

52 WAIPAPA POINT

Shortened from the original Māori name of Waipapapa, meaning shallow waters, this is the site of New Zealand's worst civilian shipwreck. In 1881 the SS Tararua ran aground on Waipapa Reef and 131 of 151 passengers and crew died. The lighthouse, built after the disaster, stands as a poignant reminder. Sea lions/whakahao can be found on the beach and amongst the coastal tussock.

53 TARARUA ACRE CEMETERY

15 min return

Signposted from the Waipapa Point Lighthouse Road, the walk is across private property (closed during the lambing season September/October). The 'Tararua Acre' is where many of the victims of the SS Tararua shipwreck are buried.

54 SLOPE POINT

20 min return

The most southerly point on the South Island of New Zealand, Slope Point is a marked route across private farmland, giving good views of Stewart Island/Rakiura, Bluff and the Tiwai Point aluminium smelter.

61 LENZ RESERVE

Contact Forest & Bird for access to this reserve that gives a chance to spot some very special wildlife – forest gecko, green tree frogs, and 16 types of native fish species. From the Tautuku Forest Cabins (available to book) three easy walking tracks vary in length between 1–3 hours. For more information see: www.forestandbird.org.nz

62 TAUTUKU ESTUARY BOARDWALK

30 min return

This partly board walked track heads through podocarp forest to estuary flats, home to a population of fernbirds/matata who are often heard but seldom seen.

63 LAKE WILKIE

30 min return

A unique forest sequence is explained through a series of interpretation panels. Suitable for wheelchairs to the top viewing point.

55 WAIPOHATU RECREATION AREA

Māori legend has it that large hairy giants called Maeroero inhabited these valleys of bush. Two tracks in the area explore native forest. One easy walk (30 minutes return) is wheelchair accessible, and a larger hike (2 hrs each way).

56 CURIO BAY/TUMU TOKA AND PORPOISE BAY

Few places offer such scenic, wildlife and recreational values in one small area. Tumu Toka, translates to 'hardened wood' or 'stump of wood' – a reference to the ancient fossil forest with imprints of fallen trees and ferns from 180 million years ago, that can be accessed at low tide. A small population of endangered yellow-eyed penguins/hoiho nest nearby. From the camping ground there is access to Porpoise Bay, a popular swimming and surfing spot. During summer, you may see the rare Hector's dolphin/upokohue swimming in the bay.

57 WAIKAWA

The Waikawa Museum has numerous displays relating to the early settlers and their industries of this once bustling port town. Short walk options include the Old Coach Road (20 minutes return, and only passable at low tide), and the George Aitken Walk (20 minutes return).

64 TAUTUKU BAY

15 min return to the beach

Walk from opposite the Outdoor Education Centre on the main Chaslands Highway, or drive to the beach picnic area via the narrow gravel Tautuku Beach Road. The beach is suitable for 4WD only.

58 NIAGARA FALLS/MANGA PIRI

Niagara Falls was named by a surveyor with an obvious sense of humour! A special site called a nohoanga is situated on part of the Waikawa River nearby, signifying its importance for gathering traditional food for Kai Tahu whanau.

59 MCLEAN FALLS

40 min return

The 22 metre falls on the Tautuku River are often described as the most spectacular in the region. The walk to the falls, though uphill, is not too steep and is very pleasant.

60 CATHEDRAL CAVES

50 min return

Managed by landowners of Māori descent, a small entry fee is charged for maintaining the private road entrance and facilities. Access to the caves is from October to May and only at low tide. Please contact the Clutha i-Site for tide times to ensure access.

#64
Tautuku Bay,
The Catlins

65 FLORENCE HILL LOOKOUT

This is a great place to stop and enjoy the spectacular views of Tautuku Bay and Tautuku Peninsula to the south; and Tahakopa Bay and Long Point to the north. It has become popular for 'big wave' surfing competitions.

PAPATOWAI

A small township nestled in native bush, with a spectacular beach and coastline on its doorstep.

66 COASTAL WALKING TRACKS

40 min to 1 hr return

Popular walks in the Papatowai Scenic Reserve are suitable for all age groups. You may encounter yellow-eyed penguins/hoiho, NZ sea lions/ whakahao and oystercatchers/ torea on the beach. The Kings Rock Track and Picnic Point Track (wheelchair grade) areas start from Cross Street. Other short walks around the beach and estuary can be accessed via the picnic ground on the foreshore.

67 OLD COACH ROAD

40 min to 3 hr return

Starting at the carpark at the north end of the Tahakopa River bridge, the track follows the old coach route from Tahakopa Beach through the southern-most stand of silver beech/tawhai and tree

ferns/katote, to a young totara stand which marks an early Māori archaeological site. The track ends when it reaches the beach. For the more adventurous, the beach can be followed to link with the route known as the Old Possumers Track. This is a three hour loop. The start/finish is the left fork of the Old Coach Road.

68 MATAI FALLS

30 min return

Walk to the waterfalls through the regenerating podocarp/broadleaf forest of Table Hill Scenic Reserve.

69 PURAKAUNUI FALLS

20 min return

A true icon of the Catlins, this is one of New Zealand's most photographed waterfalls, gracing many calendars, postcards and book covers. The track is suitable for wheelchair users to the top viewing point.

