

# Waterfall Valley Fork (Junction Falls)

## Introduction

The Waterfall Valley Fork is a fun canyoning adventure with some truly incredible features. 5 rappels, and around 6-8 jumps & slides all in a beautiful setting. Don't expect long sustained deep canyons anywhere in the Junction Valley. What you will find are beautiful canyon features one after another. And for anyone not feeling overly confident, almost every feature can be avoided by simply hiking around.

If you'd like to support our efforts for bolting this canyon and for publishing detailed canyon beta, you can donate through either PayPal or Interac e-Transfer to [shimonek@gmail.com](mailto:shimonek@gmail.com). Thank you kindly. - Scott Shimonek

## Approach

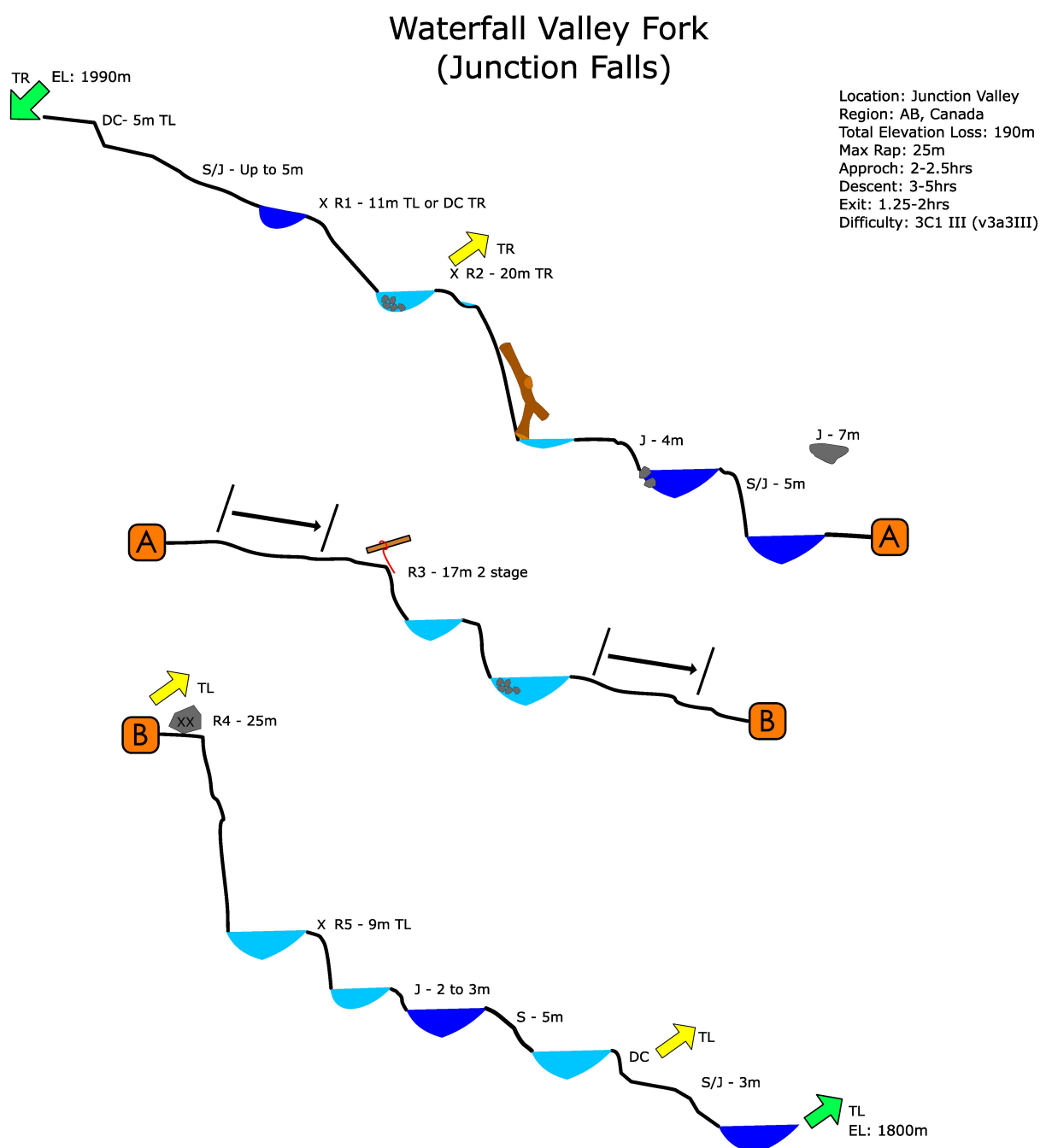
The approach from the parking lot starts off by hiking 6.9 km up the Junction Creek Trail, or 300 m past Waterfall Creek. Then turn right and hike up the Waterfall Valley Trail for 1.5 km until you reach the creek bed above a 4 m waterfall. This is the start of the canyoning route.

Tip: Biking the first 3.2 km to the old sawmill site will save a bit of time and effort.

## Descent

**CAUTION:** For much of the summer and fall this canyon will run at a v3, but expect v4 or higher in the spring and early summer.

**LEGEND:** TR = True Right; TL = True Left; R = Rappel; S = Slide; J = Jump; DC = Down Climb; Light Blue = Shallow; Dark Blue = Deep; Green Arrow = Enter/Exit; Yellow Arrow = Escape Options



### Down Climbs & Slide

The route starts off with a few short down climbs and then a slide with an optional jump of 5 m.

### R1 - 11 m Rappel (TL)

A low angle rappel drops you into a shallow pool. We bolted a single rappel hanger here.

### R2 - 22 m Rappel (TR)

We bolted a single rappel hanger here. This feature starts off with a rappel down a slide and through a small pool. It then continues down into a large chamber. This is an easy feature in low and regular flows, but becomes the crux in heavier flow conditions. Note: Once down this rappel, you're committed to the ensuing jump and slide.

### 4 m Jump

A mandatory 3 to 4 m jump. Jump away from the edge and towards the middle of the pool.

### 5 m Hanging Slide or Jump

A mandatory hanging slide or 5 m jump into a deep pool. Once through, more jumping options up to 7 m are available along the side. This is an absolutely stunning feature.

### R3 - 17 m Two Stage Rappel

A beautiful two stage rappel off of an obvious log.

### R4 - 25 m Rappel

The upper tier of Junction Falls. We bolted double rappel hangers behind the falls and out of view from hikers. Simply rappel down the middle of the falls.

### R5 - 9 m Rappel (TL)

The middle tier of Junction Falls. We bolted a single rappel hanger that's out of view from hikers. A sliding rappel works well here. Note: It looks tempting, but the pool is too shallow to jump.

### 2 to 3 m Jump

The lower tier of Junction Falls. The pool is deep enough to jump.

### 5 m Hanging Slide

A short distance below Junction Falls is another fun hanging slide that shouldn't be missed.

### Final 3 m Slide or Jump

After a short down climb, the route ends with a final slide or jump into a beautiful pool.

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