



GANGERS

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Location

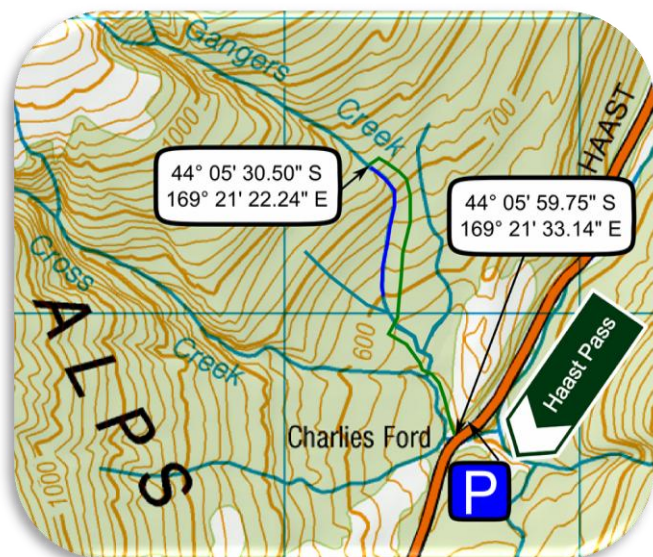
Haast Pass, Aspiring NP.

Character

Nicely sculpted shallow canyon, with low water volume and lots of short to medium rappels.

Map

BZ13 Haast Pass/Tioripatea



Approach by Car

From Haast Pass, on SH6, continue north for about 1km. Park in a large gravel area, just beyond the Cross Creek bridge on the eastern side.

Approach on Foot

The 2013 map (edition 1.02) incorrectly depicts a number of side streams in the area. The map here has been re-drawn based on some GPS data and personal experience. It is more accurate, but not perfect.

A well worn foot pad begins on the TL of Cross Creek, about 30m north of the bridge. Follow the foot pad upstream, past the base of a series of bluffs. When the pad heads north-east, head cross country to cross Gangers creek. Walk up its TR branch for about 150m before crossing back to the TL (this avoids having to cross over the gorged TL side stream).

Climb the TL bank, (steeply near the end) to access the canyon.

Rock

Solid Schist.

Water

Low volume in normal flows.

Catchment

0.83 km²

Anchors

Sparsely bolted, with some natural anchors.

Gear

2x 30m minimum

Route Description

From the access point, the canyon starts abruptly with back to back waterfalls. Multiple small waterfalls are often descended using one anchor, so **do not** pull down your ropes until you have located the next anchor or are sure that the sequence of waterfalls has been completed.

R8 has a difficult retrieval due the angles and could benefit from being split into more pitches.

After the tributary on the TR, exit at the next easy location on the TR and follow the access route back to Cross Creek.

Either descend the lower section of Cross Creek (slides and jumps to 5m) or follow the access route back to your road.

Time

Car park to start of canyon	1h30min
Canyon descent	3h30min
Return to car via access route	30min
Total	5h30min