70 CATLINS RIVER-WISP LOOP TRACK

The Catlins River-Wisp Loop Track includes two 12 km routes, the Catlins River Walk and Wisp Loop Walk. The routes can be walked in either direction and can be done as a 24km two day tramp or one long day tramp. Sections of the track can be walked independently of the others, as there are many entry/exit points along the way. The Wisp Loop returns along the forestry roads and could be mountain biked separately. The Rocky Knoll extension track is a side route that runs off the Wisp Loop Walk, and is well worth the short climb to get the views and also see some nice sub-alpine vegetation not often accessible in the Catlins.

71 JACKS BLOWHOLE

1 hr return

Named after the Māori chief Tuhawaiki (known to European settlers as Bloody Jack). The blowhole is 55m deep and 200m from the sea. It formed when the roof section of a large subterranean cavern, eroded by the sea, caved in. Please do not disturb stock.

#52 Waipapa Lighthouse at Waipapa Point, The Catlins, Page 30.

OWAKA

Early European pioneers established this town and community, carving a future from the bush. Today it's an ideal base from which to explore the wider Catlins area. The Owaka Museum captures the essence of The Catlins experience with a visual, story filled journey through the state-of-the-art complex at 10 Campbell Street.

72 POUNAWEA BUSH WALK TRACK

45 min return

Ecologically important because of its rare vegetation, this walk offers virgin podocarp forest, rich in birdlife, and returns via a saltmarsh and estuary where wading birds can be seen.

Each year godwits return from northern Asia to the sand spit near the mouth of the estuary. The saltmarsh area is accessible only at low tide.

73 SURAT BAY WILDLIFE WALK

30 min return

This track, through sand dunes, is one of the best ways to experience the world's rarest sea lion (NZ sea lion/ whakahao). Please take care around sea lions. When you remain out of sight in the sand dunes, you will be able to observe their behaviour and how they interact.

74 TUNNEL HILL

20 min return

An easy walk to a 250m long railway tunnel, excavated by hand from 1891-92, and lined with locally-made bricks. Take a torch to explore the tunnel and please stay within the reserve boundaries.

75 ROARING BAY

10 min return

This 47 hectare reserve is a breeding place for the yellow-eyed penguins/hoiho. These penguins are best seen from the Roaring Bay hide as they return from the sea in the evening. They nest in the native shrubland covered areas of the headland. Binoculars are recommended.

76 NUGGET POINT/TOKATA LIGHTHOUSE

20 min return

A path leads to the lighthouse where, far below, NZ fur seals/kekeno, Southern elephant seals/ ihupuku, NZ sea lions/ whakahao, and yellow-eyed penguins/hoiho may be seen. Binoculars are recommended.

KAKA POINT

Kaka Point has stunning scenery and a wealth of wildlife. Enjoy the native bush backdrop and ocean views.

78 KAKA POINT BUSH WALK

30 min return

This is an easy bush walk that seems very remote, yet it is almost within the township of Kaka Point.

79 AWAKIKI TRACK

40 min return

By using the foot access through a neighbouring farm and following a short loop walk, an outstanding example of lowland totara forest can be explored. Awakiki Reserve is signposted south of Telford Rural Polytechnic.



CLUTHA COUNTRY

Balclutha is at the heart of Clutha Country and is the biggest town on the Southern Scenic Route between Dunedin and Invercargill. Enjoy the excellent range of friendly retail and food outlets, or try your hand at fishing or a round of golf. There is also a camping ground and a number of motels for a range of accommodation options. The Clutha River/Mata-Au Bridge spans the largest river (by water volume) in New Zealand.

80 NAISH PARK / BLAIR ATHOL WALKWAY

2 hr return

Access to this walk can be found at the back of Naish Park on Charlotte Street in Balclutha. You will follow the mighty Clutha River/Mata-Au and take in the fabulous array of flora and fauna, including an amazing display of rhododendrons. You are able to bike this track.

81 SOD COTTAGE

Open to visitors at any time, the Sod Cottage is 13 km north of Balclutha on SH1. It was built in the 1860s as a stop for miners heading to the goldfields. It has been restored by the South Otago Historical Society, and was reopened on the 30th of May 1970.

MILTON

This township has a rich history in wool and timber mills, both of which are still productive industries in the town today. Another highlight is the Gothic-inspired Tokomairiro Presbyterian Church which opened in 1889.

82 WHALE FOSSIL LOOKOUT

Visit the whale fossils at the lookout near Milburn Limeworks, 9km north of Milton. The lookout provides spectacular views of Lake Waihola.

It also houses a display of rare whale and dolphin fossils that were found in the nearby lime quarries, and are 24–34 million years old, as well as a pictorial history of the lime and phosphate working in the area.

WAIHOLA

The lakeside domain has many activities available including kayaking, fishing, a pontoon and water slides for children – making it a great place to relax and unwind.

83 SINCLAIR WETLANDS / TE NOHOAKA A TUKIAUUAU

These significant wetlands are a 315 hectare waterfowl reserve with numerous shallow peaty lagoons, a labyrinth of waterways, and two islands fringed with flax/harakeke, native bulrush/raupo and grasses. The wetlands, renowned for their abundance of kai (food) and Whakaraupuka (Ram Island), which is the former site of the pa (fortified village) of Tukiauau. The wetlands are located at 854 Clarendon/Berwick Road, signposted off SH1.

84 PICNIC GULLY TRACK

45 min return

This track starts 400 m south of the bridge at Taieri Mouth, crossing a fence midway up the gully as it passes from the reserve into private land. The route leads up out of the gully and onto Finlayson Road.

TAIERI MOUTH

A great spot for swimming and surfing, with interesting rocks to explore at the southern end of the main beach. Livingstonia Park is a peaceful spot for a family picnic.

