Payron Valley (2670m) – Khanaka Valley (3110m)

Distance: 12km

Ascent: 1260m

Descent: 820m

Trail: hard – vague or no trails

Accommodation

Camping

An early morning crossing of the Payron River should be fairly easy. Head up the true left bank for about 5km until the river bends north. Keep right in an east southeasterly direction. The pass is visible, but there is no clear path, in most places, just some sheep trails. Stay on the looker's left (the right is very rough). A couple of hundred metres below the pass the trail becomes visible again. Enjoy some stunning views from this pass. While going down, stay on the right and hike towards the glacial lake on the steep slope. Pass the lake on the left. The upper end of the river has grassy flat spots to pitch your tent.