

## COOMERA CANYON v4 a3 III\*\*\*

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Coomera Canyon, also known as 'Coomera Crevice', is the best canyon in the South East Queensland area. Unlike many other 'canyons' in Queensland, this is a proper canyon. It has high walls, is visually stunning, and has a decent amount of water running through it most of the time. The canyon is bolted throughout with most anchors up high on the sides to survive flood events.

Though the canyon is equipped with anchors, it is still an adventurous undertaking, suitable only for those with good canyoning and outdoors experience and the ability to be self sufficient. The exit is long, and depending on which option you take, is navigationally difficult, as well as tiring. This is all worth the effort however, and the canyon delivers on all levels!

### APPROACH BY CAR

Drive to Binna Burra car park at the end of Binna Burra road, located in Lamington National Park.

### APPROACH BY FOOT

From the Binna Burra carpark, take the border track, and at the first fork in the path with the wooden seat, take the Coomera circuit turnoff going right. Once at the lookout platform overlooking Coomera falls and the lower gorge (45 mins approx), continue on walking for another few minutes until you reach the creek crossing where the track crosses the creek- this is the start of the canyon. Head into the canyon (downstream) as it narrows.

If the first few pools are frothing with white water, as shown in the photo, this is a definite indicator to go another day! You should not go or take a group through if it is even close to the level in the photo and you have not been canyoning before. This canyon is not a suitable place to take beginners and show them canyoning if you are not properly trained in swift water and know the proper ropework to manage a group (single rope releasable abseils, guidelines ect) with a water level as shown.

### ESCAPES

After R1, the canyon becomes inescapable. After the R2 drop, it is impossible to escape in the event of an emergency. No amount of climbing skills will get you up the wet, slippery walls. Keep this in mind as you assess your abilities and prepare with the necessary gear.

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**DESCENT:** 2 hr

**EXIT:** 3-4 hr

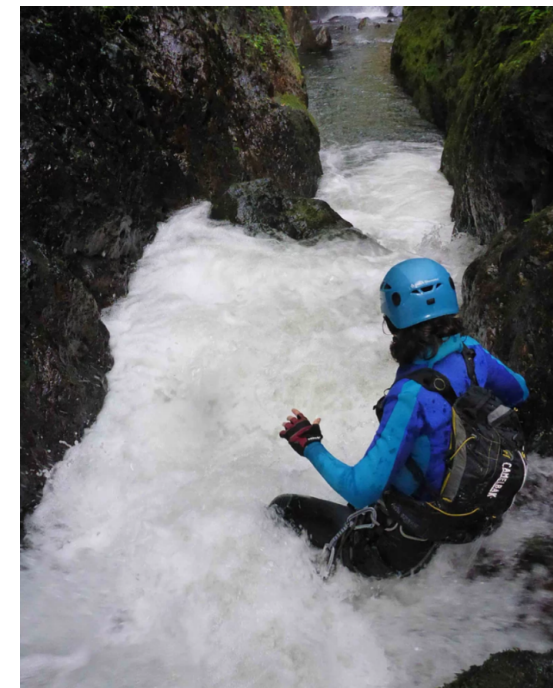
**TOTAL TIME:** 6 hrs

(by experienced party of 4)

**LENGTH:** 350m

**ELEVATION LOSS:** 200 m

**FLASH FLOOD DANGER:** Medium



**Water level reference photo. If its like this, or even close, go another day!  
Aim for low water levels!**

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### EXIT

Two options are available for exiting.

### OPTION 1

Overview: Hard navigation and difficult to find the start, steep scrambling, track highly eroded in places.

After R6, the spectacular 60 meter Coomera Falls and finale to the canyon, continue downstream for approximately 1 Km. Rock cairns and pink tape can be found on the TR (true right, looking downstream), and the faint path weaves in towards the rainforest until a steep, short rock cliff is encountered. There is a good place to scramble up with tree roots to hold onto. This is usually well worn, but can still blend into the surrounding rainforest.

From here, the track makes continual turns as it negotiates the bluffs and cliffs. Take the time to stay of the worn path, which periodically disappears. Eventually you cross climb up a another short and exposed rock, often wet and dripping, and cross over the top of a waterfall. At this point, the track should not be too difficult to follow, depending on your off track navigation experience.

After lots of steep uphill, it flattens out, and again may disappear for a bit, but generally leads you straight to the Coomera circuit track, were you stumble onto the path. Head back to Binna Burra from here by following the track, the same one you used to get to the canyon.