85/86 TAIERI RIVER AND MILLENNIUM TRACKS

4 hr return

The Taieri River Track (starting at Taieri Mouth), and the Millennium Track (starting from Taieri Ferry Road, off SH1), meet at picturesque John Bull Gully. Walking upstream from Taieri Mouth, saline and freshwater vegetation give way to open shrub land and stands of lush podocarp forest. Good footwear is essential.

87 BRIGHTON

The sleepy seaside village of Brighton, on the coast 18km south of Dunedin, is a wonderful family-friendly destination where you can swim safely, sit in the creek, have a picnic or barbecue, and fossick in rock pools.

FOOTING IT

The inner city is compact, with iconic heritage buildings within a stroll of Dunedin's central Octagon. Follow the heritage trails or sign up for a guided walk at the centrally located i-Site. Gardens, both public and private, short walks and hikes to stunning vistas are a great way to explore the city.

88 DUNEDIN BOTANIC GARDEN

Dunedin's Botanic Garden opened in 1869, making it the oldest in New Zealand. Designated a Garden of International Significance by The New Zealand Gardens Trust, it is famous for its rhododendron dell.

89 BALDWIN STREET

Stretch your calf muscles on the world's steepest Street – Baldwin St in North Dunedin. Regularly raced; by people in the annual 'Gut buster' race, and by sweets in the Cadbury Chocolate Carnival's iconic 'Jaffa Race'.

90 SIGNAL HILL

Otago Harbour, can be seen in its magnificent entirety from the lookout at Signal Hill, only minutes from the city centre.

GET ACTIVE

Dunedin is a mecca for outdoor pursuits. Surfers will discover great waves, both for learners and the most experienced of thrill seekers. Hire a bike, for either mountain biking on tracks in the hills surrounding the city, or a more sedate ride along the harbour. Golfers can take their pick of the myriad of courses available; from the first golf club opened in New Zealand at the historic Balmacewen Golf Course, to the links course at Chisholm Park, or the

magnificent cliff top scenery of St Clair Golf Course.

91 ST CLAIR

St Clair offers seaside delights just ten minutes from Dunedin's Octagon. Stroll, surf, or enjoy the Esplanade's bars, cafes or restaurants. During summer the therapeutic Hot Salt Water Pool is a local institution.

92 TUNNEL BEACH TRACK

1 hr return

A steep track and narrow, stepped tunnel lead down to this romantic and secluded beach, once the private domain of the powerful Cargill family. White sandstone cliffs and curious wind, sea and rain-sculpted stacks add to the atmosphere here. Signposted 7 km south of Dunedin. (Closed Aug/Sep/Oct).

OTAGO PENINSULA

A breath-taking natural environment on the doorstep of Dunedin City, Otago Peninsula is home to rare and protected native bird and marine mammal species and internationally

acclaimed ecotourism operations.

Discover some of New Zealand's rarest wildlife with local experts from The Royal Albatross Centre, Natures Wonders, and Penguin Place or gain a different perspective on a Monarch Wildlife Cruise. Enjoy the intriguing history and romance at Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle.

WILDLIFE: Please treat any wildlife you encounter with care and follow any instructions on signposts. Give sea lions a wide berth (20 m), retreat if you see penguins approaching.

