



Green Gorge

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Location

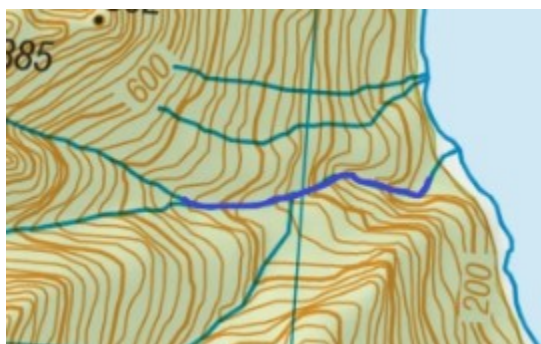
Lake Hauroko

Character

A not too difficult trip close to the Carolina hut.

Map

CF-07 Mary Island



Approach

This canyon is only accessible using a boat. Launch your boat using the Lake Hauroko public Jetty at the end of Lillburn Valley Road. -45.989864, 167.382014 (WGS 84).

Drive your boat to a small pebble beach where the canyon flows into Lake Hauroko. -45.95118, 167.275794 (WGS 84).

You can stay at the Carolina hut (6 bunks) and combine this canyon with other canyons around the lake. From the hut it is a one kilometre boat ride to the canyon.

Approach on Foot

From the beach walk up on the True left following some animal tracks up an obvious spur. Around 450m you traverse into a tributary of the canyon. You might have to abseil off a tree for the last few meters.

From the tributary you can walk into the canyon where you can change just below a yet undescended waterfall.

Rock

Granodiorite.

Catchment

5.3 km²

Anchors

Exploratory rigging!

Most descents are equipped with (single) 10 mm stainless steel bolts and Tebylon hangers.

Gear

2 x 40 meter ropes.

Please note that all pitch lengths are estimated.

Time

Carolina hut to start of canyon	5 min
Approach	1 hr
Canyon descent	2 hr 30 min
Return to Carolina hut	5 min
Total	3 h 40 min

Total time is excluding the boat ride as this will all depend on the type of boat and engine you will have!

Flash Flood Danger

Don't make a descent during, or just after heavy rain.

Escapes

The canyon is not very enclosed and relatively short. No escapes are tested but possibilities exist.

Notes

First descent: 21-03-2026

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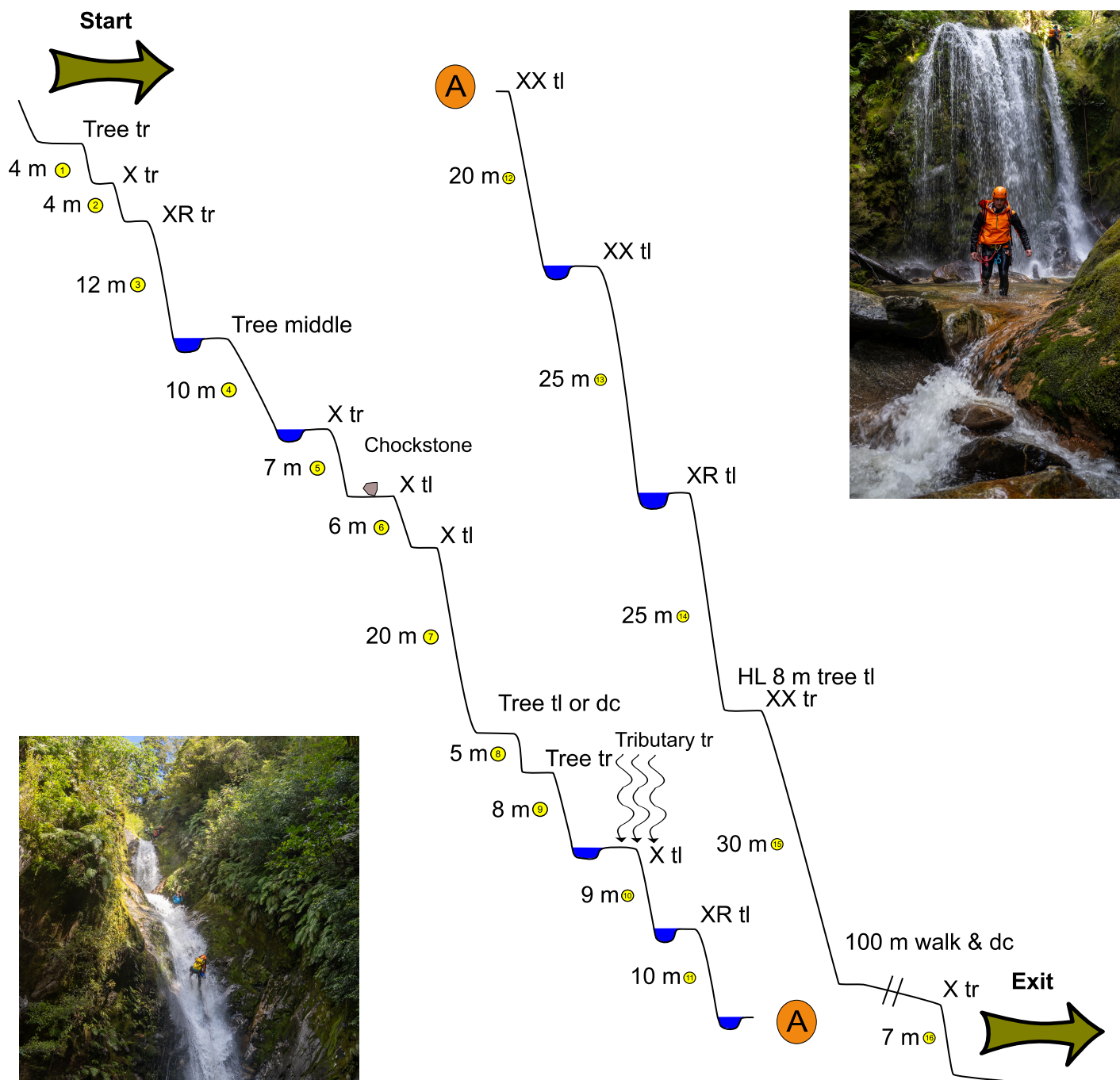
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Stijn van de Ven

Green gorge is a nice introduction to the canyons around Lake Hauroko.



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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, another person can be seen rappelling further up the waterfall. The overall scene is dramatic and adventurous.

CANYONING EXPEDITION TEAM

