

Dawson Falls

Mt Taranaki

Accessed from Dawson Falls Visitor Center on Mt Taranaki.

From the marked bridge, you can see a series of small canyon drops and pools. There would be 2-3 small (1-3m) jumps visible from the bridge.

Then the stream is open for 100m or so, before another short series of small possibly slidable drops.

Then about 100m of open stream before Dawsons Falls itself. You can exit just about everywhere to the true right track.

Dawson's falls should not be abseiled. It is a very popular short walk from the visitor center, having canyoneers descending the drop would undoubtedly bring unfavourable attention from DOC. Also, there is a large amount of delicate moss on the falls, which would certainly be destroyed by canyoneers.

This stream might perhaps be best suited to a short stream walk on a very hot day rather than a dedicated canyoning trip. However, it does suggest that it is worth doing more exploring on Taranaki for canyons.



