



PAGET RIDGE

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Location

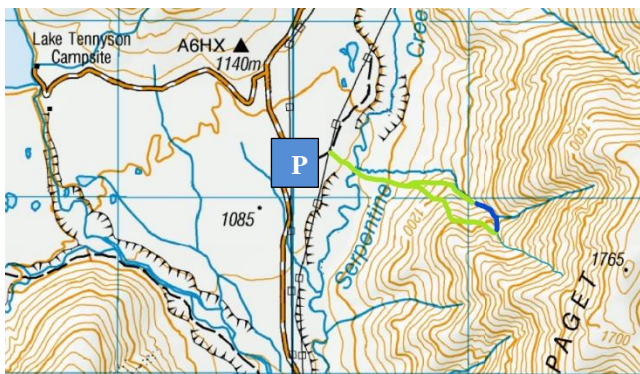
Overlooking Lake Tennyson.

Character

The canyon is a short fun canyoning trip which is not difficult in normal flows & so is an excellent trip for experienced canyoneers to introduce beginners to the sport. It is ideally located a short walk from the campsite, catches the afternoon sun and getting wet above one's knees is optional.

Map

BT24 Ada Flat.



Approach by Car

40km North of Hanmer Springs on the route between Hanmer Springs and Saint Arnaud is the Lake Tennyson campsite carpark (DOC).

Approach on Foot

From the turnoff to the Lake Tennyson campsite car park, looking East towards point 1765 on Paget Ridge, a waterfall can be seen in the creek. Head towards this using the overhead power line track before striking cross country and crossing the Serpentine Creek.

From here head up the NW facing ridge traversing into the true left branch stream draining the face at about the 1320m contour just above a waterfall.

Rock

Greywacke

Water

Low flow in normal conditions, suitable for beginners led by the experienced. Getting wet above one's knees is optional.

Catchment

0.75 km²

Anchors

Double Bolt Anchors (DBA)

Gear

Longest drop 25m

Route Description

The first waterfalls start immediately on entry to the streamway, 3 small drops are navigated as one 25m pitch (DBA TR).

Below this the two streams which drain the face converge and shortly thereafter the next waterfall is reached, 20m (DBA TL). This is the waterfall which can be seen from the road.

The final and third drop is reached after a couple of down climbs in the streamway, 15m (DBA TR)

Walk downstream and back to the car.

Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon	45min
Canyon descent	1hour
Return to vehicle	15min
Total	2hrs

Flash Flood Danger

Low

Escapes

The canyon can be escaped at almost any location on the TL.

Notes

First descent: 9 February 2021 (Ant Alford, Hamish Castle, Justin Hall)

Fun to effort ratio: Medium (short canyon – easy access)

Access issues: The land is part of DOC's Molesworth Station and is actively grazed. The Serpentine Creek needs to be crossed and good practice should prevail in ensuring there is not contamination of the canyon bed from material taken from the Serpentine Creek.



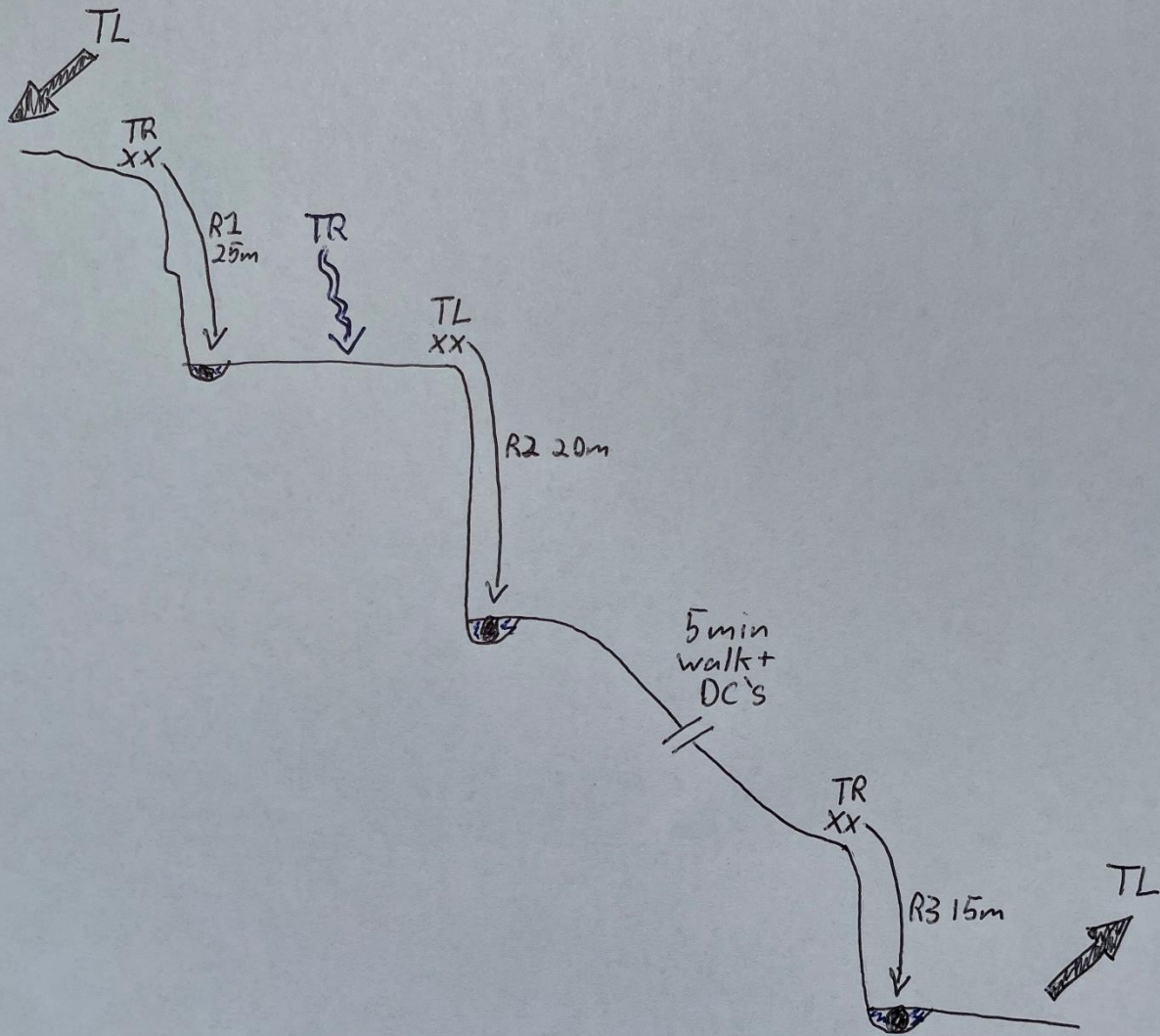
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