



# GOLDBLOCKS

## Creek v3a2II ★

### Location

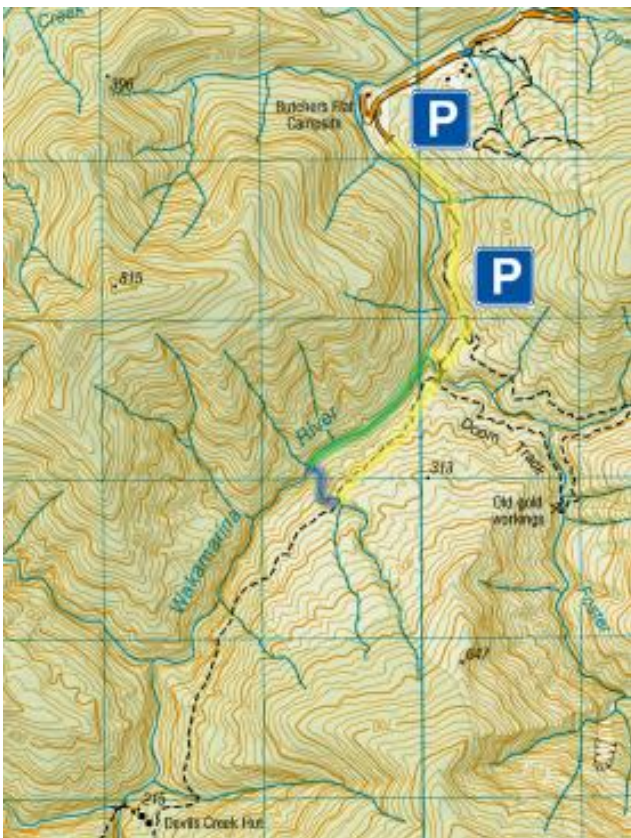
Tributary of Wakamarina River, Marlborough.

### Character

Great introduction to vertical canyoning – low water flow, user friendly features and anchors, and can exit almost anywhere. Best combined with the Wakamarina as your exit to get some jumps and swims in.

### Map

Topo50 BQ27 Rai Valley



### Approach by Car

From Canvastown follow the Wakamarina Road to its end at Butchers Flat. Park here, or if you have a high clearance 4WD continue along 4WD track to its end just before Doom Creek.

### Approach on Foot

From Butchers Flat (or 4WD parking spot) follow signs to Devils Creek Hut. After crossing the Doom Ck bridge walk approx. 15mins to the obvious creek (ignore the numerous small streams cutting across the track). Continue approx. 30metres to the next creek which joins the first not far downstream. Put in here.

### Rock

Greywacke

### Water

Mild temperature due to very low normal flows. Only one pool over waist deep. Not recommended during drought. If exiting via the Wakamarina River (recommended) the water is cold.

### Catchment

1.2km<sup>2</sup>

### Anchors

Rigged as a low-stress sport canyon. Mixture of bolts and natural anchors.

### Gear

60m rope.

### Route Description

VERY fast (and fun) 7m slide! Lift legs on impact as pool is normally only 2m deep. Set rope for length of slide wanted. The 'chunk' missing out of the slide doesn't seem to come in to play. Repeatable via TR.

R4 has great atmosphere. Beware of some loose rocks on ledge 2/3rds of the way down – have any people below well out of the way.

R5 is in the flow. Place rope carefully on edge while descending to enable smooth retrieval.

R6 anchor is currently a jammed log – be prepared to build a replacement/downclimb/escape canyon.

At some stage there may be another anchor put in to split up R6.

Trip can be combined with Devil's Creek for a full day.

### Time

Butchers/Doom park to start of canyon	45min/25min
Canyon descent	1h30min
Wakamarina descent (v1a4I)	30min+
Return to Butchers/Doom	30min/10min
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.5hr</b>

