The General

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Country: New Zealand **Region:** Otago **Subregion:** Queenstown-Lakes District **Town:** Mount Aspiring National Park		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a3 VI	**Total time:** 13h
Approachtime: 3h	**Tourtime:** 8h	**Returntime:** 2h
Altitude entry: 1300m	**Altitude exit:** 600m	**Delta Altitude:** 700m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 45m	**Amount rapells:** 44
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 3.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.8 (2)	**Info:** ★ 1.5 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 2.5 (2)
Specialities:		
Gear:		

Summary: (machine translated)
Very long and narrow canyon through dark slate. Known as "one of the most committing canyons" in New Zealand. The "Slot of Doom" part is a highlight.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
Queenstown -> Glenorchy -> Paradise/Diamond Lake -> Glenorchy-Paradise Rd until you cross the streambed (= just before the exit of the road/Chinaman's Bluff). Here you can park next to the road on the meadows.

Approach: (machine translated)
Water level: to check the water level, walk upstream from the parking lot for about 20 minutes until you reach a confluence.
Further access: in the middle between the two converging rivers, follow a path that is difficult to see up to the respective contour lines (entry "Les Haut": approx. 1300m, "Superiore": approx. 1050m, "Intermedio": approx. 900m and "Inferiore": approx. 800m). "Les Haut" is the only entry that can be reached on foot. For all other entries, you have to rappel into the streambed.
Access depending on the access height: 2-4h

Tour: (machine translated)
Times in the canyon depending on entry: "Les Haut" approx. 10h, "Superiore" approx. 8h, "Intermedio" approx. 7h, "Inferiore" approx. 4h.

Return: (machine translated)
At approx. 600m, exit the stream to the left at a confluence and follow the access route back to the parking lot (approx. 2h).

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit -44.6534 168.3299
Canyon End -44.6448 168.3465
Alternative Canyon Start -44.6417 168.3602
Waterlevel Checkpoint -44.6491 168.3393
Alternative Canyon Start -44.6422 168.3561
Canyon Start -44.6416 168.3677

Reports:

2024-03-03 | Bubtore | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ⯨ | 🕮 ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
A very cool tour for me as a rappel lover. Otherwise there was nothing special to note. (machine translated)

2023-02-10 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Access very difficult to find (pink loops hanging from the trees every few meters - walk along them). Very few emergency exits. Impressive canyon! The "exit" of the canyon was also hard to find, so we just followed the streambed to the parking lot. (machine translated)