Grahams Stream

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Country: New Zealand **Region:** Canterbury **Subregion:** Selwyn District **Town:** Arthur’s Pass		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a2 III	**Total time:** 7h45
Approachtime: 3h	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 45min
Altitude entry: 1400m	**Altitude exit:** 1000m	**Delta Altitude:** 400m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 18
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 2.00km²
Season: November - March	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x35m

Summary: (machine translated)
Steep, alpine canyon. Requires "natural" belay techniques.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Arthur's Pass Village, follow SH73 north on foot to Punchbowl Road and the Car Park.
(You can also park one car there, the second at the exit - saves about 2km/30min walking time)

Approach: (machine translated)
From the Car Park, follow the Devils Punchbowl Track once over the Bealey River and a second time over Devils Punchbowl Creek. Then turn right and follow the Mount Aicken Track for about 800m. At about 1620m, descend in a south-facing chute for 750m until you reach a small mountain lake. From there, descend steeply south-east into the canyon.

Tour: (machine translated)
The tour starts at approx. 1400m. In 2019 only 3 stands were drilled. The rest were rappelled at natural points.

Return: (machine translated)
The canyon exits at about 1000m. Then follow the streambed to the Bealey River (approx. 45min). From there either take the second car or walk on the SH73 back to Arthur's Pass Village.

Coordinates:
Parking at Entry -42.9350 171.5600
Waterlevel Checkpoint -42.9500 171.5700
Canyon End -42.9489 171.5783
Canyon Start -42.9461 171.5872

Reports:

2023-02-04 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | Normal | Completed
Have gone after heavy rain, but no problem at all due to small catchment area. Very little drilled in, as already announced. However, there were many fixed loops with maillons. Are probably got in a little too high and have certainly 2-3x re-drilled. (machine translated)

First descent: 01.04.2019 by Grant Prettley, James Abbott, Nola Collie, Steve Walker