93 SANDFLY BAY

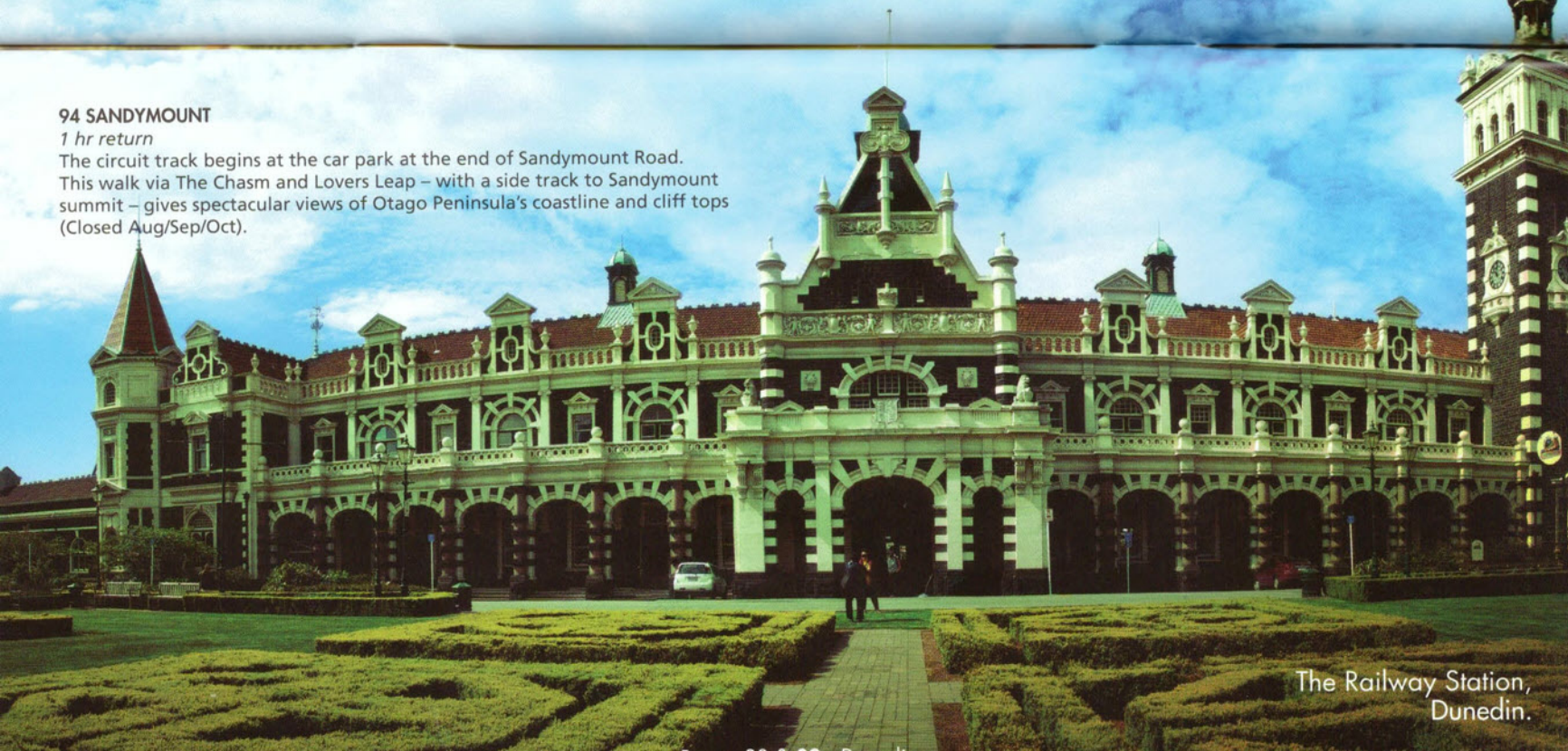
1 hr return

Turn off Highcliff Road onto Sandymount Road, then right onto Seal Point Road to reach the car park. A path crosses farmland to the sand dunes. Go down the sand hill – which can be rather testing on the return, uphill journey – and walk about 1 km along the beach. Near the southern end a marked track leads up to a hide to view the yellow-eyed penguins (hoiho).

94 SANDYMOUNT

1 hr return

The circuit track begins at the car park at the end of Sandymount Road. This walk via The Chasm and Lovers Leap – with a side track to Sandymount summit – gives spectacular views of Otago Peninsula's coastline and cliff tops (Closed Aug/Sep/Oct).



The Railway Station,
Dunedin.

36 COSY NOOK

Cosy Nook is a rocky cove sheltering several fishing boats and holiday homes. Early European settlers reported Pahi's Village – a Kai Tahu settlement of forty houses was situated here.

37 LONG HILLY TRACK

2 hr return

Starting at Round Hill Road, 15km west of Riverton, the Long Hilly Track explores regenerating native bush and relics from the little-known days of early Chinese goldmining activity in Southland – the largest Chinese settlement in New Zealand. The gravelled loop-track leads through a tramway cutting to old earth dams.

38 COLAC BAY/ORAKA

A large statue of a surfer riding a wave greets visitors to Colac Bay/Oraka. First settled by early Māori, the rocky coastline, great sandy beach and surf continue to attract people to this small settlement.

40 TARAMEA/HOWELLS POINT

At the end of the 'Rocks Highway'. This is a privately-owned recreation reserve and is a great place for walking, picnicking, fishing and bird watching. It offers spectacular views of Taramea Bay, Invercargill, Bluff and Stewart Island/Rakiura.

41 TE WAI KORARI WETLAND RESERVE

20 min return

A short walking track starts at the eastern entrance to Riverton/Aparima and leads down to loop through the 6 hectare flax wetland. This reserve provides a sanctuary for whitebait/inanga and other native fish.

THORNBURY

Visit the vintage farm machinery museum located at Thornbury, or the nearby Templeton Flax Mill and Heritage Museum (open by arrangement).

RIVERTON/APARIMA

A popular seaside and holiday resort, Riverton/Aparima is known as the 'Riviera of the South'. Riverton/Aparima is rich in early Māori history and is one of the earliest European settlements in New Zealand. Visit the Te Hiko Southern Journey Heritage Museum and take a photo with the infamous paua shell on the main road.

39 MORES SCENIC RESERVE

10 min to 3 hr

Mores Reserve, at the top of Richard Street (turn left at the end of the bridge over the estuary and follow the signs), offers several short walks and great views over Southland and Foveaux Strait/Te Ara a Kiwa towards Stewart Island/Rakiura.



Riverton Harbour,
Western Southland.

ABOUT THE ROUTE

The Road Less Travelled

The Southern Scenic Route is sealed, but roads to some attractions may not be. Some points of interest may be across private land, and access is by courtesy of the landowner. On unsealed roads, slow down and drive to the conditions. If you come across sheep and cattle being moved along roads, please drive slowly and show consideration.

Follow The Signs

The Southern Scenic Route is indicated by brown signs with the symbol below.



Safety Tips

- Please ensure you have enough fuel in your vehicle as distances between fuel stops can be large.
- Dress for the weather and be prepared for it to change.
- Carry and apply insect repellent particularly in the Hauroko and Borland areas.
- Keep at least 20 metres away from wildlife.
- Even the easiest walks need safety sense - be prepared!
- Stay on the track and remain behind any barriers.
- Check tide times before you start.
- Enjoy your journey and please travel safely and with care.



PRE-VISIT INFO

Freedom Camping

There are many camping grounds with excellent facilities along the Southern Scenic Route. We recommend that you stay in Holiday Parks, DOC camping grounds or other designated areas. Freedom camping is not permitted outside these areas without the express permission of councils and landowners. Please obey signs and, if in doubt, ask a local person or information centre. For further information see: www.camping.org.nz.

