

# Canyon fund application: Red Granite Creek

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## 1. Name of the applicant

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## 2. Name of the canyon

Red Granite Creek (RGC), tributary of the Mikonui River

## 3. Overview of the project

The upper section of RGC was run by kayakers in 2017. The lower section was bypassed.

In late 2017, we (Richard Bramley and Lee Den Haan) did the first full descent and could immediately see it was a classic canyon. Impressive granite waterfalls. Lots of deep pools and ~10 jumps ranging from 5 to 15m. Relatively easy to access.

On the first descent we bolted it to a good standard, but ran out of bolts so were unable to double bolt everything.

We went back in January 2018 and added a few more bolts. Now all anchors double bolt stations, which are a combination of:

- *stainless ring hanger*
- *stainless hanger*
- *connecting webbing*
- *stainless 75mm x 10mm bolts*

All anchor placements are out of the flow and are in line with the NZCA Bolting COP.

## 4. Justification for the project

Since being opened in late 2017 RGC has reportedly seen over a dozen trips (in less than a month!). And that is before the topo was published.

We expect it to become a west coast classic as it is not massive day and is canyonable even in moderately high flows. Likely a 3 star canyon.

We could have gotten down the canyon with relatively little gear and temporary anchors. But we chose to lug large amounts of gear into the canyon and set it up properly for future canyoneers.

## 5. Evidence of competence of the applicant to complete the project

I have bolted more than 30 canyons and also many caves. I am a NZ Canyoning Association Executive member. I am qualified with NZOIA Canyon 1.

## 6. Budget for the project (including invoices for retrospective applications)

### Total costs

The budget is provided below. The total cost is **\$147.9**.

- 8 ring hanger @ XXX = XXX
- 9 regular hanger @ XXX = XXX
- 17 bolts @ XXX = XXX
- 5m webbing @ XXX = XXX

The hangers were purchased from CanyonStore and the bolts from Ramset, both at wholesale rates.

### Bank details

My bank account details are as follows:

XXX

### Evidence & auditing

Invoices showing purchases are provided below.

The topo has been published, which shows the anchors that have been installed. Others such as Daniel Clearwater can verify that the anchors have been well placed.