



# TAIPO

## canyon v3a111 ★

### Location

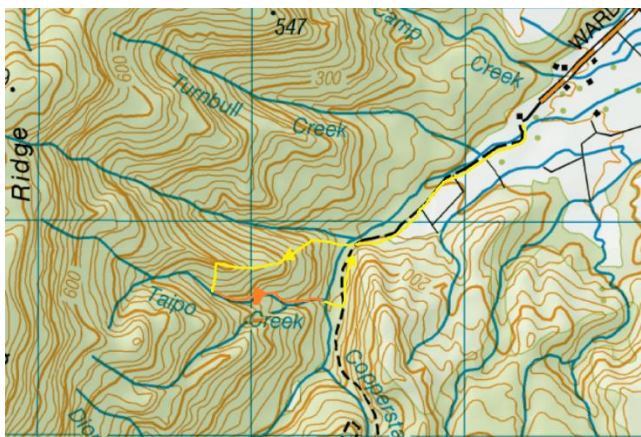
Taipō Creek, TL of Pariwhakaoho River, Parapara Peak track.

### Character

Steep waterfall stream with numerous small – medium abseils concentrated in 500m of streamway.

### Map

BN24 Collingwood.



### Approach by Car

Drive to the Parapara Peak track carpark at the end of Ward-Holmes Rd, Takaka-Collingwood highway.

### Approach on Foot

Follow the Parapara peak track to the bottom of the unnamed creek [referred to in Geological maps as Galena Creek] between Turnbull Creek and Taipō Creek. Cross the Pariwhakaoho river at this point, then climb the steep spur between the Taipō Creek and Galena Creek to a small saddle around the 420m contour line. From here descend via a steep dry waterway into Taipō Creek, aiming to arrive at about 320m.

### Rock

Schist, solid in places, fractured in places.

### Water

Shallow, measured 14.6 degrees mid-summer, low flow mid-summer.

### Catchment

~0.4 km<sup>2</sup>

### Anchors

Fixed pull-through anchors are in place. These are bolts in rock or slings on trees with rings.

### Gear

1x40, 1x20

### Route Description

Walk up DOC track for 20 mins; up steep spur on rough track 40 mins, descend into canyon from spur 10 mins, in canyon 3mWF, 4mWF, 5mWF, 11mWF, 3mWF, 10mAbslide, 24mWF, 4mWF, 15mWF, 35mWF, 5mWF, 5mWF, 5mWF, return via DOC track.

### Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon	1h10mins
Canyon descent	1h30min
Return to vehicle	20min
<b>Total</b>	<b>3h10mins</b>

### Flash Flood Danger

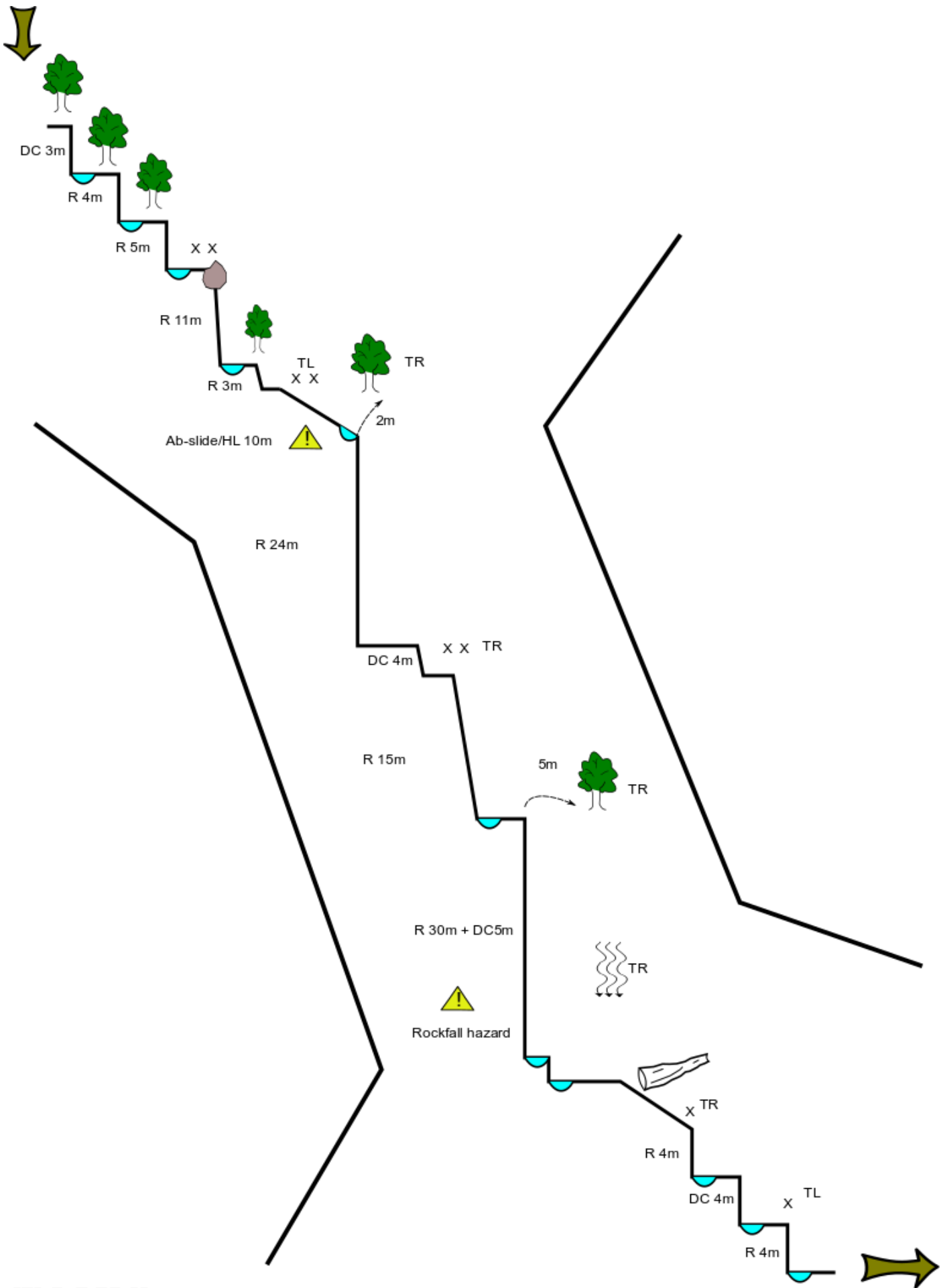
Log dams upstream could cause flash floods during thundershowers, otherwise ok.

### Escapes

Mostly it is possible to climb out of the canyon on the TL. Avoid the TR which will result in being bluffed by a large waterfall. Difficult to escape in middle section – see topo.

### Notes

First descent: Dan Padial, Chris Stephenson 18/1/19  
Fun to effort ratio: Good.  
Access issues: None  
Commercial Canyon: No.  
Remarks: A concentrated set of abseils into shallow pools.



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