



BRUMMS

Creek v4a3III★

Location

Mt Te Kinga Scenic Reserve, South Eastern Side of Lake Brunner

Map

K32 Lake Brunner
Park cars @ NZMG 2389610E, 5834950N
Canyon starts @ NZMG 2388480E, 5835350N

Character

'U' Shaped fault line canyon with plenty of short to moderate rappels.

Access

After gaining permission, follow the fence line that goes in the same direction as the access road, to arrive at the bush edge a few hundred meters to the North-East of the obvious final drop of the canyon. Follow the stream by the bush edge back towards the canyon and scramble up into the bush wherever you can. There is a line of bluffs, but it is possible to climb up a 5m bluff with some teamwork. Climb through moderately thick west coast bush, angling back towards the canyon and crossing a small tributary.

1hr30min from your car and 190m above it, scramble in where possible or rappel.

Rock

Solid Grey Granite, with dark Greywacke seams in places.

Water

Few swimmer pools, generally low flow.

Catchment

2 km²

Anchors

Easily rigged natural anchors.

Gear

2 x 60m Ropes

Route Description

The canyon's upper reaches are generally enclosed, though there are frequent possible escapes. Drop two can also be jumped from a lower boulder. Drop 5 and 6 are done as one rappel, due to a lack of anchors at the end of the large pool.

There is a middle section of down climbing over boulders in an open stream bed, before the stream splits into two branches and plunges over a bluff.

Taking the TR branch, scramble down and then carefully left to find tree anchors on the TL. Drop 9 is 33m high, but can be done with a 60m cord and an easy down climb or jump for the last 3m. If it were a bit smoother, it would be tempting to slide the whole thing!

The final short gorge section brings you to the top of the final 35m pitch, with great views out over the valley. The water fall has a scoop 5m from the bottom, with a rather impressive rooster tail of water.

Time

For route not described in 'Access'	
Cowshed to put in	1hr30min
Canyon descent	2h30min
Return to Cowshed	20min
Total	4h20min

Flash Flood Danger

Moderate. Small drainage, some enclosed sections, but plenty of escapes.

Escapes

As noted on topo, plenty of possible climbing escapes in the upper canyon.

Notes

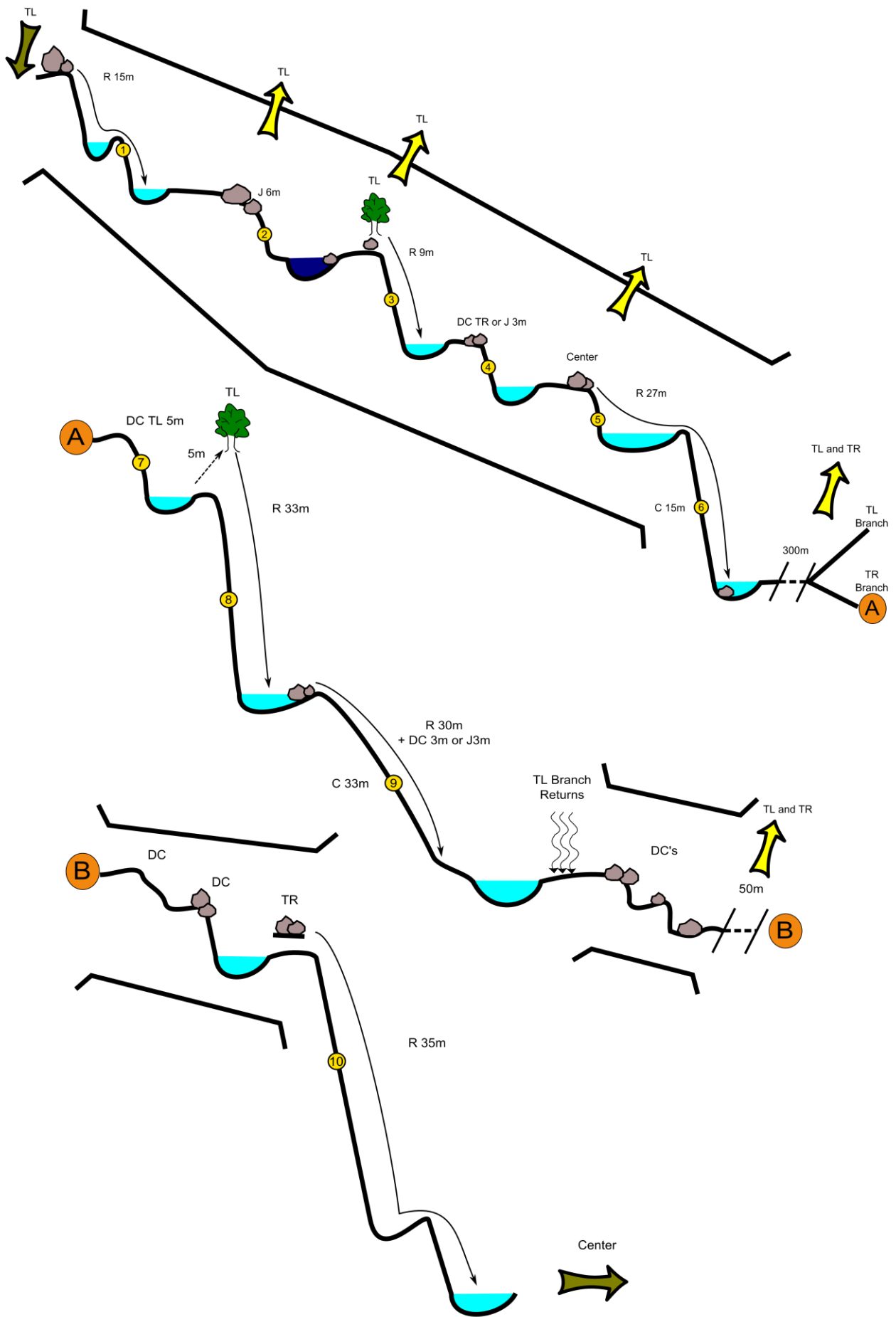
Topo drawn from first descent: Grant Prattley, Dan Clearwater, Toine Houtenbos, 20 Mar 2011. There is more canyon above where we entered.

Access issues:

Access is across private farm land. You must seek permission first.

Topo by Daniel Clearwater

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