

CANYONING

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Wild situations, groovy
WILDERNESS
Big Time fun,
small groups,
more **Soul...**



Descend the spectacular canyons of the Matukituki valley. Explore your way through crystal pools and native forest. Plunge down water polished chutes, abseil down waterfalls. Climb, swim and float through a spectacular world of water sculpted rock and sparkling, crashing waterfalls.

GET WET... GET REAL WET

Who are we?

Deep Canyon is New Zealand's premier canyon guiding company. We have been running guided descents since 1994. Our guides are highly trained, very experienced and easy to get on with. Our equipment and safety procedures are of the highest standard and our commitment to safety is absolute. This allows us to run maximum adventure/maximum fun trips in wild and fantastic situations. Our focus is strongly on personal satisfaction and good humour.

Who is canyoning for?

Most of our trips are for any fun loving active person with a sense of adventure. Experience is not usually necessary; water confidence and reasonable fitness are an advantage. Our more advanced trips require good fitness and maybe some relevant experience (say in abseiling). Attitude can get you a long way though - talk to us about it...

General info

We provide all equipment (wetsuits, harnesses etc) and comprehensive instruction. You will learn to abseil. Bring a swimsuit and towel. Have a hearty breakfast - we'll do the lunch. All trips run daily on a minimum of two people. Trip sizes are small and personal. Photos and video available. Enquiries about children, large groups and flexible times; contact us directly. Wanaka is a one hour drive from Queenstown.

Season and weather

Canyoning is a summertime 'get wet' activity. Our season runs from early November until late March / early April. Trips run rain or shine (unless it rains heaps!).

NIGER STREAM

The gorgeous Matukituki valley, gateway to Mount Aspiring, is home to several world class canyons in which we run guided descent adventures.

Niger Stream [pronounced 'nai-jer'] is our most popular trip and is a very beautiful canyon. Descending this streamway involves several abseils, lots of sliding, jumps big and small and a few other things besides.

No experience is required, we teach you a lot, groups are small and our guides are great at pitching trips to your level. This great all-round trip offers high excitement and heaps of fun in a unique and fabulous natural setting.

\$240 per person. *Leave Wanaka at 9am, return around 5pm.*

Big Nige

This mission is an upstream 'add on' to our Niger Stream Trip... steeper and deeper!

With spectacular views out to the alpine scenery, it is particularly beautiful and hugely enjoyable. It features exciting abseils in strong water flows. The situations are dramatic and the abseils often take you into and behind spectacular waterfalls - visually sensational and very dynamic.

Big Nige is a longer day - be prepared for around 4 hours of continuous descent (and the walk up the hill takes 40 minutes). As we descend we link into Niger Stream with its many jumps and slides - so you get in a lot of everything...

Group sizes are small and personal (max of four in a group). This trip is for people who want a bigger day of hands-on action and enormous amounts of fun...

\$305 per person.

Leave Wanaka at 9am, return around 5.30pm.

WILKIN WILDERNESS

Similar to Big Nige in difficulty, this is ultimate satisfaction adventure in a sensational wilderness situation. Heli in, jetboat out.

The Wai Rata Canyon* is an amazing water carved ravine that descends over 600 metres from the bushline to the Wilkin River Valley. It is north facing (sunny), overhung with native forest, full of incredibly clear water and deep green pools. Its descent requires the use of many different techniques; big abseils down charging waterfalls mix it up with a series of adrenalinising jumps. Whether sliding down perfectly formed water chutes, climbing through a surreal hidden landscape or floating through crystal pools, it's pretty much one thing after another... The scenery is jaw dropping, the fun and action is non-stop.

The day starts with a 'high octane' helicopter flight to the top of the canyon. A full days canyoning (usually about six hours) is then capped off with an exhilarating half hour jet boat ride along the glorious Wilkin River. This takes us back to our start point at Makarora township on the edge of Mount Aspiring National Park. No-one apart from us has ever been in this canyon. It is a hidden and mysterious place of immense beauty. Within this 'magical mystery tour', you'll do some amazing things. It's a very special trip unlike any other.

\$960 per person.

*Inclusive of jet boats, helicopters and everything.
Leave Wanaka at 7.30am, return about 7pm.*

* Wai = water, Rata refers to the deep red flowers of the Rata trees that line the edges of this canyon and are abundant during the height of summer.

THE LEAPING BURN

The big time...

The Leaping Burn is a physically magnificent canyon carved deep into mother earth. High end action in a powerful natural arena. Wild situations. True adventure. Even the access is demanding; 200 metres of fixed rope climbing above the canyons edge drops you into the gorge - right in. Once in the canyon you're committed - there are very few exit points. At times you can't see the sky. At other times you're a fly on the wall. The jumps need commitment. You'll get hammered in waterfalls. And all the time you'll be wet like a fish (and grinning like a madman!). You'll be blown away - no doubt.

\$420 per person. *Leave Wanaka at 8.30am, return about 4.30pm*

The Leaping Burn 'Max'.

Same canyon but more physical, more difficult - just... bigger. It's the ultimate day out and is our most difficult trip (so far...). Previous experience (preferably with us - multi-trip discounts apply) would be helpful. Excellent fitness and a positive attitude are good too... No-one else guides stuff like this.

\$495 per person. *Leave Wanaka at 8am, return about 4.30pm*

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