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Twenty Five Mile Creek, Rees Station

Wild file
Access: From the end of Rees Valley Rd. Permission to enter Twenty Five Mile Creek should be gained from Rees Valley Station (03 442 9908)
Grade: Moderate
Length: 39.6km
Time: 3 days
Accommodation: Camping in Twenty Five Mile Creek; Shelter Rock Hut (serviced, 22 bunks)
Topo50 Map: CA10, CB10

Description
From the car park head up the Rees Valley, climbing the terrace to Twenty Five Mile Hut - not a place to take refuge unless you are truly desperate.
Continue up Twenty Five Mile Creek to the private Big Devil Hut. Next is a 150m-odd climb past a gorge. Stay high to avoid the boulder-strewn creek. At the gully below Big Devil Spur, start your descent to the creek bed, angling down to the flats where there is good camping. Easy travel leads to Rough Creek – which if you make good time would make a good camp for the first night.
The creek becomes more confined at this point, so climb the tussock slopes on the true right until it opens out again. Climb to the basin below Twenty Five Mile Saddle and then on up to and over the saddle itself. This can be tricky, so chose your route carefully. There is a tarn just beneath the saddle which makes a nice spot to take in the views and assess your route to the Rees Dart Track below. It's fairly straightforward and once on the Rees Dart make your way to Shelter Rock Hut for the night. The final day is a 17km trek along the Rees-Dart back to the car park.

Elevation Profile

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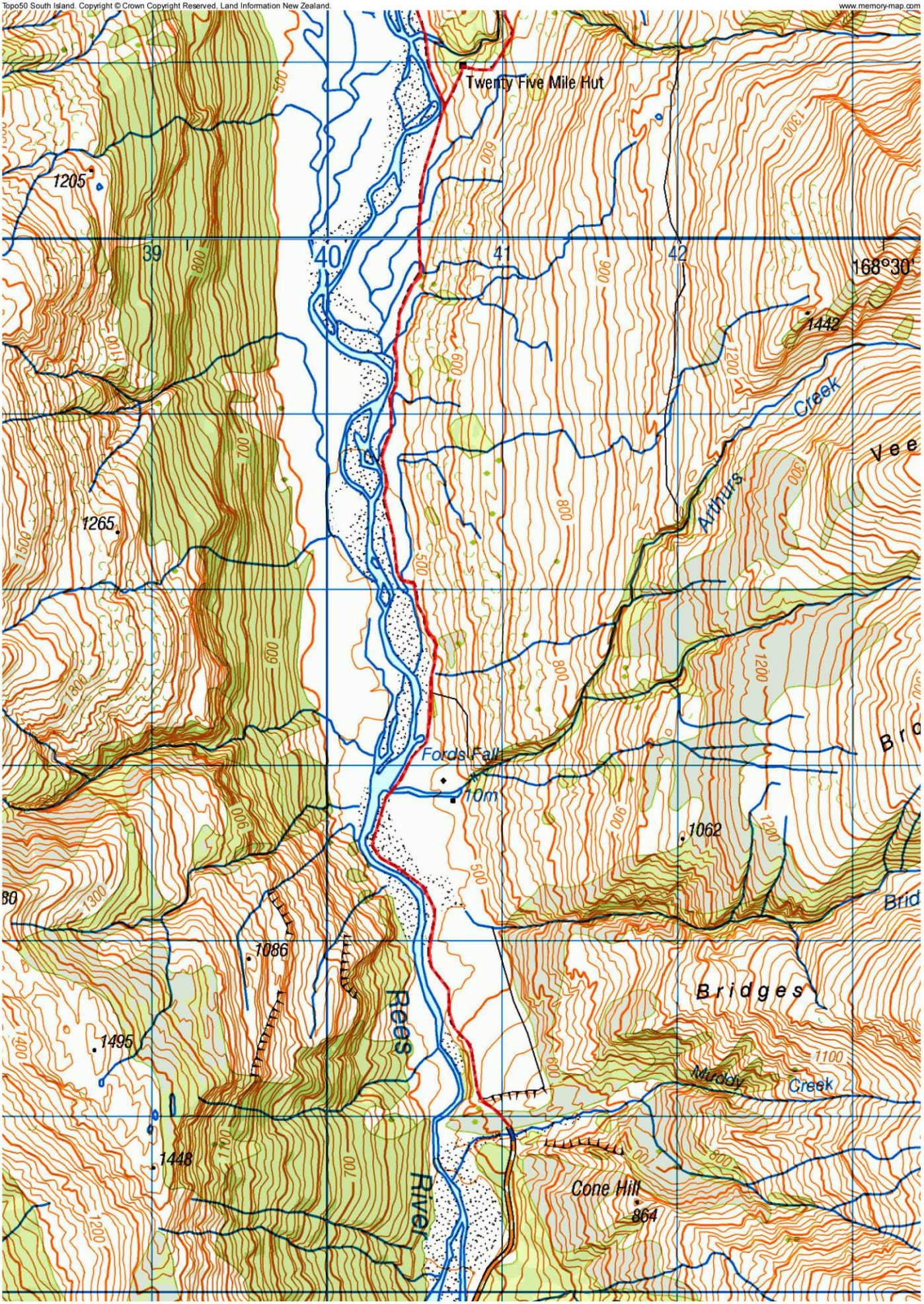