You can find a GPS track for this exit on Wikiloc, [HERE](#). This shows the hardest part to navigate along the off track section.

### OPTION 2

Overview: Easier walking, but takes longer than option 1, navigation much easier, requires car shuffle.

After R6, the 60 meter falls and finale to the canyon, continue downstream for 4-5 hours, depending on your speed walking along creeks. Once you reach Gwongoorool Pool simply take the marked track back to the top.

This option requires you to leave 1 car at the Gwongoorool Pool entrance, located at -28.193897, 153.184219 (google maps link [HERE](#)) for when you arrive. The other car is driven up the road to the Binna Burra car park where you start on the border track as per the 'approach on foot' section.

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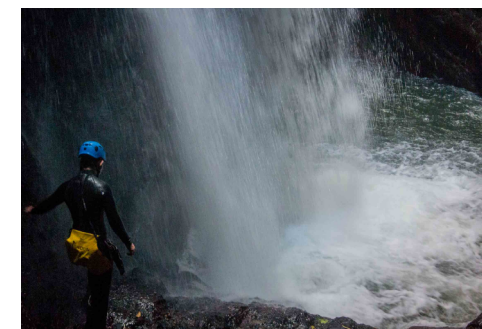
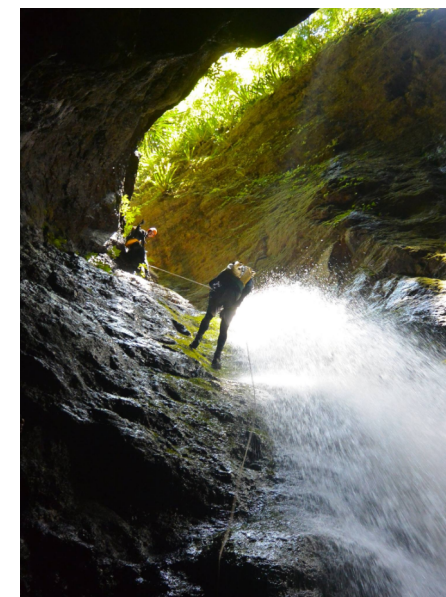
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## LEGEND

X = Single bolted anchor, with 2 'X's noting a double bolted anchor.


TL/ TR = True left/right when looking DOWN-stream

J = Jump. Always check every jump with someone looking under the water before committing!

R2  
12 m = Rappel number two, 12 meters high (or long on angled abseils).

DC = Down climb. Any hard down climbs will have height noted or warning.

NA = Natural anchor, either tree, webbing or rock protection.

 = Side waterfall. These add more volume to the water downstream from where they enter.

CANYON START

Various  
DC's & swims

XX TR

R1- 5m  
J -(opt)  
5m



**The canyon is inescapable  
after the log abseil/jump!**

XX TL

R2  
4m

XX TL

R3  
3m

XX TL

X DEV  
TR

XX DEV  
TR

R4  
25m

XX TL

XX TR

R5  
25m


XX TL

NA-TR

Long swim 100m


R6  
58m

CANYON END

R1 abseil: 


1) In high water a dangerous  
hydraulic forms under the log.

2) The jump may harbour  
hidden branches after heavy  
rain. The log can be used to  
slide down if the anchor is no  
longer safe to use.

R4 abseil: 

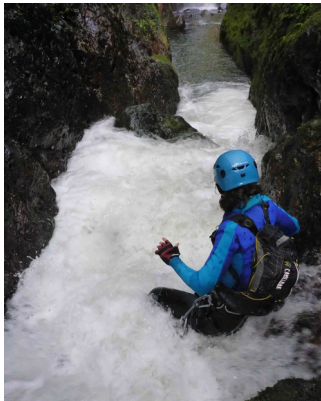
1) Deviation  
anchors for  
experienced  
canyoners in high  
water events  
only. No need to  
use in normal  
conditions.

R5 abseil:  
1) Re-belay  
anchor- reduces  
rope friction on  
pull down. Must  
only be used by  
those competent  
in canyoning  
guideline/SRT  
techniques.

R6 abseil: 

1) Check webbing & tree before  
using the NA.

2) Rope pull-down can be difficult  
at the bottom, so plan in advance  
with test pull. Ropes shorter  
than 60 meters are not advised!



Check water level in the  
pool shown below. If it is  
similar to the photo  
below and you have  
**no** swift water  
experience- **TURN BACK**  
and go another day!

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