Recycling

Help us protect our people, land, water and native species, so that these treasures can be shared now and in the future. You can contribute to recycling in New Zealand during your travels by supporting sustainable products and businesses, and making a dedicated effort to use the many recycling stations.

Walking

The scenery along the Southern Scenic Route is breathtaking, and this experience is amplified when walking the various tracks. Take a leisurely day walk or go bush for a few days on a Great Walk - there are options to suit your level of fitness and experience. Visit a Department of Conservation office or www.doc.govt.nz for further information on tracks.

Accommodation

To find and book accommodation please visit the regional websites shown on page 44.

Mountain Biking

Whether you're looking for an adrenalin pumping technical track or an easy family ride, the Southern Scenic Route features tracks that are ideal for two wheeled exploring. Some tracks are designed for both walkers and bikers, so please keep to your left and use your bell or call out when passing.

Fishing

The Southern Scenic Route traverses some of the finest trout fishing spots in New Zealand. These waters include lakes Wakatipu, Te Anau and Manapouri, and the Maitai, Oreti, Mararoa, Waiau and Aparima rivers. Fishing licences are required to fish for trout and can be bought from sports/fishing stores, Fish & Game offices in Dunedin or Invercargill, or online at: www.fishandgame.org.nz. Saltwater fishing is popular around the south coast with target species varying by location, from blue cod to tuna and shark. No fishing licence is required to catch sea fish; however there are strictly enforced bag limits which vary depending on the location.

GEOLOGY, FLORA AND WILDLIFE

Geology

The drive features a myriad of landscapes, shaped by natural processes in New Zealand's young, but varied, geological history. Lakes Wakatipu, Te Anau and Manapouri were formed by the gouging action of huge glaciers, which then melted, creating lakes. Sandstone hills, formed 150 million years ago during uplifting and folding of the earth's crust, are visible west of Tuatapere. Limestone rock outcrops and caves at Clifden were created by the streams. In The Catlins, distinctive parallel ridges and valleys show the Southland syncline.

Flora

Beech/tawhai forest dominates the Fiordland National Park and the Takitimu ranges. Other species present include kamahi and podocarps such as miro, rimu, kahikatea and totara. There is an abundance of ferns, mosses and perching plants due to the high volume of rainfall. The Catlins are clothed in rimu, kamahi, rata and beech/tawhai forest, making it the largest area of native forest on the South Island's east coast.

Penguins

Blue penguins/korora nest in burrows along the coastline. About 450 pairs of endangered yellow-eyed penguins/hoiho are found on the south-east coast. Designated viewing platforms and hides at Nugget Point and Curio Bay are the best vantage points. Yellow-eyed penguins/hoiho are extremely shy and vulnerable to disturbance. Please adhere to the guideline signs on site.

Wildlife Viewing

The Southern Scenic Route provides opportunity to view some of New Zealand's unique wildlife. Visitors need to appreciate that these animals are wild and approaching them may create danger for yourself and/or the animal. Please adhere to the protocols as outlined.

All native animals are protected by law and many species are endangered, so simple rules are designed to enhance the experience for you and to protect wildlife.

- Use viewing platforms and hides where provided and follow all instructions.

- Remain at least 20m (or further in some instances) away from all wildlife, and never block their path.

- Please do not feed or touch any wildlife.

- Be aware of areas where dogs are prohibited (including National Parks and many other reserves), and abide by these conditions. They are a threat to New Zealand wildlife.

Note: It is an offence to disturb or harass any native wildlife.

Seabirds

On the coast, look out for Stewart Island shags/koau, migratory muttonbirds/titi and white-fronted terns/tara. Estuaries are rich habitats for wading birds, like royal spoonbills/kotuku-ngutupapa, wrybills/ngutu pare or parore, white herons/kotuku and dotterels.

Fur Seal

Seals and Sealion

New Zealand (NZ) fur seals/kekeno favour the boulder beaches and rocky platforms of the south coast. Between 300 and 500 pups are born at the Nugget Point/Tokata rookery each year. The NZ sea lion/whakahoe prefers sandy beaches and dunes, often resting at Waipapa Point, Surat, Cannibal and Porpoise bays. Both species leave pups on shore while their mothers fish. Do not disturb them. These are powerful, wild animals and can be dangerous if they are approached too closely.

Forest Birds

Bellbird/korimako, tui, New Zealand pigeon/kukupa kereru, parakeet/kakariki, fantails/piwakawaka, tomtits/miromiro and grey warblers/riroriro, are likely to be seen in forest areas. The yellowhead/mohua may be found in the beech forest of The Catlins Conservation Park.

Hector's Dolphins/Upokohue

During summer the world's smallest dolphin is at home in Te Waewae and Porpoise bays. Please follow these guidelines should you encounter dolphins in the water:

- When entering the water, do so at least 50 m from any dolphin.

- When swimming, surfing or kayaking, do not approach dolphins; they may choose to come to you.

- Please do **NOT** feed dolphins.