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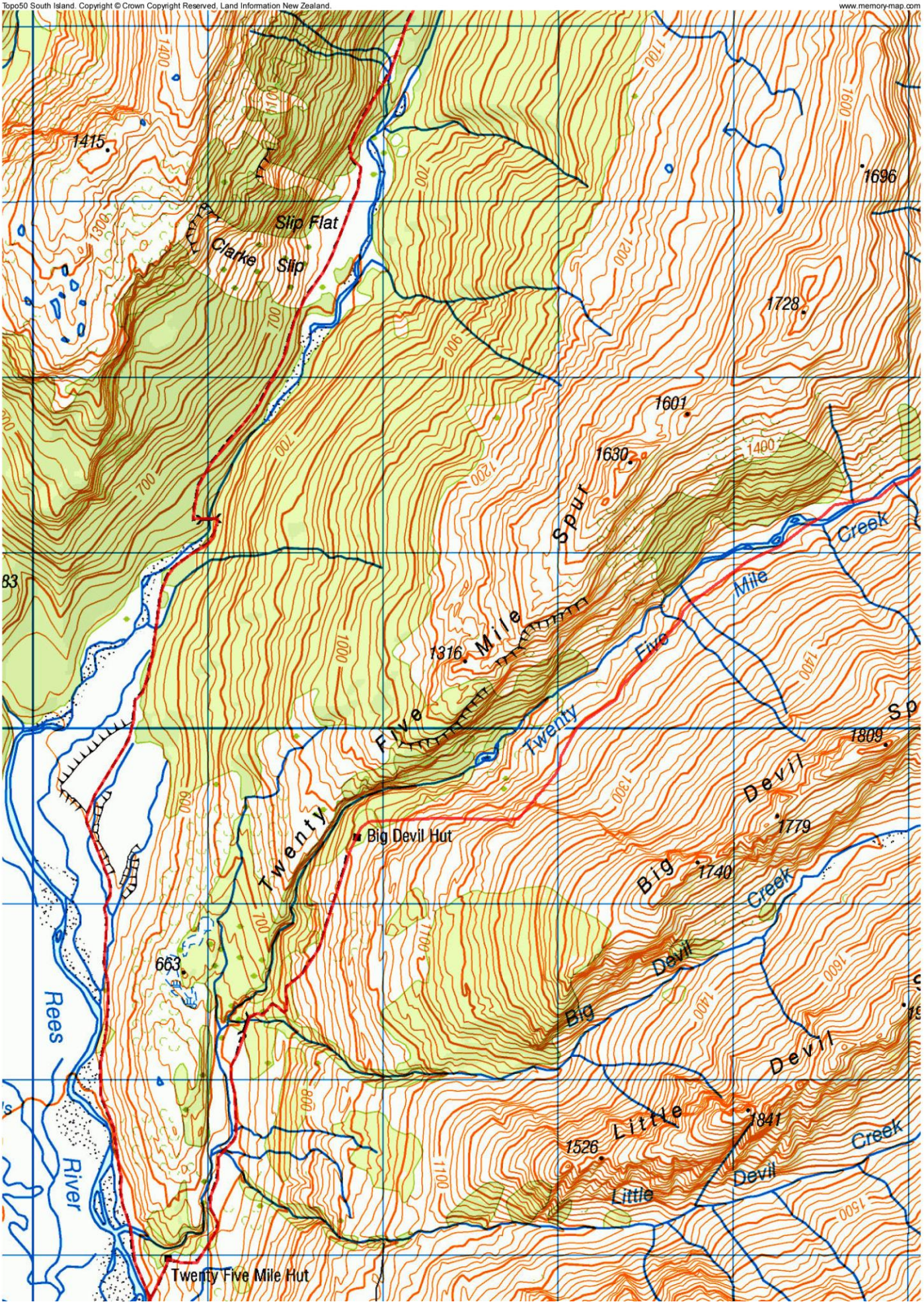

