

Hotnarko Falls



Hotnarko Falls, also known as Precipice Falls, in an area called the 'Baby Grand Canyon', can be a spectacular thing to see depending on the season. Meltwater in the spring increases the volume of water going over the falls to a stunning proportion as does a high volume of rain at higher altitudes during the summer.

The Trail

As you cross the huge double culverts under the road where the water flows to the falls nearby, you can hear the thundering roar of it as it drops over the cliff a long ways down to where it continues frothing in a narrow channel out to a wider, calmer, black Hotnarko River squeezed in at the base of steep cliffs on its way toward the Atnarko. There's a small parking spot next to the culverts and it's only a few steps from there on a trail to the top of the falls.

The Falls

You can follow quite a neat trail around the top of a cliff of rock, low juniper and the odd twisted bonsai tree to a point farther away from the falls with a better viewpoint. From there you can study the deep mesa topped canyon created by eons of flowing water that blasted right through the lava rock and left behind exposed basaltic pillars. Farther along you'll find a small circle of stones where more than one person has had a campfire and maybe a picnic lunch. With a good, open exposure on the cliff face, there's a breeze to keep the bugs down while before you sprawls a magnificent view that includes a snow topped mountain in the distance that tops out at nearly 7000 feet high.



Watch your step along the cliff trail!



How to Get There

There are a few ways to reach the Hotnarko Falls, which means that except for the last little bit, you can actually take a little circle drive and not have to repeat your route. Coming from the east on Highway 20, turn onto the Kappan Road just before the highway works yard at Anahim Lake and follow it for slightly less than 4 miles or about 6km. When you hit the Beeftrail road, turn right and follow it until just after you see the yellow 19km marker, just before the gravel pit. Turn left and follow the trail in until you cross a huge double culvert where there's a small pullout. You can't go any farther than that because the road has been blocked off. You can also take the Beef Trail where it crosses Highway 20 10 miles or 16km west of Anahim Lake. Turn to your left if coming from Anahim and follow it to the 19km marker. Once you reach that point, continue as directed above.

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