- Dolphins have sensitive skin – **please do not touch them.**

PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH

Māori History

Māori have occupied the south of the South Island for approximately 1,000 years. Permanent settlements at Riverton/Aparima and Colac Bay/Ōraka were linked to a network of mahika kai: seasonal coastal camps that oral traditions say stretched around the south coast. In local dialect the 'Ng' as in Ngāi Tahu is often replaced with a 'K' as in Kai Tahu. Kai Tahu whanui are the indigenous people of the southern islands of New Zealand. Waitaha iwi from Rarotonga were the first settlers and named the South Island Te Wai Pounamu meaning "the Greenstone Isle", as well as prominent features such as Aoraki/Mount Cook. In the late 1500s Kāti Mamoe arrived from the Wellington area. Soon after, they were followed across Cook Strait/ Te Moana a Raukawa by two powerful Ngāi Tahu hapu/clan groupings, arriving over the space of two generations. By the mid eighteenth century the three had fused into one iwi. By 1800 there were about 20,000 people calling themselves Kai Tahu however there were still groupings of people, particularly in the south, who maintained a strong Kāti Mamoe identity. Today, Kai Tahu people remain a strong tribe in the south; their influence being visible throughout the Southern Scenic Route.

European and Chinese History

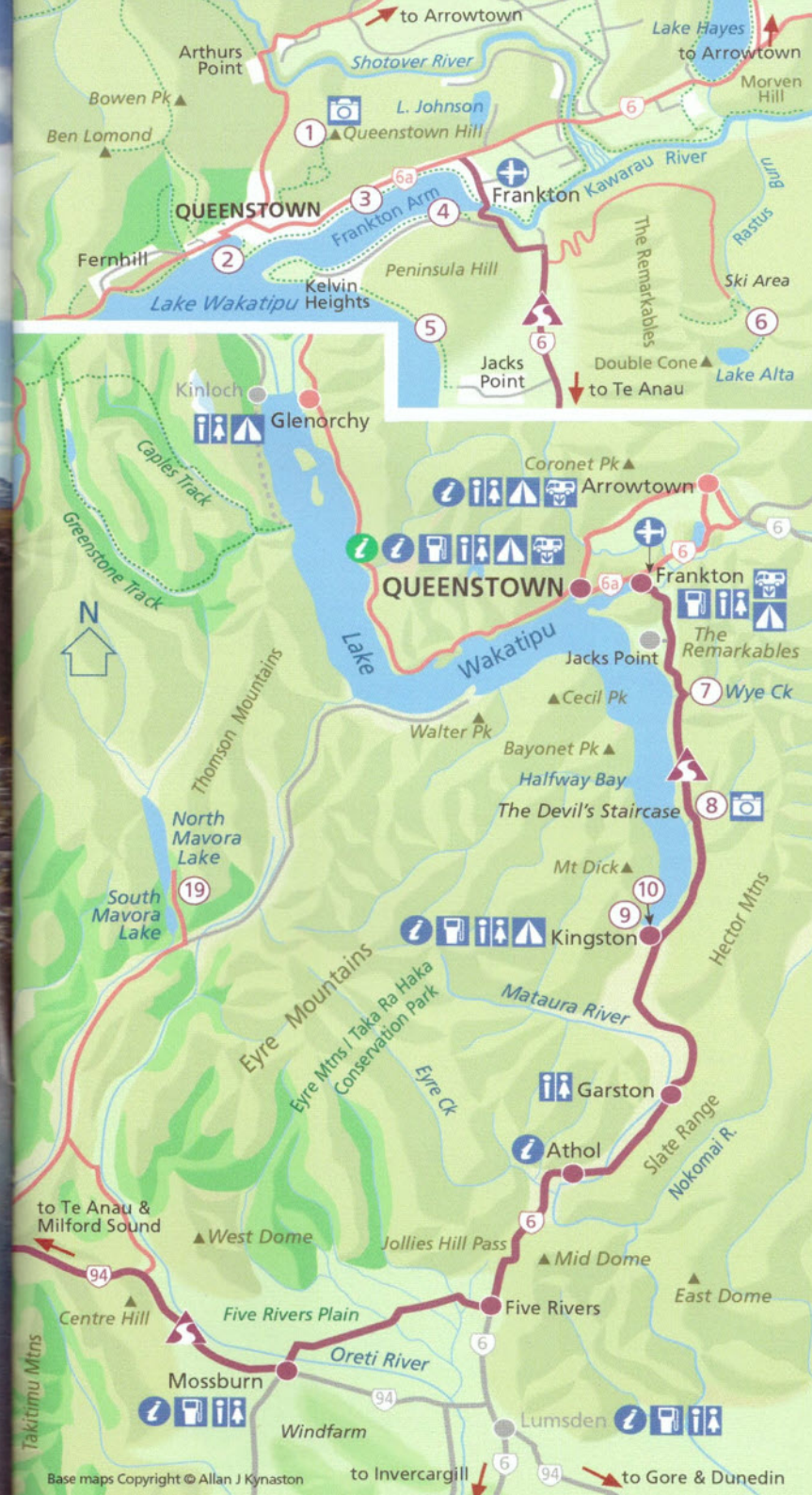
The first European (Pakeha) visitors to the south were sealers. Whaling was the next industry, and Riverton/Aparima was established as a base by John Howell in 1836. As European explorers ventured inland they paved the way for pioneering farmers. In 1861, gold was discovered. Several gold rushes ensued with thousands of prospectors arriving, some from Australia and China, to exploit gold in the Shotover and Arrow rivers (amongst other places). Goldmining history, including Chinese settlements, can be found at several places including Arrowtown. Orepuki and Round Hill in the Longwoods hosted smaller gold rushes. Dunedin also benefited from the gold rush days, briefly becoming New Zealand's largest town. Sawmills have been an important part of the south's history. From axes and bullocks the industry developed sophisticated steam-powered haulers, locomotives and mills. The Owaka River was also a site of immense activity – in 1872 more timber left the Owaka River than any other South Island port. In the 1920s the mill at Port Craig was the largest in the country. Construction of a railway line from Balclutha began in 1879, reaching Owaka in 1896 and its final railhead at Tahakopa in 1915. In its wake followed sawmills, schools and farms. As the accessible forests were milled and burned, pioneer farmers turned the land to agricultural use. Hydro-electric development of the Waiau Valley began in 1925 raising the level of Lake Monowai for power generation. In 1971 the Manapouri hydro station was completed, diverting water from Lakes Te Anau and Manapouri to Doubtful Sound/Patea and supplying power to the Tiwai Point aluminium smelter near Bluff.

