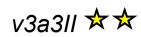


VICTORY

Canyon



| Location | Marvia (Lavia Daga) | |
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| | Maruia (Lewis Pass) | |
| Character | Short but high quality. Four slotted drops in quick succession. Easy access makes it a worthwhile stop on the way to your next canyoning destination. There's a strong smell of sulphur at the put in, so there must be a hot spring nearby! | |
| Time | Walk from car park to canyon start: 1hr Canyon descent: 1.5hrs Return to car park: 0.5hr Total: 3hrs | 7550 7577 7572 |
| Map & Coordinates | Topo map: BT23 Lewis Pass Car park: -42.374466, 172.367909 Canyon start: -42.362159, 172.367892 | 1125. |
| Highest Waterfall | 30m | |
| Suggested Gear | Minimum 2 x 30m rope | River |
| Canyon Distance | 350m horizontal, 80m vertical | ings to be a second of the sec |
| Rock | Greywacke, hard | |
| Flow | Medium volume, cold. 4.8 km² catchment | |
| Anchors | All drops currently rigged with single bolts (8mm zinc screws and SS ring hangers). Needs upgrading to double bolt anchors (using 10mm SS expansion bolts, the existing screw holes can be reused). Limited natural anchor options, so take a bolting kit until the canyon is upgraded | |
| Flood & Escapes | Short but very enclosed. There is a climb out above the biggest drop | |
| Approach by Car | When heading south, drive 3.3km past Maruia Springs and find a safe place to park the car. When heading north, drive 3.2km past the Lewis Pass car park. Alternatively, you could park at the Maruia Springs car park and walk a few km up the riverbed (longer option). | |
| Approach on Foot | Bush bash down towards the Maruia river (it is easy, open beech forest). Cross the Maruia river (take your shoes off in case of Didymo) and follow the spur on the True Left of the canyon. Follow the 780m contour into the canyon. | |
| Canyon Route Description | Four rappels – 6m, 12m, 30m, 12m – with a few short downclimbs in between. The first rappel is also a jump, although the pool is not very deep. The anchor for the 30m is placed quite high on the True Right (the only place in decent rock out of the flood zone) and may require a short climb up to. You may want to rig a safety line to approach the drop. | |
| First Descent | Adrien Paris, Mark Caldwell, Mark Parfitt, Chris Whitehouse, Richard Bramley. 18 Jan 2022. <u>Video</u> | |
| Topo Author | Richard Bramley, 9 Feb 2022 | |
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