Whirling Water

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Country: New Zealand **Region:** West Coast **Subregion:** Westland District **Town:** Harihari		
Difficulty: very difficult	**Grading:** v5 a6 V	**Total time:** 7h50
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: m	**Altitude exit:** m	**Delta Altitude:**
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 25
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: February - April	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 1 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 4x50m

Summary:
High Water canyon. Technical, scary, commiting, definitely one of the highlight when coming to New Zealand, but you'll need a strong team for that one.

Hydrology:

Access:

Approach:
From Kiwi Flat hut, go to the end of the canyon. From there follow the pink tapes on the orographically right side. Cross Scamper Torrent, where it is best to leave a fixed rope, in case you need to escape after the middle part of Whirling Water. From there on you keep walking along the canyon, until you see again pink tapes which indicate where to go down to the canyon. Best ist to have GPX files from someone who went up there already.

Tour:
The canyon is very technical, has many long handlines, backflows, flush overs, siphons. Best ist to get in touch with someone who has done it, to get the most precise description.

Return:
Easy, opposite way as when you went to check the water level.

Coordinates:

Reports:

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Finally the time had come for Whirling. With over 10 people already involved in the project, 7 of them were able to agree on a date to do the first integral (a few in the team had already seen all the parts, but hadn't done it all in one piece). An incredible tour on an incredible day, including setting up the stand to go through the "Detonator Pitch". (machine translated)