## Flash Flood Danger

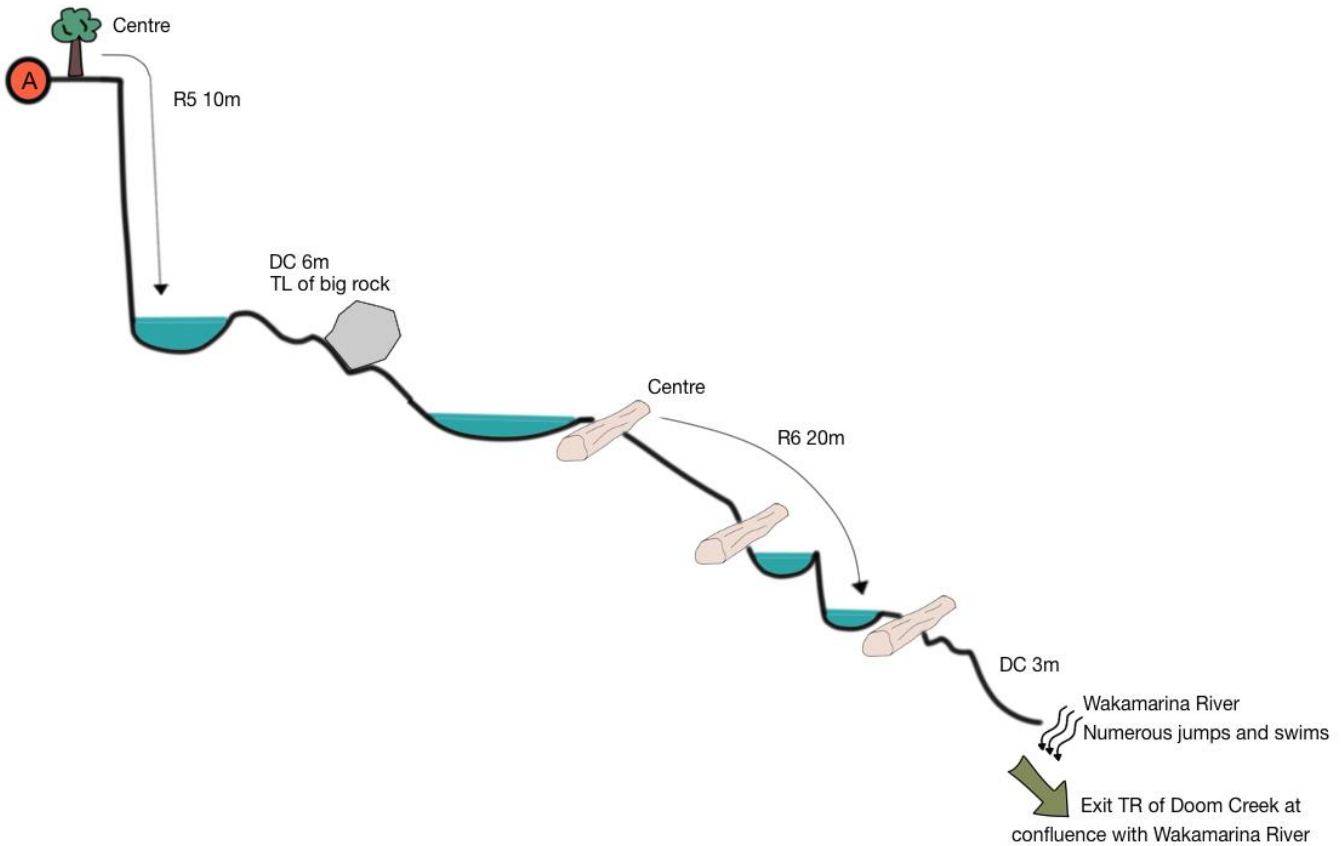
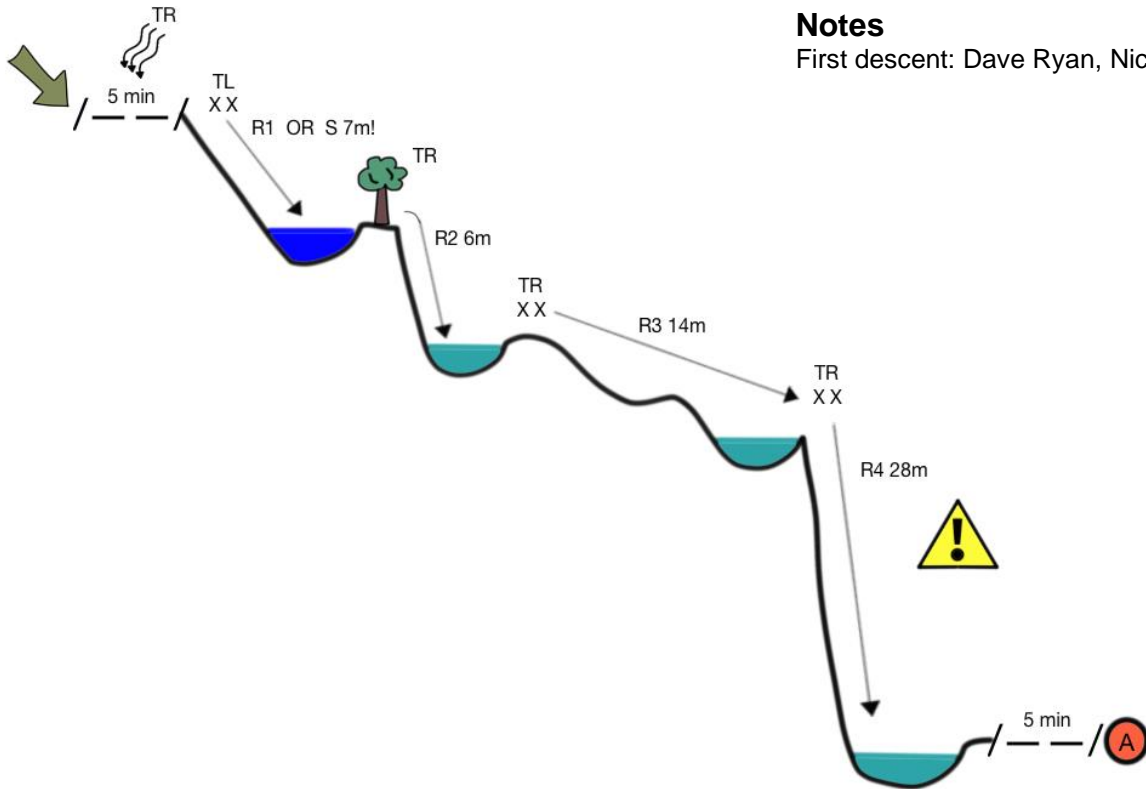
Reasonably low due to very small catchment area, relatively open nature of the creek, and easy exits.

