



# THE SLIDE HUSTLE

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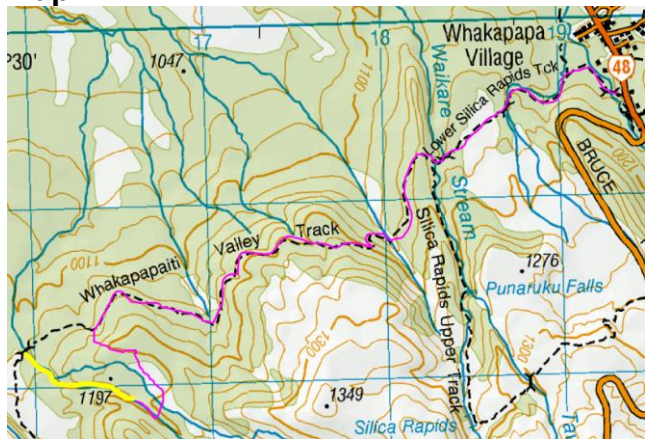
## Location

Whakapapa

## Character

Get your bum flaps ready and prepare for a day of pure bliss! This canyon is all slides with a jump or downclimb and the opportunity to keep going back up for more.

## Map



Pink is the walk in

Yellow is the canyon

Start of canyon: -39.218955, 175.508051

## Approach by Car

Drive to Whakapapa and park in the lower Silica Rapids carpark.

## Approach on Foot

Follow the Silica Rapids track, then turn off along the Whakapapaiti track. Eventually, go off track and up to a ridge, follow along the ridge, then go down to the clearing. Walk up the clearing and cut through the last section of bush to the river.

## Rock

Rhyolite

## Water

The water is cold, even in the middle of summer!

You can escape at any time, but be wary in high flows as some of the slides could turn into nasty hydraulics.

There is a gauge for the Makotuku river on the other side of the mountain. The canyon has been reported to be a medium flow when this gauge was at 0.5m, or 0.86m<sup>3</sup>/s.

[Data - NIWA Hydro Web Portal](#)

## Catchment

3km<sup>2</sup>

## Anchors

No anchors

## Gear

No ropes required unless high flow or wanting meat anchoring to test slides/using throw bags.

## Route Description

You start the canyon as soon as the wall on TR closes in and it's straight into things the whole way down.

The bum flaps section can be done as a continuous series of slides, it ends in a slide that goes around a corner. From there you can walk back up to the top of the corner slide on TL, jump into the bush and follow a track back to the top!

At the water park, have a depth check of the TR slide (S13, Unlucky for some) because it has a small landing zone off a drop and there's a rock behind the curtain.

On the final slide, be wary that the bottom has some rocks. Would recommend going down slowly and checking before sliding.

## Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon	2hrs
Canyon descent	2.5hrs
Return to Vehicle	1.5hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>6hrs</b>

