



CALIFORNIA DREAMING

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Location	Inchbonnie (near Lake Brunner & Jacksons)
Character	A very pretty, low flow granite canyon with some stunning big rappels. A great beginners/intermediate half day out. Can be combined with neighbouring Fred's canyon.
Time	Vehicle park to start of canyon: 45min Canyon descent: 2hrs Return to vehicle: 15min Total: 3hrs
Map & Coordinates	Topo map: BU20 Moana Car park: -42.694044, 171.46255 Start of canyon: -42.684644, 171.473408
Highest Waterfall	40m
Suggested Gear	2 x 40m ropes
Canyon Distance	400m horizontal, 160m vertical
Rock	Granite, awesome quality
Flow	Low volume, reasonably warm. 2.4 km ² catchment
Anchors	Slung trees and boulders
Flood Danger & Escapes	Moderate. Small catchment so will rise fast, but lots of escapes throughout.
Fun2Effort Ratio	$(2\text{hr canyon time} + 2\text{ standout features}) / (1\text{hr access time}) = 4$
Approach by Car	If coming from Arthurs Pass direction, turn right at Jacksons towards Moana. But at Inchbonnie (5km later) continue straight onto Kumara-Inchbonnie Road. After 2.4 km, turn right down the private drive marked Shaffrey Road on the topo 50 map. This is a private farm and you should phone ahead to arrange access.
Approach on Foot	Rosalie and Des will advise on the appropriate route across their farmland to the base of the canyon. From the bottom of the canyon, it is an easy bush bash on the true left up to 260m elevation where the creek flattens off.
Canyon Route Description	The upper part of the canyon has 5 short rappels (<10m), a few downclimbs, and a neat 6m slide. The final two features are a 25m rappel (accessed by setting up a retrievable safety line) and a 40m rappel. The line is through the flow in both cases.
Notes	Access is via private land. Call Rosalie & Des Shaffrey on 03 7380154 to arrange access.
First Descent	Benoit Gourgues, Anne Karschunke, Richard Bramley. 22 July 2017
Topo Author	Richard Bramley and Benoit Gourgues, 25 March 2019