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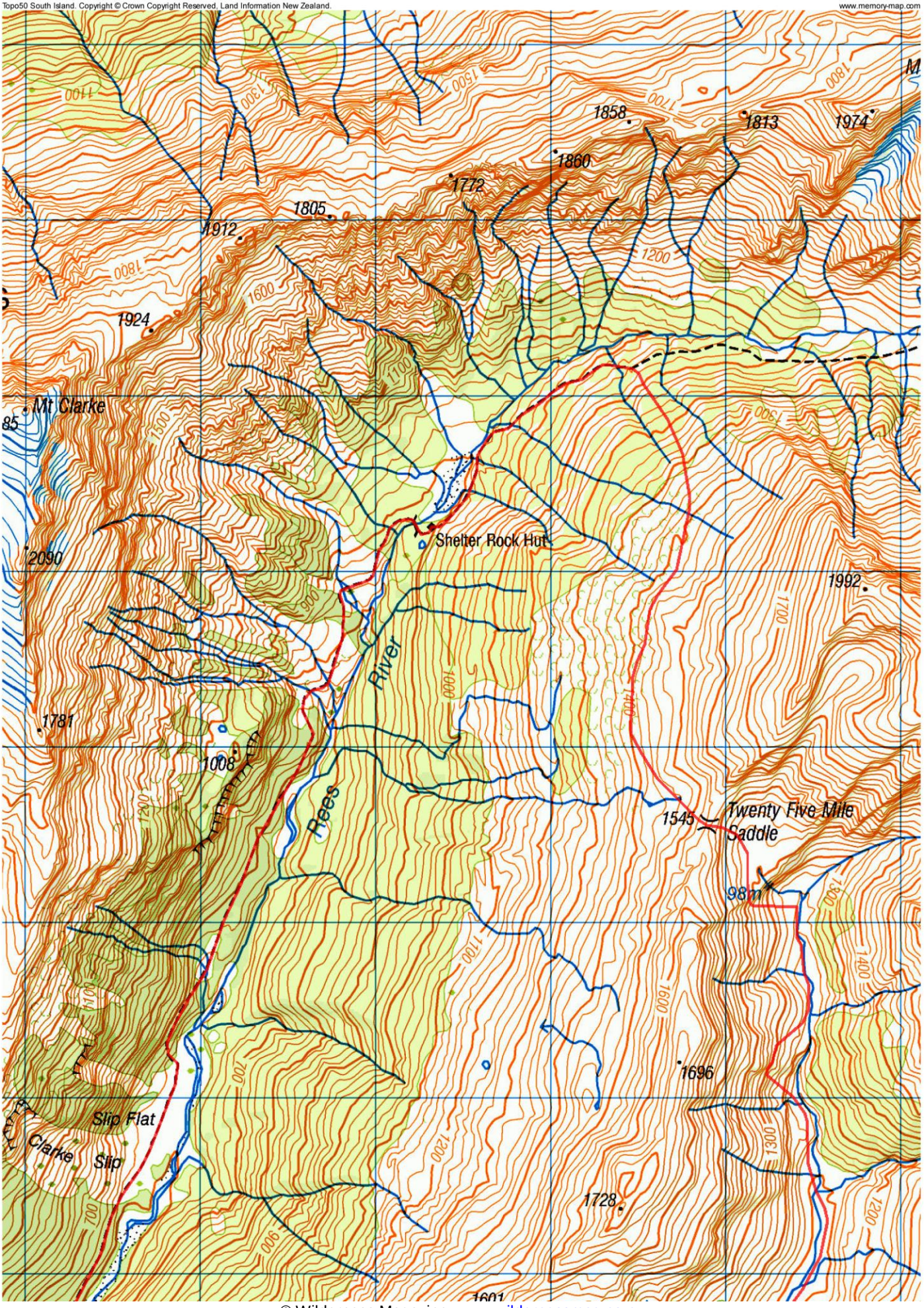

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