



Borland Stream

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Location

Lake Monowai - Boreland

Character

A short and fun canyon were it not for the walk out.

Map

CE-07 Lake Monowai



Approach by car

There is a good access road to the canyon. Leave your car at the parking. -45.736403, 167.415193 (WGS84).

Approach on Foot (marked in green)

Follow the gravel road for about 5 minutes in a westerly direction. Then turn right into the bush and start the ascent. Follow the spur on the TR until it flattens out at about 900m altitude. From there, traverse into the canyon.

Canyon start: -45.73123, 167.41542 (WGS84).

Rock

Diorite

Water

Low flow canyon

Catchment

1.2 km²

Anchors

Exploratory rigging! equipment is done with (single) 10 mm stainless steel bolts and Tebylon hangers or natural anchor points.

Gear

2 x 30 meter ropes.

Please note that all pitch lengths are estimated.

Description

The canyon starts with a 25 m rappel from a tree on TL, followed by 3 more consecutive rappels. After this fun but short section, the canyon unfortunately ends. Return by following the creek downstream for approximately 500 meter. Caution: there are many fallen trees and downclimbs to be tackled during the walk back to the car park.

Time

Approach	1 hr
Canyon descent	1 hr 30 min
Total	2 hr 30 min

Flash Flood Danger

The canyon has a very small catchment but always check the flow and weather forecast before going in.

Escapes

Full commitment during the 3 abseils.

Notes

First descent: 28-03-2026

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A person in a bright yellow jacket and blue pants is rappelling down a massive, powerful waterfall. The water is white and turbulent as it falls over dark, jagged rock formations. A red rope is visible, extending from the top left towards the person. In the background, a large, dark, triangular logo is superimposed over the waterfall. Inside the logo, a smaller figure is seen rappelling down a similar waterfall. Below the logo, the text "CANYONING EXPEDITION TEAM" is written in a bold, sans-serif font.

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