QUEENSTOWN

Surrounded by majestic mountains and nestled on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown can be the start or finishing point of your journey on the Southern Scenic Route.

The area has captured hearts and imaginations since the first Māori came in search of pounamu (greenstone) and the giant Moa bird. More recently, gold miners, adventurers, filmmakers, wine enthusiasts and Hollywood stars have been drawn to this magical region and its intense alpine energy.

With a reputation as the Southern Hemisphere's premier four season visitor destination, the cosmopolitan lake and alpine resort has the perfect mix of action and relaxation. Queenstown offers so much choice that no two days need ever be the same... and you'll leave feeling inspired and revitalised.



- Southern Scenic Route
- Scenic side trips
- Other roads
- State highway number
- Walkway or walking track
- i-SITE Visitor Centre
- Local information centre
- Numbered attraction
- Public toilets
- Fuel station
- Holiday park or camp ground
- Campervan dump station
- Photo point
- Airport

An aerial view of
Queenstown

PURE INSPIRATION

This vibrant, compact town offers a huge range of things to do. If you're looking for an adrenaline rush like bungee jumping, jet boating, skydiving, zip trekking, or dirt biking, there are endless opportunities to get your blood pumping! For more relaxed pursuits you can enjoy world-class golf courses, explore backcountry on foot or bike or sample award-winning Central Otago wines.

HISTORY

Visit the nearby picturesque Arrowtown to discover the rich history of goldmining. Its quaint tree-lined streets are a seamless blend of past and present, featuring old miners' cottages, and restored Chinese village alongside intimate cafés, boutiques and galleries. A true slice of paradise sits a spectacular 45-minute drive west of Queenstown at the end of Lake Wakatipu. Glenorchy is the gateway to some of New Zealand's most epic scenery and once there you can enjoy the tranquillity of the wilderness, lakeside walks, jet boating, horse riding, kayaking and hiking. In Queenstown accommodation options range from budget to five-star, with holiday parks, backpacker properties and motels alongside B&Bs, international hotel chains, and luxury lodges.

Start planning your own adventure at:
www.queenstownNZ.co.nz

THE QUEENSTOWN TRAIL

The Queenstown Trail, launched in late 2012, is a 110km network of trails which link the popular tourism spots of Queenstown Bay, Frankton, Lake Hayes, Arrowtown, and Gibbston's 'valley of vines'. Classed as a New Zealand Great Ride, the trail follows pristine rivers, lakes and mountain ranges and provides

easy access to iconic Queenstown experiences. The trail has an easy to intermediate gradient and is designed for maximum choice - it can be cycled or walked as a whole or in sections depending on time and preference.

1 QUEENSTOWN HILL TIME WALK

2 hr return

The walk starts from Belfast Terrace, within walking distance from the Queenstown CBD and gives 360 degree panoramic views over Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu at the top.

2 QUEENSTOWN GARDENS

30 min loop

This easy, flat walk starts at the lakefront and follows the peninsula around to Frankton Arm with sweeping views up the lake to Glenorchy and down to Kingston.

FRANKTON

The gateway to and from Queenstown is a great starting point to explore the region. Activities in Frankton include walking or biking on the local lakeside tracks, golf and swimming, then stock up at the Remarkables Park shopping centre adjacent to the airport and head South on SH6.

3 FRANKTON ARM WALKWAY

1 hour each way

A popular stroll or bike along the lake edge between Queenstown and Frankton. Access this track from Peninsula Street in Queenstown, the Frankton Reserve in Frankton or at various points along Frankton Road.

4 KELVIN PENINSULA TRACK

1 hour each way

This leisurely lakeside walk starts at Kawarau Falls Bridge and follows along the Frankton Arm's sunny southern shoreline.

5 JACK'S POINT TRACK

1.5 hr each way

A lakeside walk with superb lake and mountain views through undulating open grasslands. This track starts at Jardine Park at the end of Poplar Drive on Kelvin Heights Peninsula.

6 REMARKABLES CONSERVATION AREA

Accessed by 12km of gravel road from SH6, the Lake Alta Track is a two hour alpine hike in summer conditions. The track climbs gradually from the base building then crosses the Rastus Burn and onto a cirque valley beneath the Single and Double Cone which Maori called Kawarau. Note: Please use the toilet facilities at the base building. Waste matter does not break down in this alpine habitat. Hiking equipment is required for this track.

7 WYE CREEK TRACK

4 hr return

Entry to this track is accessed by an open gate from SH6, just before the Wye Creek bridge. A steep 45 minute climb follows the pipeline to a small hydro dam and then climbs to the foot of a rock bluff through remnant beech forest to the Lower Wye Creek basin.

