



# THE CONTRIBUTORY

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## Location

Murupara

## Character

Low flow canyon with a spectacular waterfall in the middle.

To add extra adventure, you can also go higher and do the "Northern Contributory".

## Map



Green is the walk in/out

Blue is the northern contributory

Pink is the main section

Red is the lower section (V2a1I)

Carpark: -38.459033, 176.78916

Turn off to the main section: -38.459604, 176.789374

Start of main section: -38.459268, 176.789932

Start of northern contributory: -38.457722, 176.794224

## Approach by Car

On Troutbeck Rd, there's a gravel road that starts by the bridge. Drive to the end of the gravel road. If you are driving from Murupara, you can just see the waterfall as you come along Troutbeck Rd.

## Approach on Foot

Follow the track across the river and then straight up the ridge to Tawhiuau. It's steep!

You'll be able to see the large waterfall whilst walking up, and if you keep walking up the track you can also see the waterfalls in the northern tributary.

Turn off at the least steep section to walk to the river. If you go up to the northern tributary, some improvised ropework could be needed to get down the steep terrain.

## Water

Low flow

300m<sup>2</sup> catchment

## Anchors

All natural anchors and a couple of rock cairns, except for a few bolts marked on the topo. The double bolts are independent, i.e. not linked by chain, so be aware of how to rig those.

The lower section is fully bolted.

## Gear

2 x 50m ropes minimum. Be aware of how to extend a rope in case someone gets stuck and needs lowering.

The lower section just requires a 20m rope.

## Route Description

The river is a little trickle with some easy, warm-up drops at the start of the main section.

At the big waterfall, there's an anchor to do a handline to the lip. You can either abseil all the way to the bolts from there, or re-belay about 10m down to a tree to get a better view of what's happening.

On the second section of the large waterfall, be careful of rope placement and bleed the rope due to sharp edges.

## Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon	1.5hrs
Canyon descent	3hrs
Return to Vehicle	0.5mins
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 hrs</b>

## Hazards/Escapes

On the large waterfall, there are lots of loose rocks and no escape, so be sure you can either keep descending or ascend back out.

There is lots of ongaonga (stinging nettle).

