Noekie Creek

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Country: New Zealand **Region:** Otago **Subregion:** Queenstown-Lakes District **Town:** Greenstone valley		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 II	**Total time:** 4h30
Approachtime: 1h45	**Tourtime:** 1h45	**Returntime:** 1h
Altitude entry: 650m	**Altitude exit:** 410m	**Delta Altitude:** 240m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 60m	**Amount rapells:** 6
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 0.60km²
Season: October - March	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 1.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 1 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60

Summary:
Sunny canyon with 6 easy abseils up to 60m.

Hydrology:
Canyon with a small catchment area. Low flow, good after rain and in the start of the season.

Access:
Drive from Queenstown to Glenorchy, go to Kinloch and follow the dirt road to the Greenstone carpark. You will have to pass some fords.

Approach:
Follow the Greenstone Track to the creek and look for the blue triangle marked with number 126. From there, go up and follow the animal tracks to the 650m contour. It's steep in some places but not dangerous. From the 650m contour, try to find your way into the canyon.

Tour:
Beautiful approach, 6 easy abseils in low flow, good canyon for beginners. Sharpe edge on abseil 4.

Return:
From the bridge, walk back to the carpark using the same trail you came from (Greenstone Trail).

Coordinates:
Parking Entry and Exit -44.9341 168.3450
Canyon Start -44.9413 168.3048
Canyon End -44.9447 168.3041

Reports:

2026-01-18 | Pepijn Hoeksema | ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ | ≈ Normal | 👍 Completed
18/01/2026 we opened Noekie Creek with Jaap, Pepijn, Anouk and Britt. Low flow canyon with 6 abseils.

First descent: 18.01.2026 by Pepijn Hoeksema, Jaap Sikkema, Britt Joosten, Anouk Verstraaten