# Noekie Creek

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| **Create:** 2026-01-19 10:28:17 | **Update:** 2026-01-19 11:14:42 | **Print:** 2026-10-30 02:10:28 |
| **Country:** New Zealand **Region:** Otago **Subregion:** Queenstown-Lakes District **Town:** Greenstone valley | | |
| **Difficulty:** not as difficult | **Grading:** v3 a1 II | **Total time:** 4h30 |
| **Approachtime:** 1h45 | **Tourtime:** 1h45 | **Returntime:** 1h |
| **Altitude entry:** 650m | **Altitude exit:** 410m | **Delta Altitude:** 240m |
| **Canyon length:** m | **Highest rapell:** 60m | **Amount rapells:** 6 |
| **Transport:** Car required | **Rock type:** | **Drainage area:** 0.60km² |
| **Season:** October - March | **Orientation:** | **Best Time:** |
| **Rating:** ☆ 1.5 (1) | **Info:** ★ 3 (1) | **Belay:** ★ 1 (1) |

**Specialities:**

**Gear:**
Ropes: 2x60

**Summary:**
Sunny canyon with 6 easy abseils up to 60m.

**Hydrology:**
Canyon with a small catchment area. Low flow, good after rain and in the start of the season.

**Access:**
Drive from Queenstown to Glenorchy, go to Kinloch and follow the dirt road to the Greenstone carpark. You will have to pass some fords.

**Approach:**
Follow the Greenstone Track to the creek and look for the blue triangle marked with number 126. From there, go up and follow the animal tracks to the 650m contour. It's steep in some places but not dangerous. From the 650m contour, try to find your way into the canyon.

**Tour:**
Beautiful approach, 6 easy abseils in low flow, good canyon for beginners. Sharpe edge on abseil 4.

**Return:**
From the bridge, walk back to the carpark using the same trail you came from (Greenstone Trail).

**Coordinates:**
Parking Entry and Exit -44.9341 168.3450
Canyon Start -44.9413 168.3048
Canyon End -44.9447 168.3041

**Reports:**

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2026-01-18 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≈ Normal | 👍 Completed
18/01/2026 we opened Noekie Creek with Jaap, Pepijn, Anouk and Britt. Low flow canyon with 6 abseils.

First descent: 18.01.2026 by Pepijn Hoeksema, Jaap Sikkema, Britt Joosten, Anouk Verstraaten

# Noekie creek
# V3A1II

**Location**
Greenstone valley, Glenorchy, Otago, New Zealand.

**Character**
Sunny canyon with 6 easy abseils up to 60m.

**Approach by car**
Drive from Queenstown to Glenorchy, go to Kinloch and follow the dirt road to the Greenstone carpark. You will have to pass some fords.

**Approach on foot**
Follow the Greenstone Track to the creek and look for the blue triangle marked with number 126. From there, go up and follow the animal tracks to the 650m contour. It's steep in some places but not dangerous. From the 650m contour, try to find your way into the canyon.

**Water**
Low flow, good after rain

**Map**
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**Catchment**
0.6 $km^2$

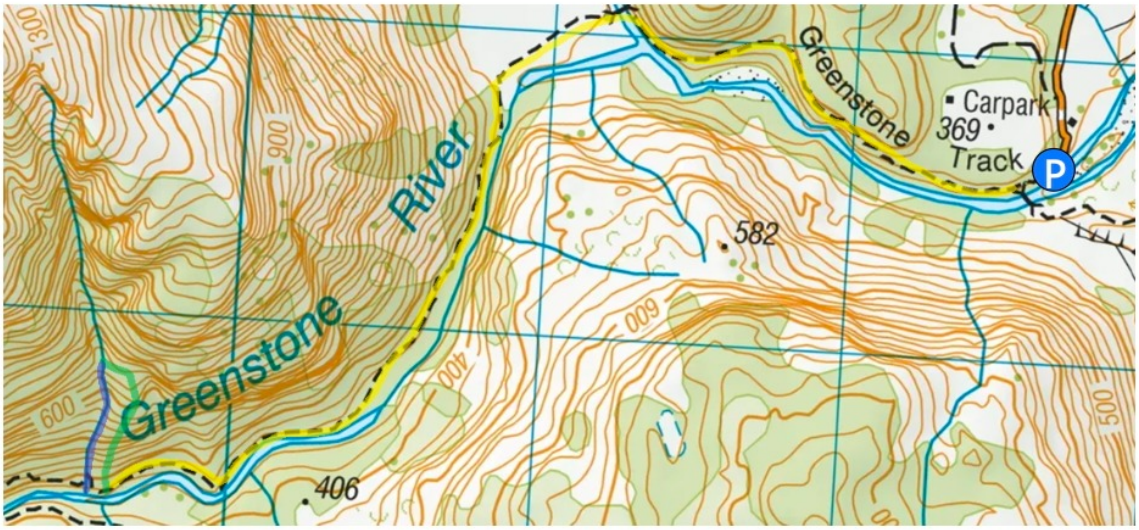
**Anchors**
Mostly single bolts - Tebylon exp3 and Tebylon ring 10mm 316L

**Gear**
Minimum of 2x60 meter rope

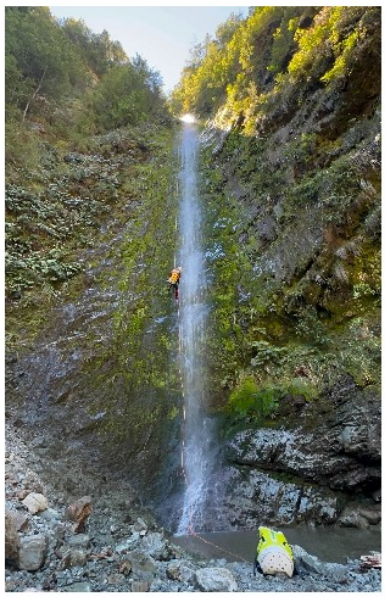
**Route description**
Beautiful approach, 6 easy abseils in low flow, good canyon for beginners. Sharpe edge on abseil 4.

**Time**
Car park to canyon: 1h (4.8km)
Canyon to start point 45min
Time in the canyon: 1h 45min
Bridge to car park: 1h
Total time: 4h 30min

**Notes**
First descent 18/01/2026
by Pepijn Hoeksema, Jaap Sikkema, Britt Joosten and Anouk Verstraaten.
The canyon is named after Anouk to celebrate her first first descent.



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X TR

A1 - 30m

X TR

A2 - 25m

X TL

Escape TL

A3 - 10m

X TC

Sharp edge

A4 - 20m

XX TL

A5 - 60m

DC - 5m

DC - 3m

X TL

A6 - 10m



Topo by Pepijn Hoeksema - Vectors from CanyonLog


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