



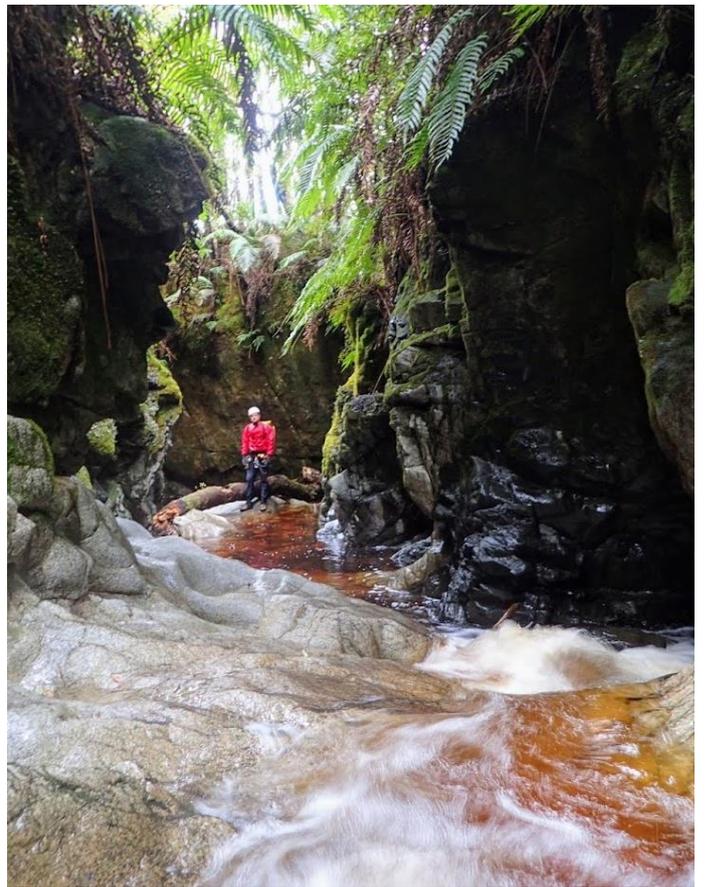
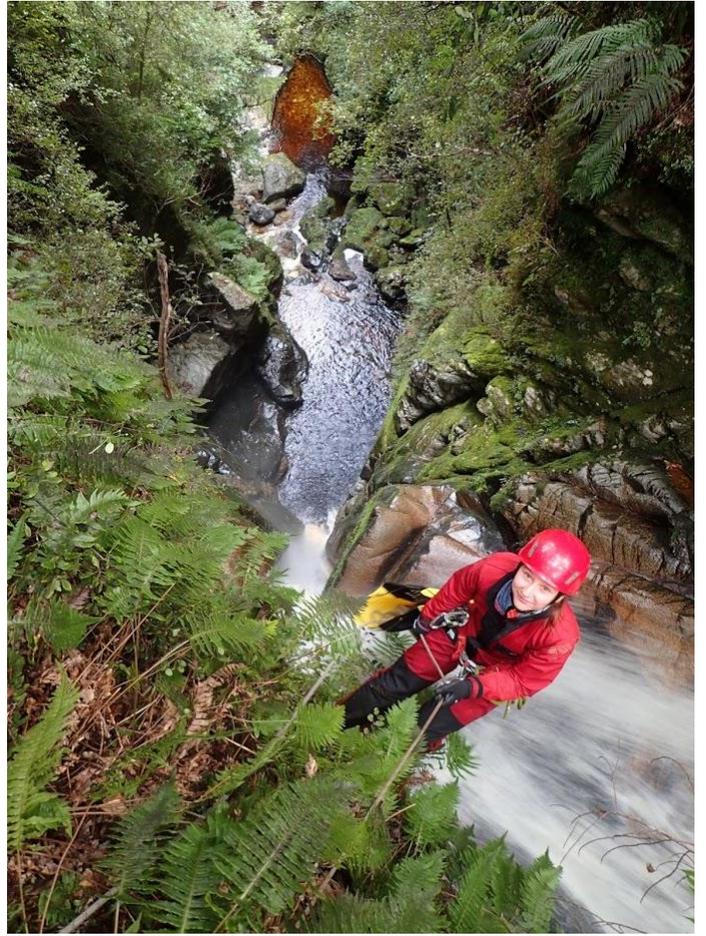
FREDS CREEK

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Location	Inchbonnie (near Lake Brunner & Jacksons)
Character	A short, pretty, low flow granite canyon with one big rappel. A great beginners/intermediate half day out. Can be combined with neighbouring California Dreaming canyon.
Time	Vehicle park to start of canyon: 45min Canyon descent: 1.5hrs Return to vehicle: 15min Total: 2.5hrs
Map & Coordinates	Topo map: BU20 Moana Car park: -42.694044, 171.46255 Start of canyon: -42.692025, 171.476026
Highest Waterfall	30m
Suggested Gear	2 x 30m ropes
Canyon Distance	300m horizontal, 100m vertical
Rock	Granite, awesome quality
Flow	Low volume, reasonably warm. 2.6 km ² catchment
Anchors	Slung trees and boulders
Flood Danger & Escapes	Low. Small catchment so will rise fast, but lots of escapes throughout.
Fun2Effort Ratio	$(1.5\text{hr canyon time} + 1 \text{ standout features}) / (1\text{hr access time}) = 2.5$
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 to around 200m elevation where the creek flattens off.
Canyon Route Description	The upper part of the canyon has a series of short downclimbs and slides. There are also a couple of rappels, that can be bypassed if preferred. The main rappel is stunning and all the water falls into quite an intimidating crack. It is mostly flat where the water lands, so it manageable to follow the flow (although care should be taken). Less experienced canyoneers may prefer a guided rappel to be setup for them.
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, 5 March 2021





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