

Junction Creek, Main Fork

Introduction

The main fork of Junction Creek is a great canyoning adventure with plenty of fun and exciting features. 6 rappels, a bunch of slides, and a big jump of up to 13 m. 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. Thank you kindly. - Scott Shimonek

Approach

From the parking lot the canyoning route starts 9.6 km up the Junction Creek Trail, or exactly 3 km after crossing Waterfall Creek.

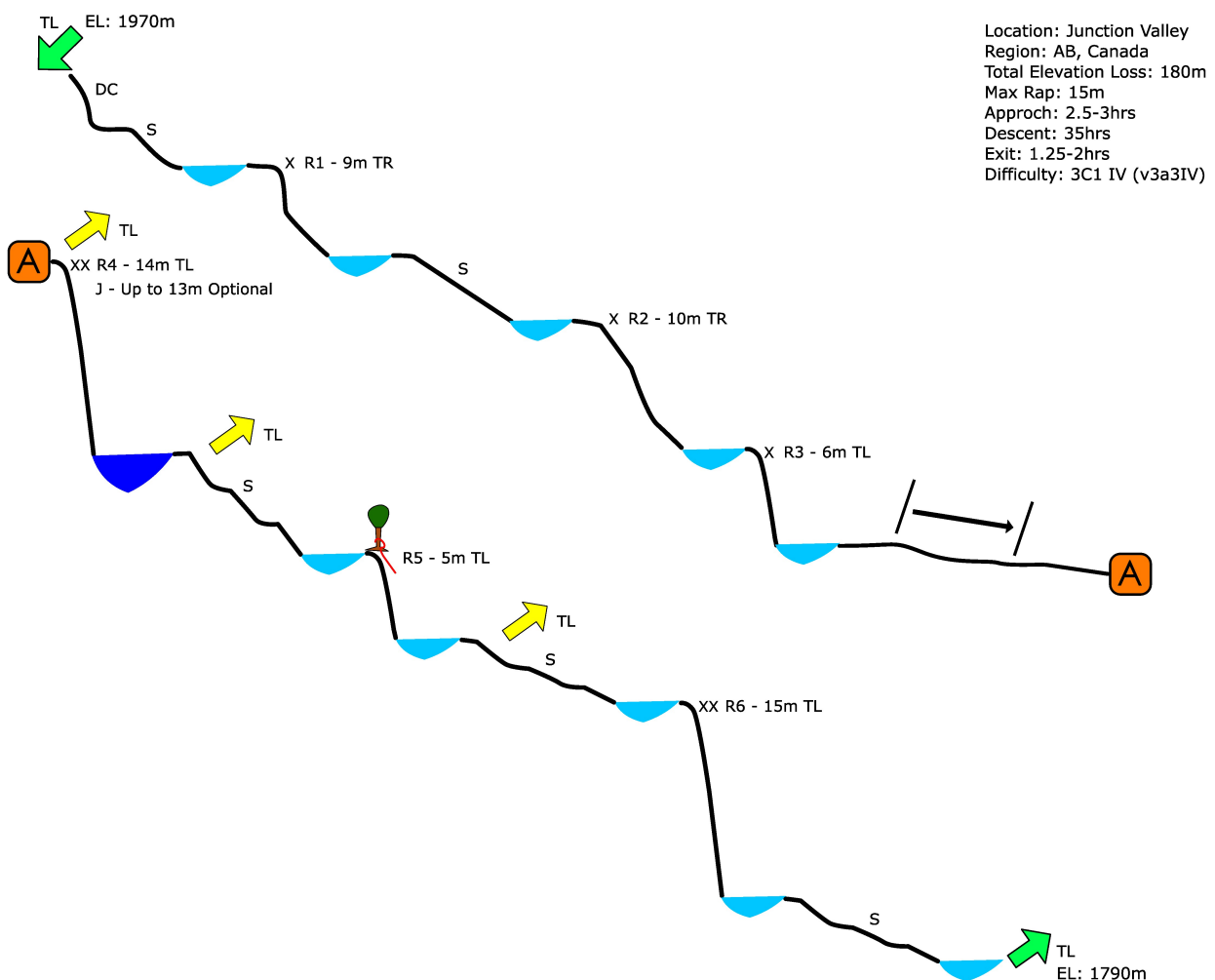
Tip: Biking the first 3.2 km to the old sawmill site will save a bit of time and effort.

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

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Down Climb & Slide

The route starts off with a down climb followed by a curving slide.

R1 - 9 m Rappel (TR)

A short drop followed by a slide into a shallow pool. We bolted a single rappel hanger here.

Alcove & Slides

A large alcove and a couple slides.

R2 - 10 m Rappel (TR)

A low angel cascade is the first tier of this two tier waterfall. We bolted a single rappel hanger here.

R3 - 6 m Rappel (TL)

The second tier of this waterfall drops into a shallow pool. We bolted a single rappel hanger here.

R4 - 14 m Rappel or Jump (TL)

A 20 minute walk down the creek bed eventually leads to a beautiful waterfall. We bolted double rappel hangers here. This waterfall can be rappelled or even jumped. As of 2024, there are three main jumping options:

Option 1: Jump 12 m straight down off the obvious rock on the right.

Option 2: Jump 10 m off the small platform on the left.

Option 3: Rappel down to the shelf and then jump 7 m into the deep pool.

CAUTION: This deep pool only formed in the spring of 2023. It did not exist in 2022. Who knows if and when it'll close up again. So always check the landing before jumping.

Slides

A series of 3 to 4 slides one after another.

R5 - 5 m Rappel (TL)

A short rappel off an obvious tree (TL). Alternatively, climbing across the wall (TR) and carefully jumping into the shallow pool below is possible, but not recommended.

Slides

A few short slides through this section.

R6 - 15 m Rappel (TL)

A beautiful waterfall drops into an upper waist deep pool. We bolted double rappel hangers here.

Slides

A couple short slides through this section.

Confluence Exit

Where Waterfall Creek flows into Junction Creek. Climb up to the right of the falls to get back to the Junction Creek Trail.

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