

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
Approach time: 3h	Tourtime: 4h	Return time: 45min
Altitude entry: 1400m	Altitude exit: 1000m	Delta Altitude: 400m
Canyon length: 1000m	Highest rappel: 30m	Amount rappels: 18
Transport: on Foot	Rock type:	Drainage area: 2.00km ²
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