



TROVATORE

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Location

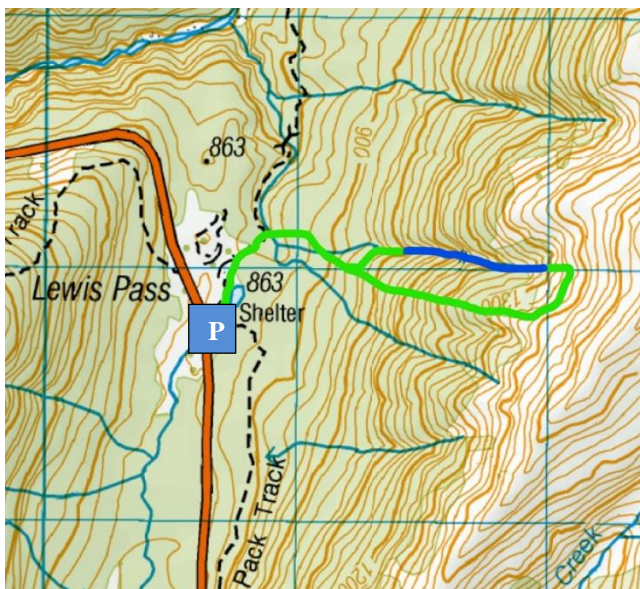
Overlooking Lewis Pass carpark.

Character

A short approach to a West facing (sunny) steep and generally open stream with several waterfalls overlooking Lewis pass.

Map

BT23 Lewis Pass.



Approach by Car

Park at the SH7 Lewis Pass; St James Walkway car park.

Approach on Foot

Head North on the St James walkway track for a couple of minutes until it parallels a stream (the stream you will be coming down). Cross the stream once heading up hill and once again striking steeply up a spur which is surprisingly open under canopy.

On leaving the tree line continue up the spur to about the 1380m contour before sidling in above the first waterfall.

Rock

Greywacke

Water

Low flow in normal conditions.

Catchment

1 km²

Anchors

Double Bolt Anchors (DBA) & Sling around tree.

Gear

Longest drop 50m

Route Description

The first two waterfalls come in quick succession, both anchors in boulders well back from the lip on the TR.

A 10 minute walk downstream with a couple of small down climbs gets you to the main falls, accessed by a short rappel (R3, TL, 8m) from a tree with a sling to an exposed anchor on the lip of the falls (R4, TR, 50m). While the main drop itself is only slightly over 30m – a pair of 50m ropes gets you down a down climb and allows for a safe and easy pull angle.

Almost immediately you come to R5 which uniquely is as much fun as you can have losing 3m of height (really).

The stream continues downhill steeply, however never really with any further waterfalls. Almost everything can be downclimbed in the water with R6 being reserved for the trickiest section.

Shortly after R6 the stream begins to level out and you're best to head back into the bush and retrace your steps back to the car.

Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon	1hour 30min
Canyon descent	2hour
Return to vehicle	30min
Total	4hours

Flash Flood Danger

Low

Escapes

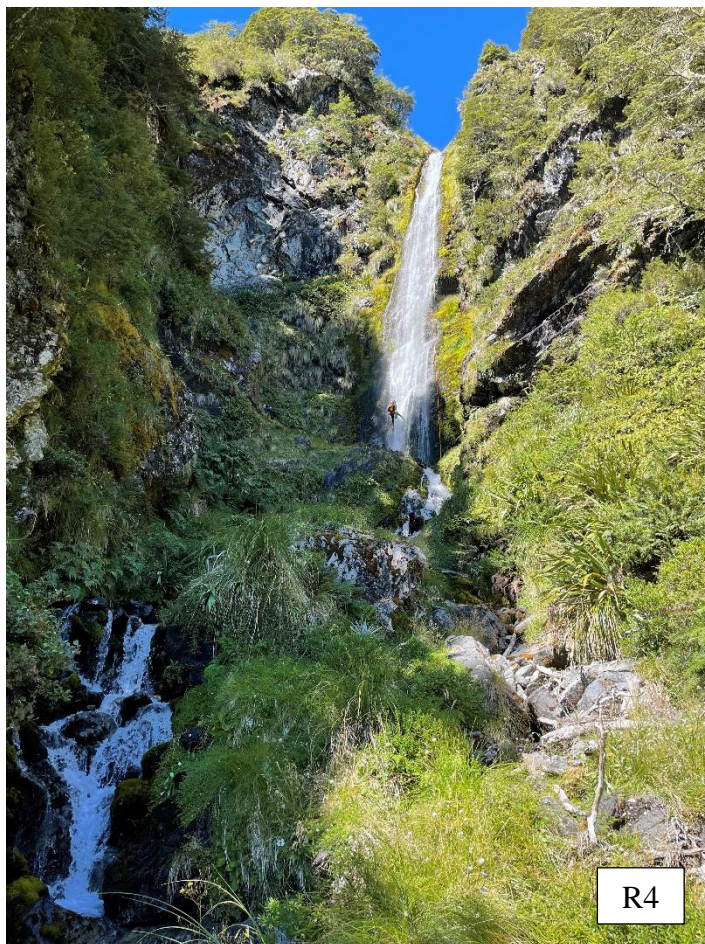
Almost any location on the TL back to the spur.