## Hazards

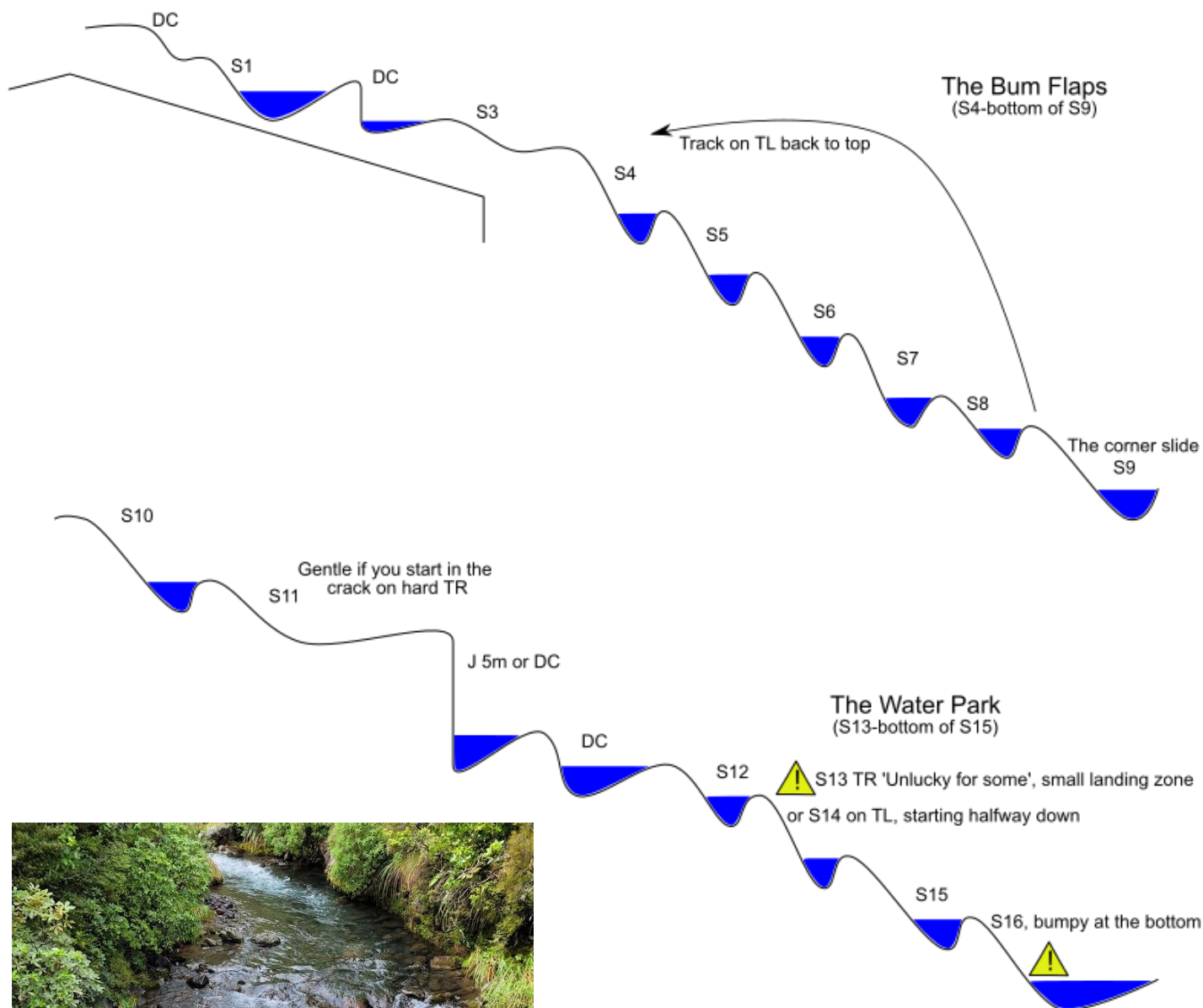
Hydraulics in high flow

## Escapes

You can easily get out at any point. There is a track on TL along the bum flaps section that can be used to have a quick scout.

## Notes

First descent: James Judd, Sacha Knight and Luke Carpenter 21 Jan 2023



Medium flow at the Whakapapanui Stream bridge (when the Makotuku is at 0.5m, or a flow of  $0.86\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )