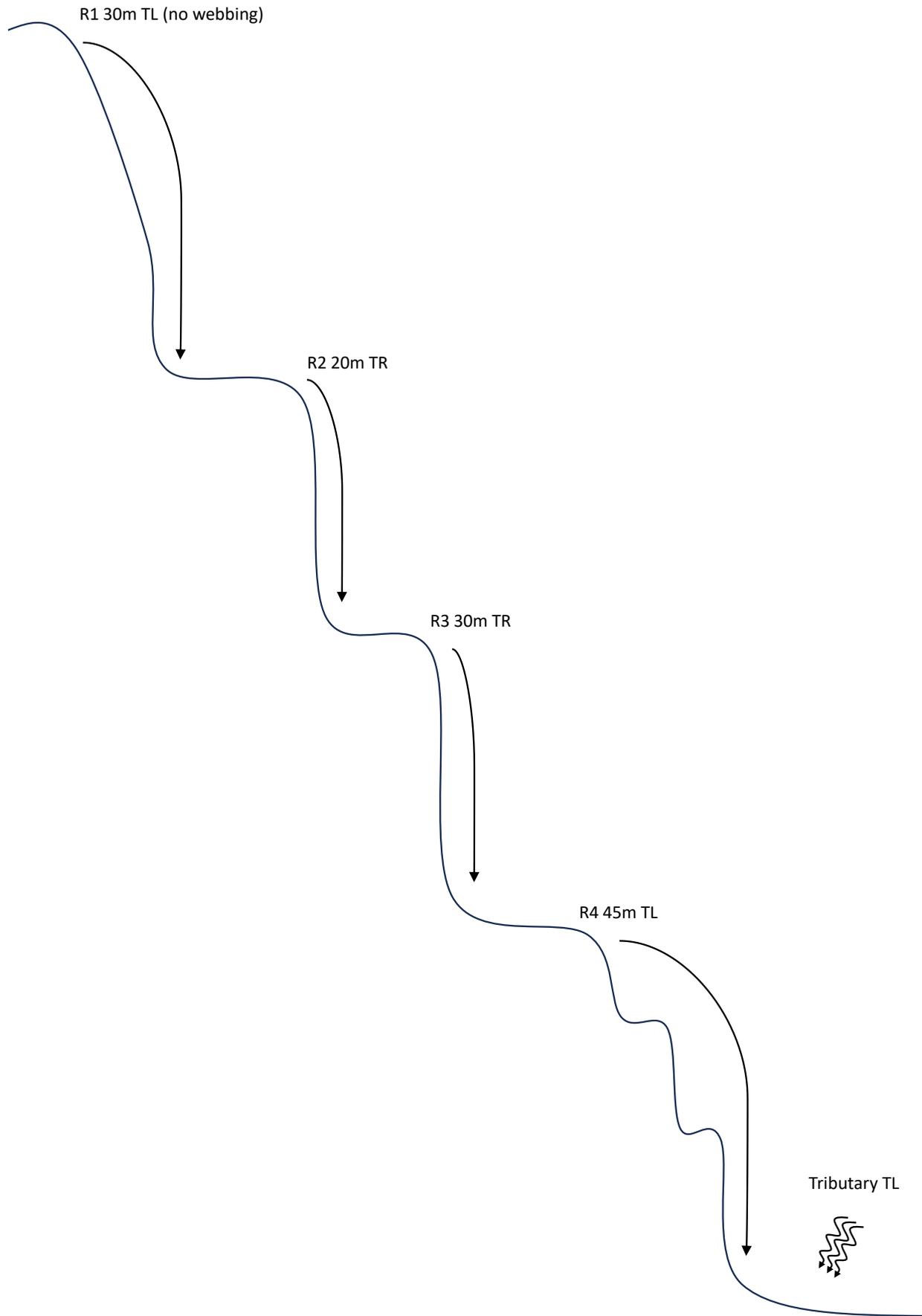
## Notes

First explored by Kieran Chandler and Ryan Malcolm.

First descent of the Northern Contributory and main section by Luke Carpenter, James Judd and Ella Yeoman in 2023.

First descent of the lower section by Brooke Carpenter and James Judd.

# Northern Contributor



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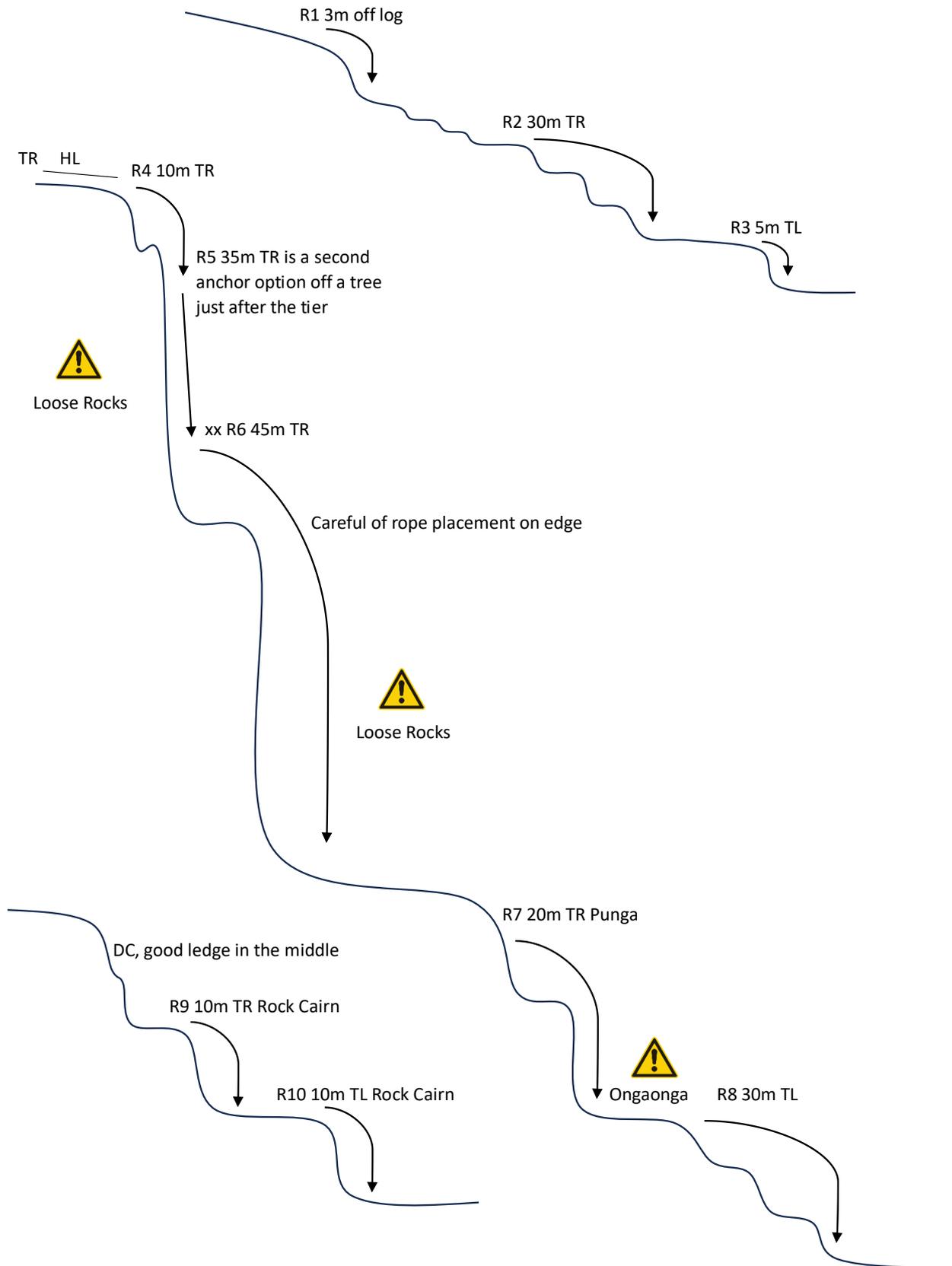
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# Main Canyon