Notes

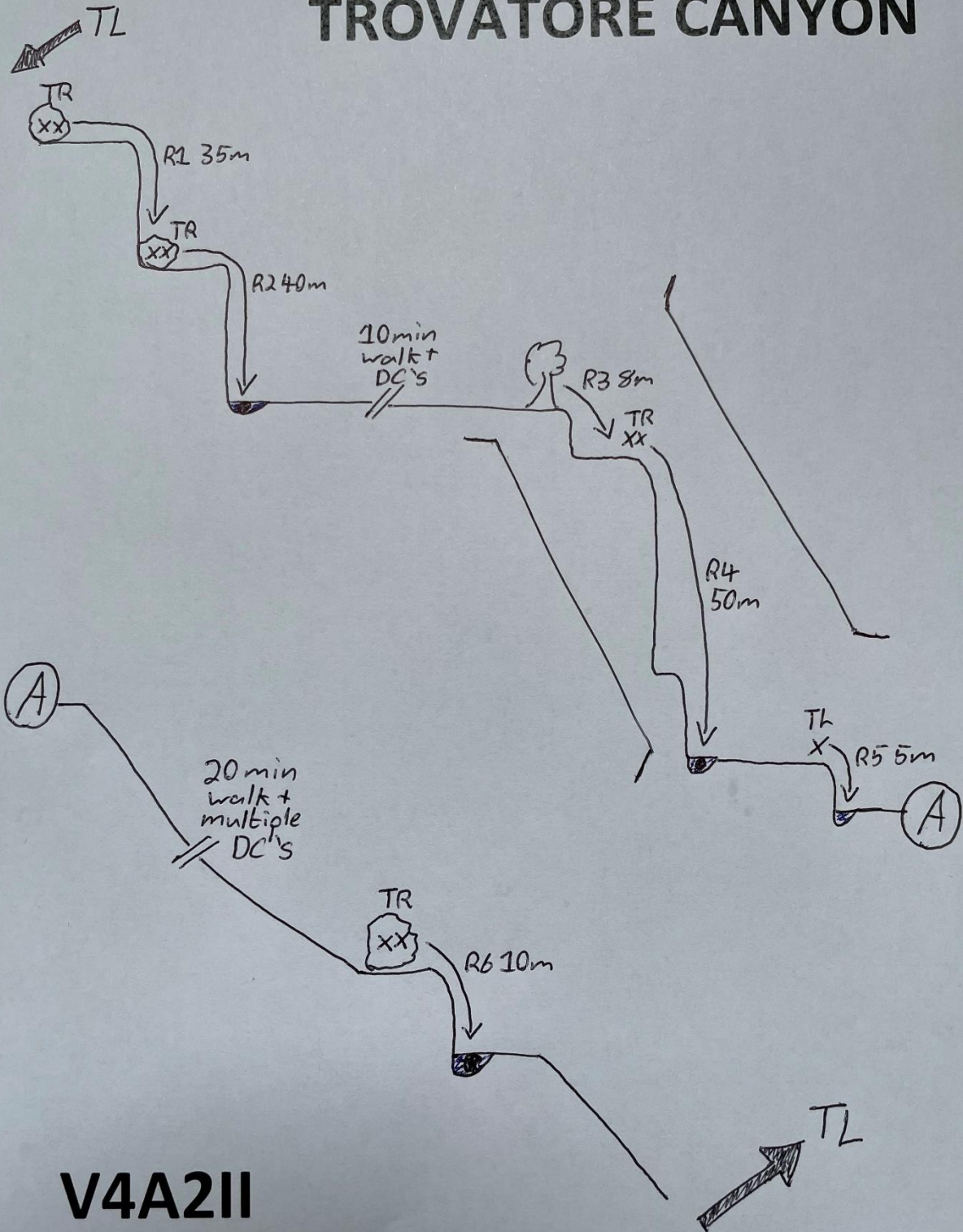
First descent: 20 February 2021 (Jonathan Carr, Hamish Castle, Justin Hall)

Fun to effort ratio: Medium

Access issues: None.



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