Flash Flood Danger

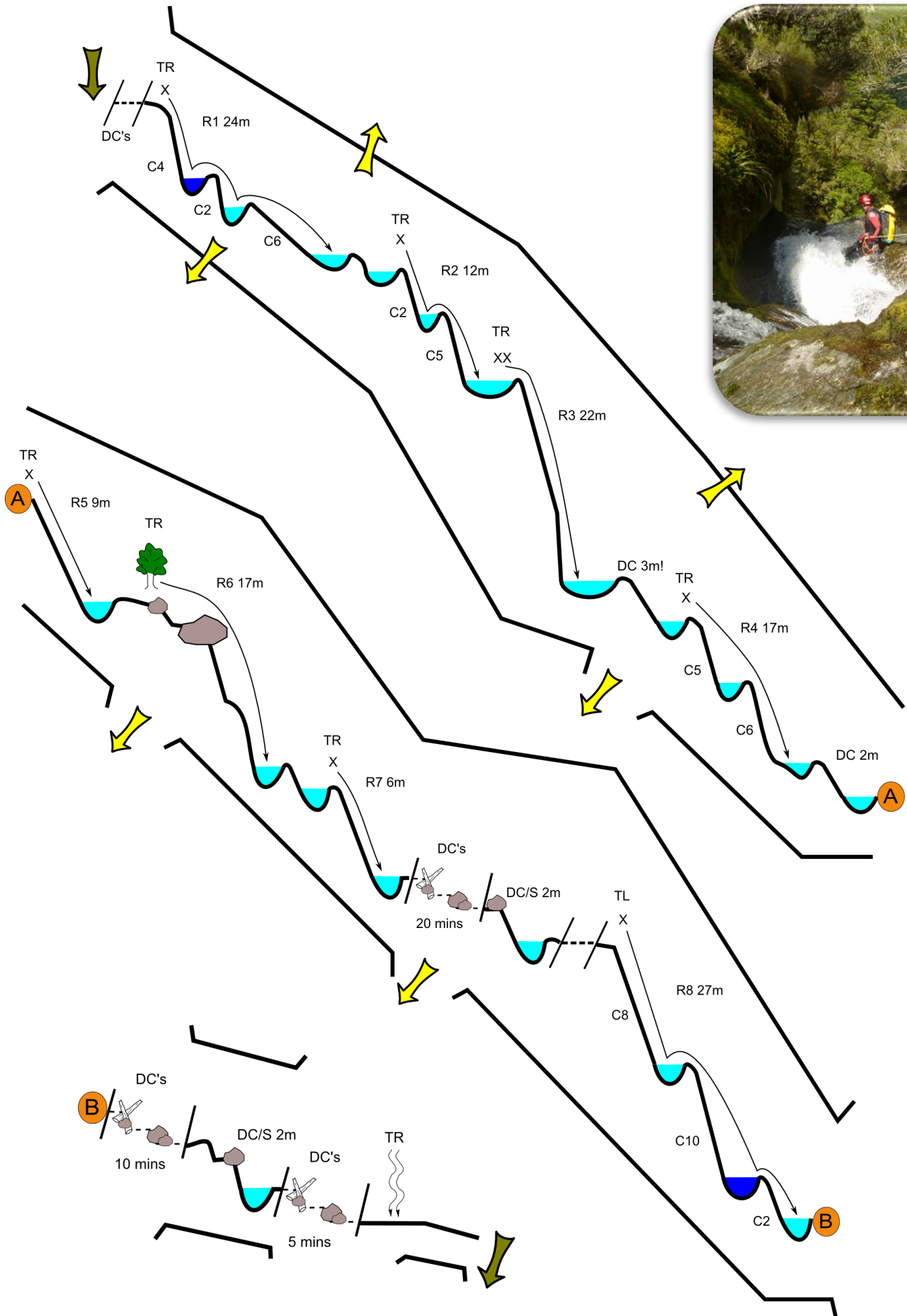
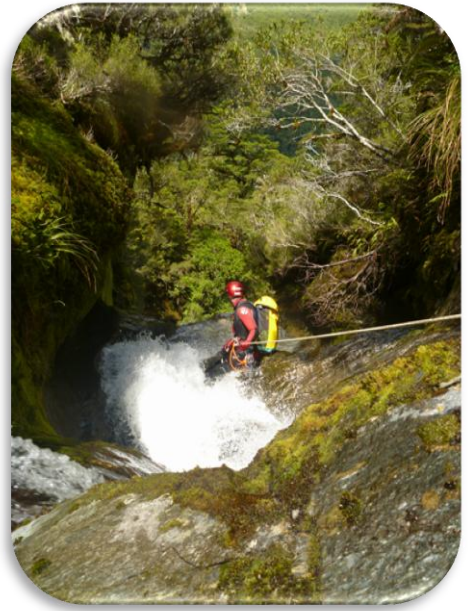
Moderate. Small drainage, but inescapable for reasonable periods of time.

Escapes

Available after every few rappels as shown on the topo.

Notes

First descent: Dave Vass, Alain Rohr, James Speirs 2008. The first descent party were attempting to do the 2nd descent of Cross Creek, but got a little lost and ended up doing Gangers instead!



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