

Location

SH 6, north of Haast Pass, Aspiring National Park.

Character

A short canyon with a more open upper section. The lower section plunges deep into an impressive cavern.

Map

BZ13 Haast Pass



Approach by Car

Drive approx 3.1km north from the summit of Haast Pass on SH 6. Park on the gravel area, just north of the signposted bridge over Robinson's Creek.

Approach by Foot

A reasonably well formed trail leaves from the TL river bank of the stream, just after it exits the canyon. The track climbs steeply, and occasionally gets close to the edge of the canyon rim (large drops!). The track arrives at the start after about 15 mins.

Rock

Solid Schist

Water

Low to medium flow canyon. Very cold pools to jump and swim.

Catchment

 3.5 km^2

Anchors

Double bolt anchor stations.

Gear

Minimum of 1x50m rope for the cavern pitch.

Route Description

From the entry, the stream descends through a series of drops with canyon walls alternating sides. Robinson often has some large log jams, which form potentially unstable natural dams. Approach these one at a time with extreme caution! The "roundyroundy pool" forms a moderately strong eddy when the water levels are average to high. Named by the guides who watched their clients go round and round in the pool until they rescued them..... After the true slot begins you remain committed till the road. Of note the pool after R5 flushes straight over the R6 waterfall. The climb up on the true right is a little exposed to the pour over. In higher flows, anticipate the need to belay people to the R6 anchor. The R6 pitch drops you into a very impressive cavern with an overhanging roof. Treat the logs downstream of the cavern with extreme caution: 1 person at a time!

Time

Road to start of canyon 15 mins
Canyon descent 1-2 hrs
Return to road 1 min
Total 2.5-3hrs

Flash Flood Danger

High. Short canyon, with inescapable narrows and a moderate drainage.

Escapes

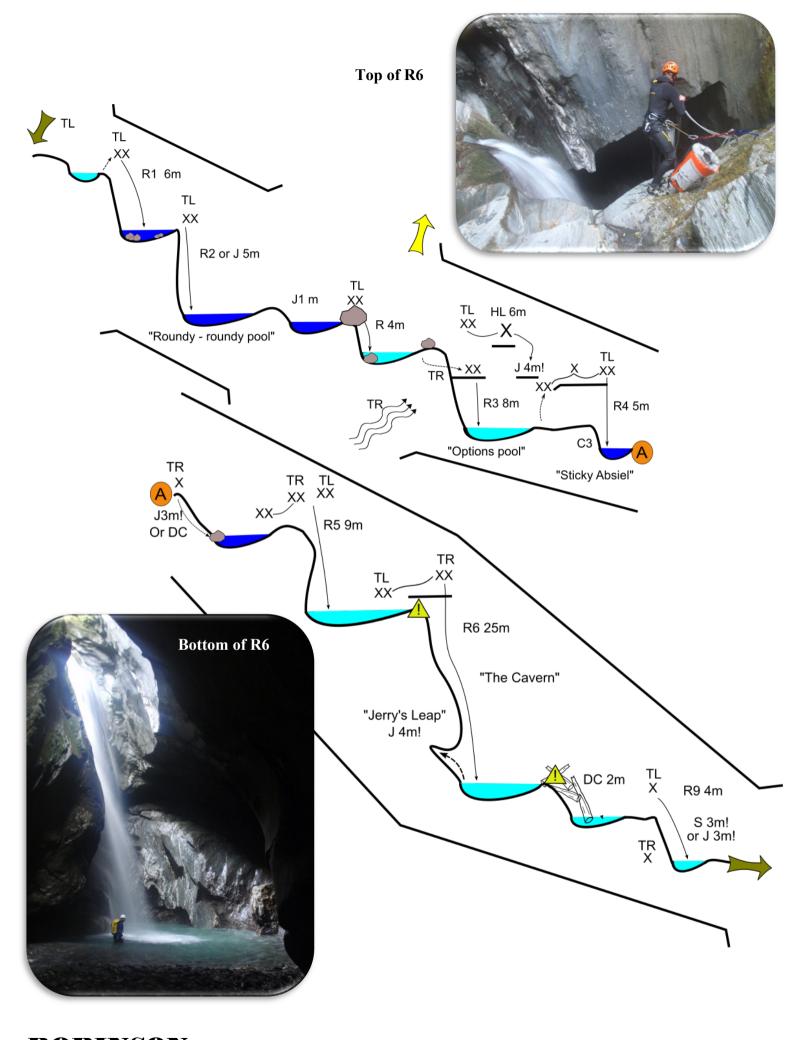
You could escape with some effort before R3. The rest of the canyon is inescapable.

Notes

First descent: Alain Rohr et al 2004. CanyonTopo updated Jan 2023.



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