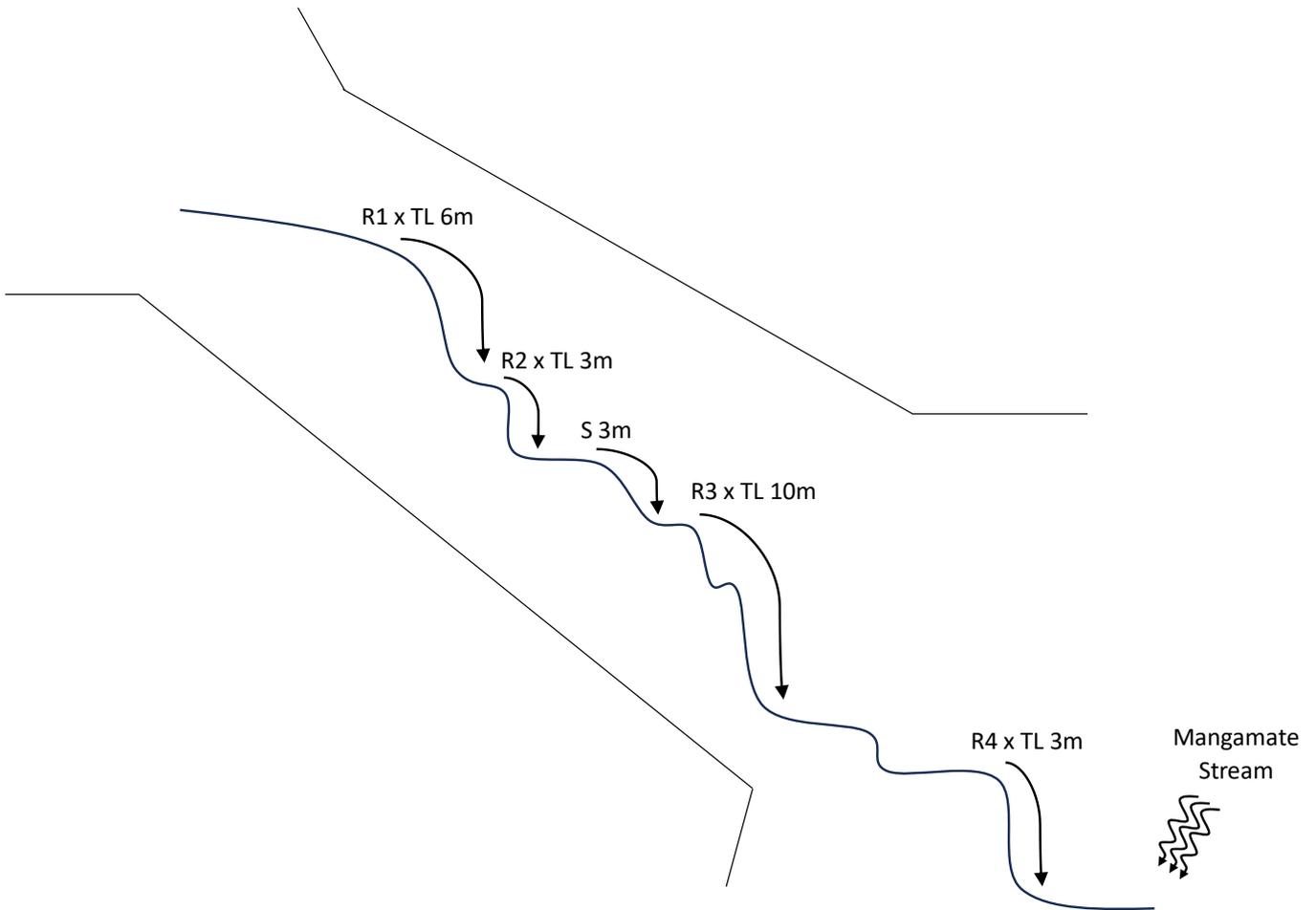
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# Lower Section



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