



INFO and FAQ

Gravity is a toy, come out and play.

How it works

Travel 15 minutes from Queenstown in one of our 4WD vehicles, take an easy 3 minute bush walk and you'll arrive at our private site - a purpose built, cliff mounted platform on the edge of a cliff 109m above the Shotover River.

Standing on the platform you will see the cables running from cliff to cliff over the river – this is the pivot point for the pendulum. From the middle of the cables two ropes run back to the platform ready for you to be harnessed to them - you act as the end of the pendulum!

After a safety briefing you're led to the platform where you're fitted into a chest & seat harness then attached onto our twin rope swinging system. It's then over to you to jump into the unknown. The beauty of The Swing is that you can jump off any way you like. We have well over 10 jumps available and many more up our sleeve for 'special occasions' – our jump staff are only too willing to help your choice!

Once you 'depart' the platform you will freefall 60m down into the canyon until the ropes smoothly swings you into a giant 200m arc. You will then complete a couple of massive swings before you slowly come to rest approximately 100m below the departure platform. We then winch you swiftly back up to the platform with a huge smile on your face and a memory you will not forget in a hurry. When you get back to the platform you have the choice of doing more jumps.

Safety

The swing, its ropes, attachments, harnesses and safety devices are inspected on a daily basis and regularly maintained and upgraded to provide you with an extremely safe and professional environment. The swing was designed by Structural and Mechanical engineers, is registered and approved by the Department of Labour (under O.S.H.), is independently audited by the Bureau De Veritas and has a permit to operate by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (amusement device #938).

You swing on 2 independent ropes which each have a breaking strain of 2.8 tons (enough to lift 4 Subaru cars without breaking). The whole freefall/swing journey is so smooth you'll barely notice when you've finished falling and begun your swing. There are no jolts or jars. The only thing you need to worry about is bringing a change of underwear!

Jump Styles

Because you're attached in a chest & seat harness you can depart the platform anyway you want, keeping your arms and legs free. The great thing about this is you can jump off 100 times and still not get bored. You have the option of going forwards, backwards, face first with 'Gimp Boy Goes To Hollywood', upside down with 'The Elvis Cutaway', backwards on 'The Chair' or any other way you can imagine. We have a special launch boom that puts you in some of these whacky positions, but it also allows you to be released if you can't bring yourself to jump. If you can think of it, it's probably already been done, from wheelchairs to kayaks, bikes and skis.

Check out our brochure or website www.canyonswing.co.nz for full jump style explanations. The different launch styles only change your perspective on the jump, making it more or less scary depending on your jump/release option.

History

The Shotover Canyon Swing was established by two Queenstown locals, both highly experienced and passionate climbers and "free-fallers". They had a vision of providing a unique, enjoyable and laid back environment for thrill seekers to safely defy gravity. In December 2002 that vision became reality as the Canyon Swing opened for commercial operation. Since then over 61983 1/3 people have launched themselves into the canyon. It's become one of the most talked about and popular activities in Queenstown, appealing to both young and old - to date our oldest swinger was 86 years old, our youngest 10 years old, and the most jumps in one session still stands at 14, by a London postman!

Combos

Make a day of it - Canyon Swing is packaged with some of Queenstown's other leading professional adventure operators to make the best use of your time and money. All of our combos operate in and around the spectacular Shotover and Skippers Canyons and will last a whole day.

Swing - Raft

Combine a Canyon Swing with white water rafting down the Shotover River with Challenge Rafting.

Swing - Jet - Raft

Combine a Canyon Swing into the Shotover Canyon, jet boating with Shotover Jet and white water rafting down the Shotover River with Challenge Rafting.

Shotover Canyon Combo

Experience the Shotover Canyons every way possible. Combine a Canyon Swing down the rock faces, whizz past them with Shotover Jet, take a helicopter flight over them with the Helicopter Line and white water raft through them with Challenge Rafting.

Swing - Bike - Heli

Combine a Canyon Swing with mountain biking* into the famous Skippers Canyon with Gravity Action and a helicopter ride out with the Helicopter Line.

*Mountain biking October-May only.

**Bookings for these combos are only available through Queenstown
Combos – raft@combos.co.nz**

Photos and Retail Items

High quality digital photographs and DVDs are available to purchase immediately following your jump. T-shirts, hoodies, caps, beanies and drinks are also all for sale onsite. We accept cash, Eftpos (NZ only), Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

**Promotional images available to download on our website -
www.canyonswing.co.nz**