



Photo 31 Ahead you will see some huge boulders. Keep running straight ahead between some large rocks and to the left of a big boulder with an old tree sticking up from it.

Continue up and around the edge of a newly formed braid of the Deception River that has washed out into the right hand bank [Insert—photo 32]. Exit the braid up onto a well worn track on the right river terrace and follow to where it ducks into the bush for a short 20 metre stretch before popping out at the rivers edge again [Insert—photos 33 & 34].



Photo 35 5th Crossing (Deception River)—This crossing from the right side of the Deception River to the left, just beneath the site where the Old Swing Bridge used to stand. Once across, head up the valley, skirting around the edge of the bush, under trees, around and over large rocks, and in and out of the water [Insert—photo 36]. As things begin to open up again, you will encounter perhaps the most slippery rocks of all on the course where a Sulphur Spring Stream flows out from the bush. The stream water is noticeably cooler than that of the river. Carefully negotiate these slippery rocks and pick up the worn track again on the left bank [Insert—photo 37].



Photo 38 The worn track leads up and around to a small scree slope. From here the Deception River valley really opens out and there are two route options to take up the valley:



1. Red Route. 6th Crossing (Deception River)—Immediately cross the river over to the right bank and follow a newly worn path straight up the right side of the valley towards some large standing trees in the distance on river right [Insert—photo 39]. The initial crossing here can be deep and swift.

2. Blue route. Continue up and over the small scree slope on the left and head straight up the guts of the valley on an old worn track towards some large standing bush in the distance on river right. This route gets rough and subsequently becomes slower to move over near the end. The Blue Route, however, leads to a much easier, shallower crossing of the Deception River. [Insert—photo 40].