## Escapes

Can escape from basically anywhere.

## Notes

First descent: Dave Ryan, Nick Williamson, Jan 2018.

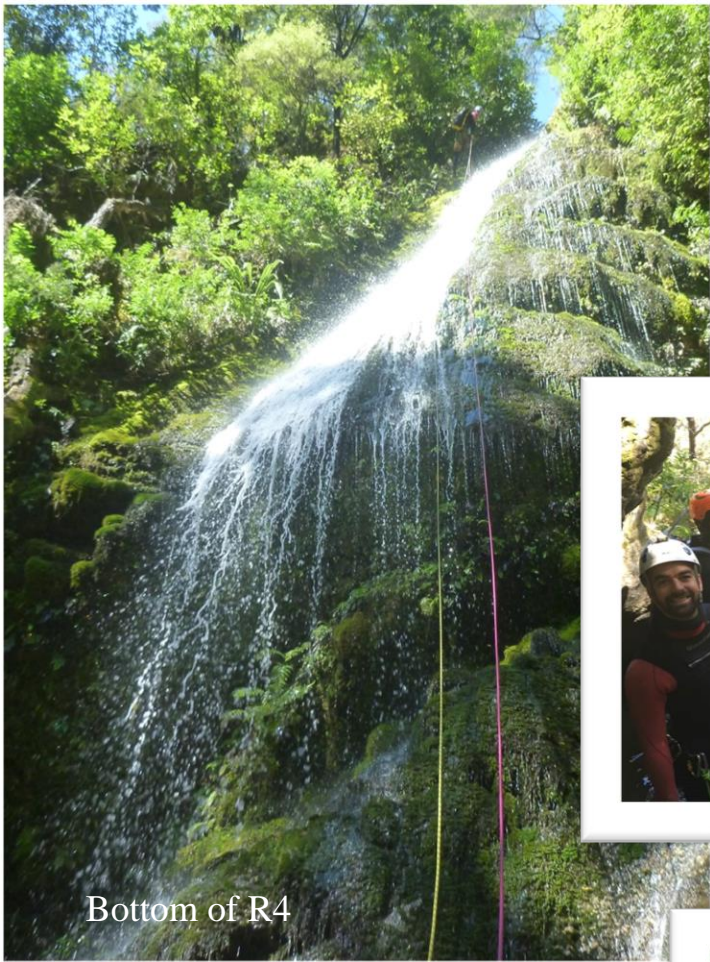


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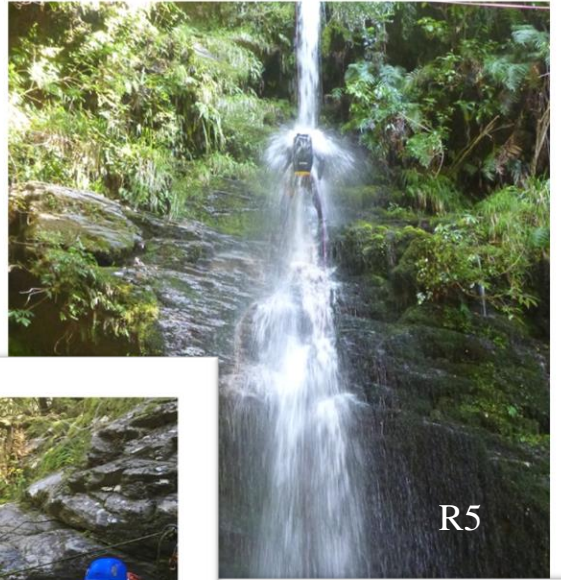
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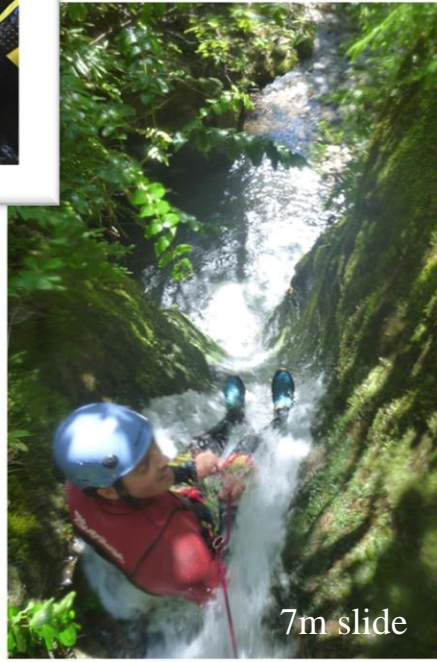
Bottom of R4



R5



Top of R4



7m slide



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