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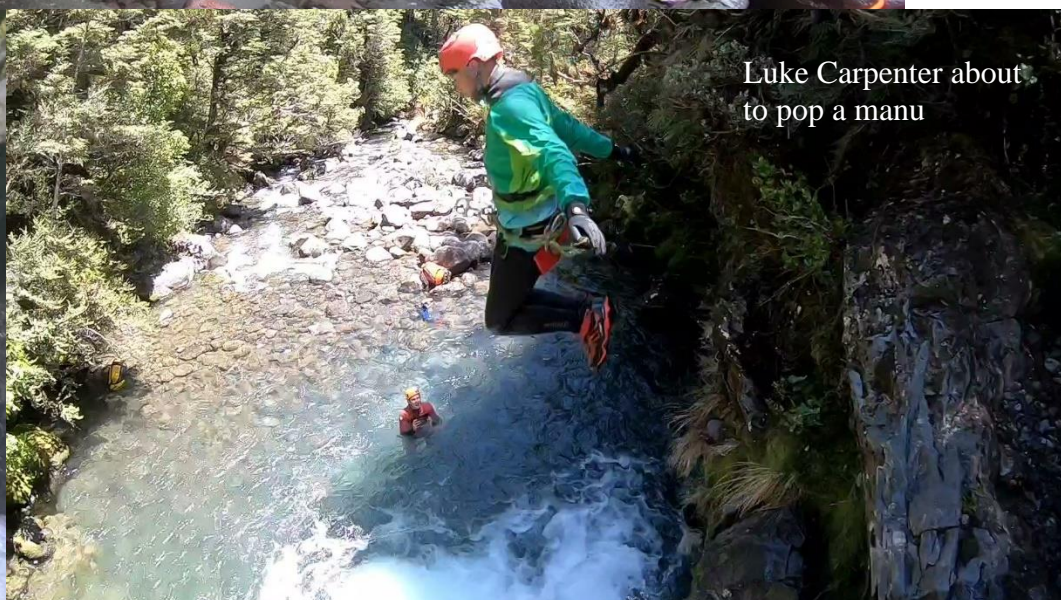
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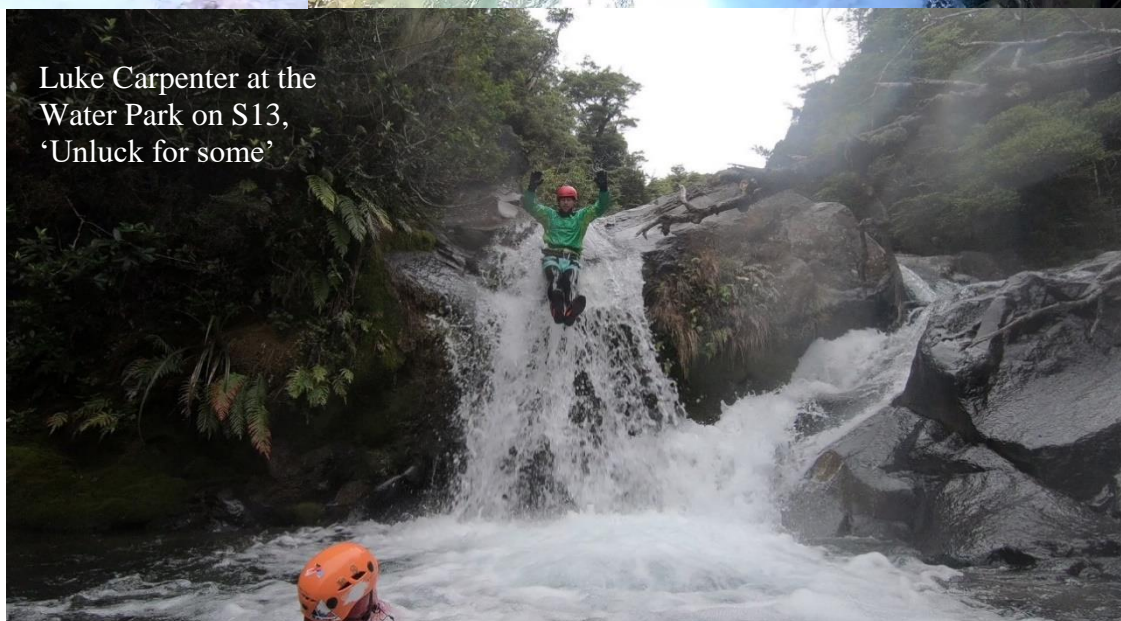
Everyone linking up down the corner slide at the end of the Bum Flaps



James Judd on S1



Luke Carpenter about to pop a manu



Luke Carpenter at the Water Park on S13, 'Unluck for some'

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