Crystal Brook

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Country: Australia **Region:** Victoria **Subregion:** Alpine Shire **Town:** Mount Buffalo		
Difficulty: difficult	**Grading:** v5 a5 IV	**Total time:** 4h40
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 3h	**Returntime:** 1h30
Altitude entry: 1320m	**Altitude exit:** 1050m	**Delta Altitude:** 270m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 40m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: December - March	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.5 (1)	**Info:** ★ 3 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (1)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x60

Summary:
Forming one of the most impressive gorges in South Eastern Australia, Crystal Brook plummets off of the plateau. The rock is grippy, and the ambience is excellent.

Hydrology:
Check the flow as you drive across Eurobin Creek, near the base of Mount Buffalo. At the Eurobin Falls car park, you will find two drainage pipes.

Access:
Park at the Mount Buffalo Chalet

Approach:
From the chalet, head north passed lookouts until you find the obvious creek.

Tour:
The first anchors are located on RR (as are all the anchors on the headwall). You'll have to walk at least 40m back up the track towards your car, and head left out towards the rolling lip to locate them. Two unlinked free hangers back from the edge, or two glue ins, that you may like to rope up to reach.

The first two abseils are reasonably dry. The R3 anchor is again on the RR side - the bolts are on a right facing block, and easy to overlook if you follow the water down...

R4 anchors are very wet. A small (3-4) person stance. R4 takes you to the bottom of the head wall. Beware this pool drains between the boulders below, as does the following pool.

The following anchors are all on true left.

R5 (optional) provides an anchor to access R6.

R7 is very reachy, so if you're short, afraid, or have slippery shoes, you may like some sort of aid (stick clip) to reach them. At 5'10", they are quite attainable with some stretch and confidence. It may be best to use this anchor to go all the way down to the final pool, as it is a tricky downclimb.

Return:
Remain in the stream, and pick your way down for around 200m, until you have just passed the right angled cream coloured rocks forming the climb Ozymandias, on your left. You will soon cross the access track to this climb, and follow it to the right side. During the ascent, there are numerous cairns and fixed lines. You will arrive at a view point just a few hundred meters from the chalet.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start -36.7199 146.8181
Waterlevel Checkpoint -36.7176 146.8425

Reports:

2025-02-10 | Jason Walker | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ | 📖 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
The grading - at low flows (as pictured in this write up) its probably closer to V4, A2 or A3. The flow is never an issue except getting smashed at R4 anchor. At medium flow though, its likely the water would be a bigger issue. Its a super cool day out, and a fun mission when its 30+ degrees at the bottom of the valley.