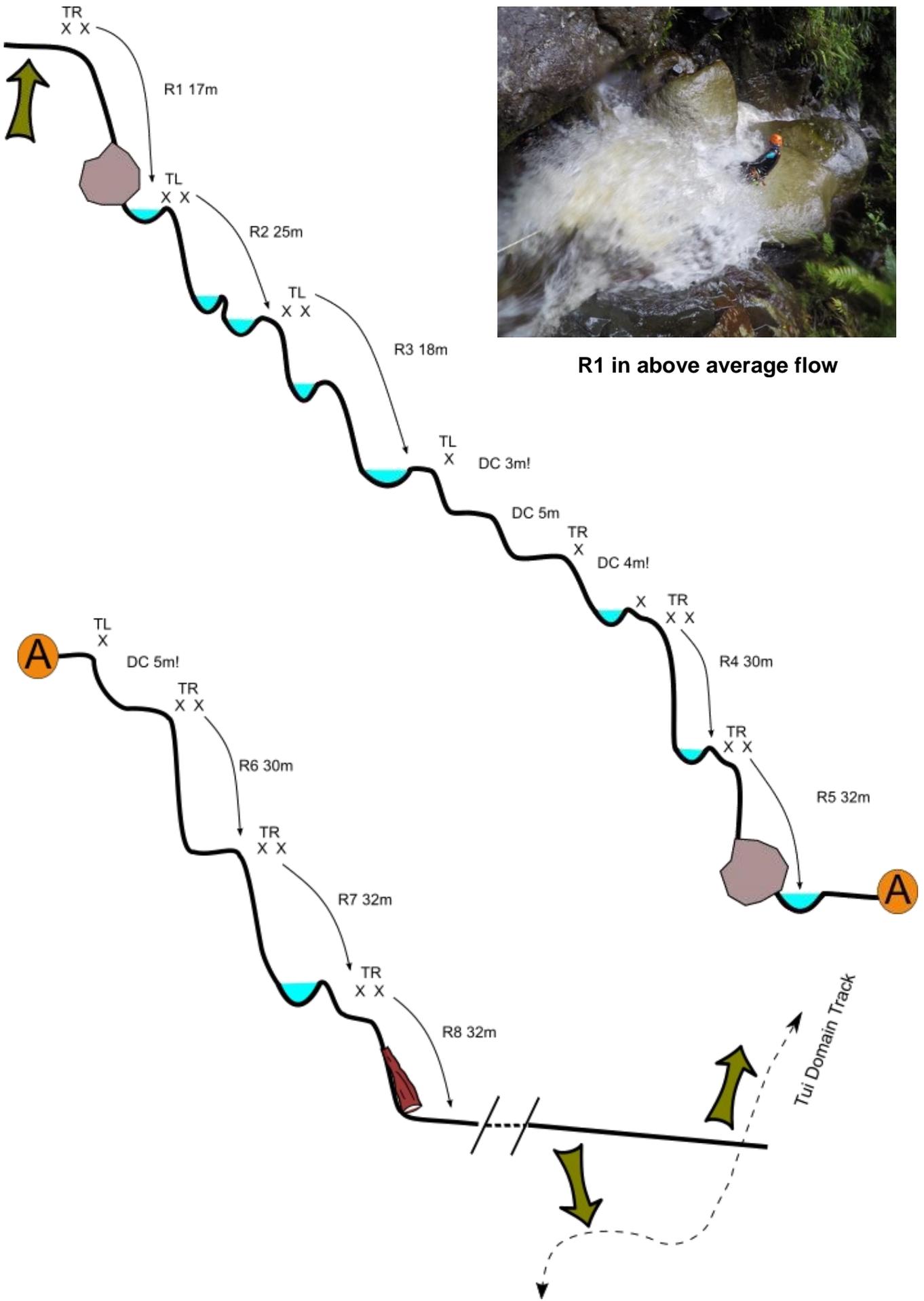
Moderate. This stream can flow at high volume

Escapes

The canyon is relatively open and escape seems to be possible from a number of locations.

Notes

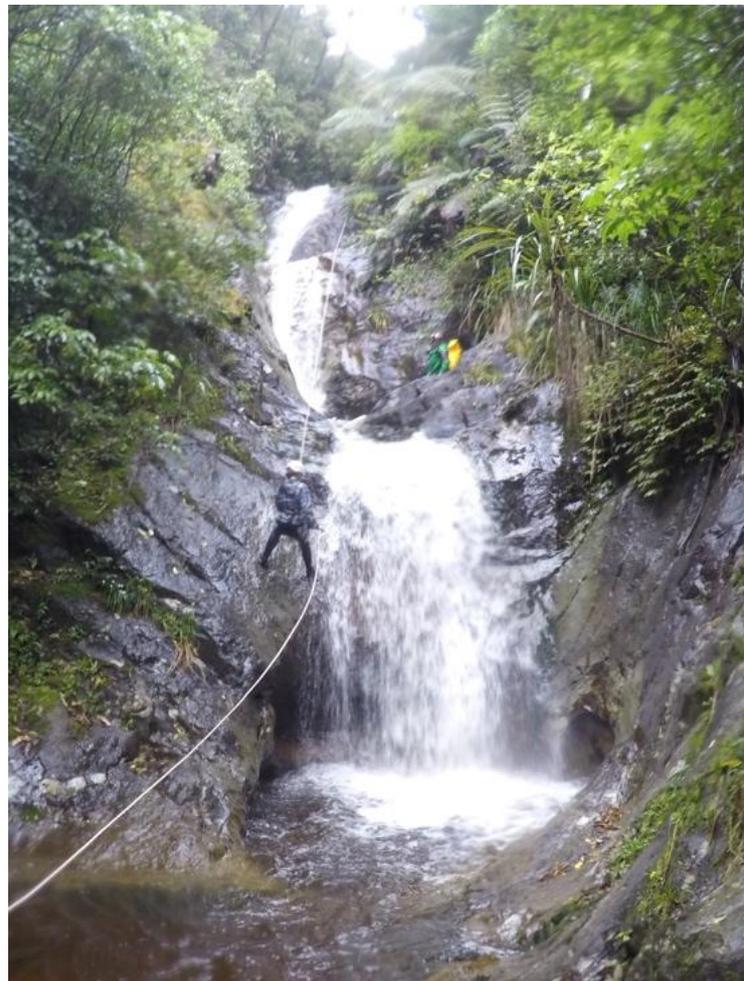
First descent unknown. Possibly Waitomo covers. Rebolting funded by NZ Canyoning Association and carried out by Karl Burt, Leesa Fraser, Shanan Fraser, Pete Smith & Brendan Wallace in 2018



R1 in above average flow



R5 in above average flow



R3 in above average flow