



Squirm Creek

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Location

Greenstone Valley

Character

An easy canyon with some nice drops. Not really worth the effort unless you are already in the area.

Map

CB-09 Hollyford



Approach by Car

Leave your car at the Greenstone car park (this should normally be accessible for all vehicles).
-44.934046, 168.345030 (WGS 84).

Approach on Foot

From the car park follow the Greenstone Track for about 6.7 km until a small bridge crosses the canyon.
Exit canyon -44.94609 168.296814 (WGS 84).

Here you can assess the (normally low) flow while answering the questions from the Greenstone/TA hikers who will ask "if you go rock climbing".

From the bridge follow the Greenstone Track for another 60 m. where you can climb the obvious spur on the true right. Follow the path of least resistance for about 40 minutes. To enter the canyon around the 600 m. contour will either require a short abseil from a tree or a careful downclimb.

Rock

Good quality sandstone.

Water

Low flow canyon. It will probably take some serious rain before it gets problematic.

Catchment

0,86 km²

Gear

2 x 50 meter ropes.

Anchors

Exploratory rigging!

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

Route Description

A small walk brings you to the first waterfall. No specific difficulties are to be expected throughout the descent.

The main anchor for the big rappel (45 m) is just below the lip on TR (5 m abseil). The first man down had to do some serious "gardening" to find good rock so it might be a bit hard to find the anchors.

Time

Vehicle park to start of canyon	1 hr 50 min
Canyon descent	2 hr
Return to vehicle	1 hr
Total	4 hr 50 min

Flash Flood Danger

Squirm Creek has a relatively small catchment and might actually be more fun with some more water.

Escapes

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

Notes

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Squirm Creek is not really worth all the effort of getting there but it might be a fun warm up trip on your way to the Greenstone Hut from where you can access the better canyons in the valley.

The canyon was named after both the favourite canyon-snack of the team (sour squirms), and a dice game that was played during our stay in the Greenstone Hut; Pick-omino), which translates to "squirms" in Dutch.

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 smaller figure can be seen higher up the waterfall, also rappelling. The overall scene is dramatic and adventurous.

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