

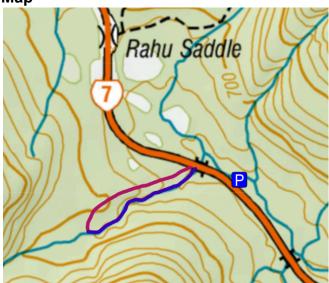
Location

Victoria Forest Park

Character

A relaxing trip with big green pools and some very good jumps. Easy access and fun, not very technical.

Map



Approach in purple, canyon in blue. Parking indicated.

Approach by Car

Park near the road bridge over Rahu River Left Branch. Roughly 150m to the East (towards Springs Junction) there is a good bay on the North of the road.

Approach on Foot

Cut into the forest immediately to the West of the bridge. There is a well cut track going up the spur next to the creek. Follow this for roughly 700m until reaching ~690m elevation, which is where the track starts to get muddy. Head to the left for 50m to reach the river.

Rock

Granite

Water

Low/medium flow. Some big pools but not much current at normal flows.

Catchment

7.5 km2

Anchors

Two double bolted anchors. Option of using a tree on R2.

Gear

At least one 30m rope.

Route Description

R1 is an excellent jump into a deep pool, and can also be abseiled. At the time of writing R2 has not been jumped, but the pool is deep and there is a suitable takeoff. Abseil from bolts on the TL, or there is a tree on the TR. On the TL the water pushes against the canyon wall, it doesn't look like a serious undercut but is maybe best avoided. It's easy to jump past the whitewater here. After the pitches there are some small jumps, including one that can be easily repeated. Although there are multiple short walking sections marked on the topo diagram, most are over granite slabs in the riverbed, which makes it very easy travel.

Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon 30min
Canyon descent 1h30min
Return to vehicle 5min
Total ~2hr

Flash Flood Danger

Low, mostly escapable.

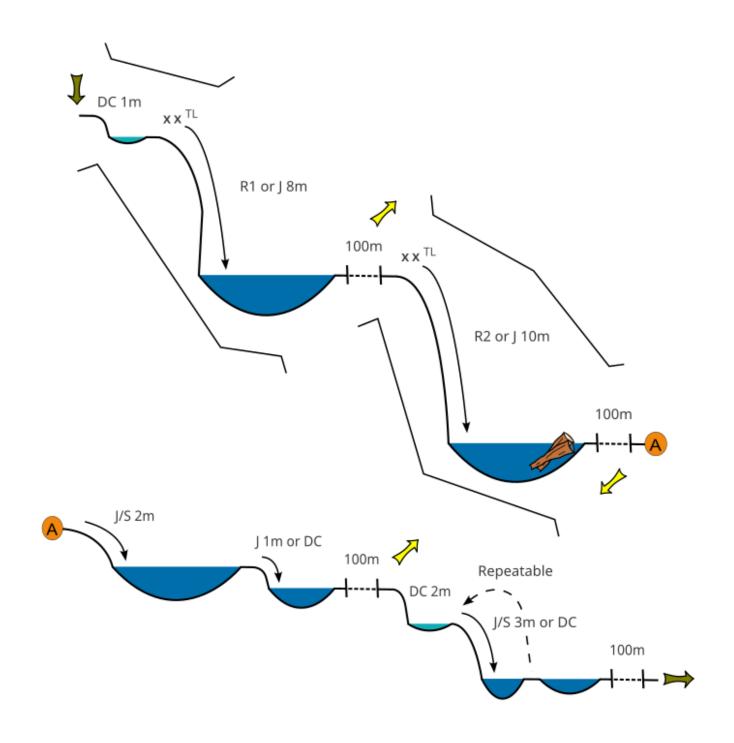
Escapes

Possible escapes marked on the topo diagram. It could be hard to get back to the track, but these will get you away from the water.

Notes

First descent: Amy Burney, Ben Fletcher, Christian Miller, Conor Handley. November 2025.

Fun to effort ratio: Easy approach and good jumps. If only it was longer!



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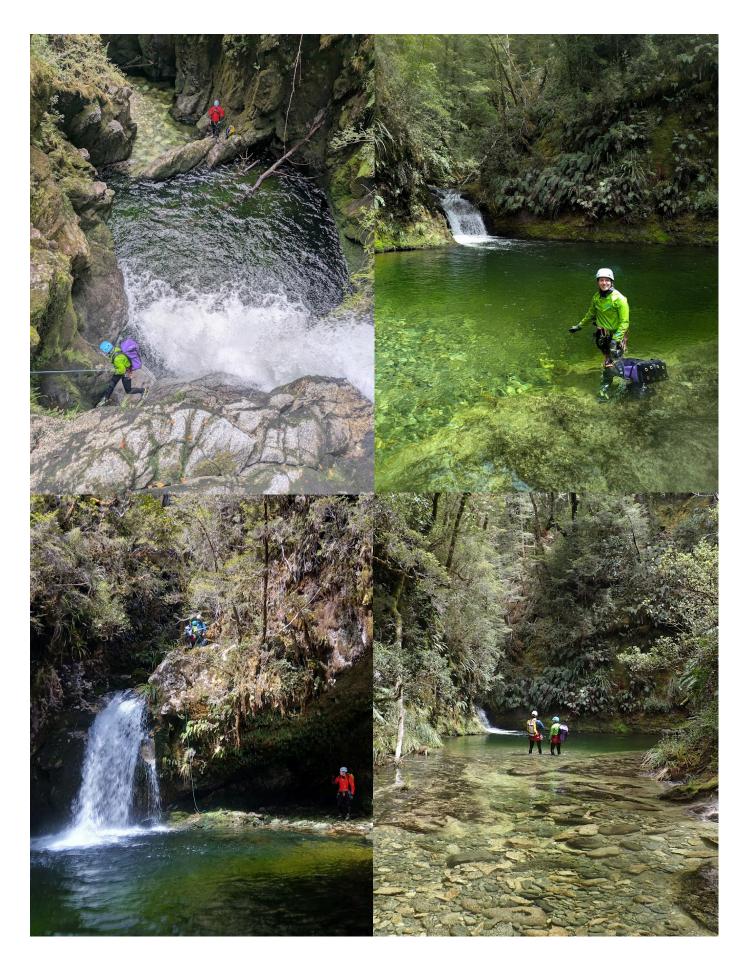
Rahu Valley, Springs Junction

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