8 THE DEVIL'S STAIRCASE

Here you'll find a driver's rest area and viewpoint of Lake Wakatipu.

KINGSTON

At the southernmost end of Lake Wakatipu is the pretty

township of Kingston. The 47km lakeside drive from Queenstown is a stunning, winding road that follows Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables mountain range towards Te Anau. There are a few driver rest areas along the way for photo opportunities. Kingston's lakeside setting, relaxed vibe and activities like walking tracks, boating and fishing, make it a popular holiday destination for families.

9 THE SHIRTAIL TRACK

2 hr return

Te Kere Haka Scenic Reserve provides access to the Shirttail Track, with easy access to Shirttail Creek. Past the creek the track becomes rugged and steep with sections of loose gravel - care is required.

10 THE LAKEFRONT TRACK

30 min each way

A walking track winds around the lakeshore from the Kingston Lakefront Reserve for 30 minutes. Please do not go beyond this without the permission of the leaseholder.

Mountainbiking,
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FIORDLAND

The townships of Te Anau and Manapouri are the gateways to Fiordland National Park. This area offers a wide variety of activity, accommodation and restaurant options. Visiting the incredible grandeur of Milford Sound/Piopiotahi or Doubtful Sound/Patea, or undertaking any of the short walks and multiday hiking trails, are some of the key attractions to the region. With over 600km of formed tracks, Fiordland is one of the world's finest walking destinations.

TE ANAU

Lake Te Anau

Manapouri



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FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTRE

Located on Te Anau's lakefront, DOC staff can provide information on the area's many short walks and multiday trails, as well as advice on weather and track conditions. For online information or bookings for the Routeburn, Milford and Kepler Tracks please visit: www.doc.govt.nz

MILFORD SOUND/PIOPIOTAH

5 hr return drive from Te Anau
World renowned, Milford Sound is New Zealand's only fiord accessible via road. Take time to explore the many short walks and scenic-stopping points along the Milford Road itself – a spectacular alpine journey through a World Heritage National Park. A guided journey with a local operator can offer insights which add to the experience and leave drivers free to enjoy the scenery. Pre-book in the peak season and please check road conditions before departing, especially in winter.

11 IVON WILSON PARK

Ivon Wilson Park is a 35 hectare park with fantastic views of the Fiordland Mountains. The park is a great place for families to visit with many marked trails and the picturesque Lake Henry, stocked with rainbow and brown trout as a children's fishery. There is also a mountain bike track located in the reserve.

12 VISITOR CENTRE TO TE ANAU WILDLIFE CENTRE

15 min each way

A lakeside path leads to the Te Anau Wildlife Centre where some of New Zealand's rare native birdlife may be observed. Open from dawn until dusk, entry is by gold coin donation.

13 VISITOR CENTRE TO CONTROL GATES

50 min each way

Continuing along the lakeshore from the Te Anau Wildlife Centre, the Control Gates lie at the south western corner of Lake Te Anau, and regulate water flows between lakes for the West Arm hydro-electric power station. This is also the start of the Kepler Track.

14 VISITOR CENTRE TO UPUKERORA RIVER TRACK

3 hours return

From the Visitor Centre, follow the Te Anau lakeshore towards the town centre. This lakeside track offers great views and family activity opportunities. Stop for a coffee or ice cream along the way. Continue along the footpath to the boat harbour at Bluegum Point (30 mins) or for a longer trip (3 hours return) continue around the lakefront and past the rodeo grounds to the mouth of the Upukerora River.

15 CONTROL GATES TO DOCK BAY

1 hr return

A return walk on the first section of the Kepler Track. Starting from the control gates, a well-defined track follows the lakeshore through attractive stands of native forest. Dock Bay is a pleasant bay with swimming and picnic facilities.

16 CONTROL GATES TO BROD BAY

3 hr return

Further on from Dock Bay, Brod Bay is another popular spot for boaties and day walkers to enjoy the beach and picnic facilities. A water taxi is available to return to Te Anau on a prearranged basis.

17 RAINBOW REACH TO SHALLOW BAY

3 hr 30 min return

A gently undulating track through mountain beech forest. Some scenes in the Lord of the Rings movies were filmed here. The Shallow Bay Hut offers shelter and toilet facilities as does the nearby Moturau Hut.

18 THE WILDERNESS LOOKOUT

5 min

Situated on SH94, 20 minutes drive from Te Anau towards Mossburn. The viewing platform overlooks *Halocarpus bidwillii* (bog pine) forest, and offers stunning views of the Takitimu Mountains.

19 MAVORA LAKES

Mavora Lakes Park is an impressive landscape of mountains, lakes, forest and tussock grassland, recognised as part of the Te Wahipounamu/ South-West New Zealand World Heritage Area. Many activities are possible here including trout fishing, water sports, horse trekking, tramping and mountain biking. The Mavora Lakes are located on State Highway 94 between Mossburn and Te Anau.

MANAPOURI

The departure point for excursions to Doubtful Sound/ Patea and the West Arm Underground Power Station, Manapouri also offers a range of short walks accessible by water taxi. Contact the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre for further information.

DOUBTFUL SOUND/PATEA

8 hr return trip from Manapouri

The journey to Doubtful Sound starts with a boat ride across beautiful Lake Manapouri, followed by a bus journey over Wilmot Pass, through the pristine Fiordland National Park. A trip to the underground power station at West Arm is an interesting side excursion. Local operators run guided excursions daily to Doubtful Sound.

LAKE MANAPOURI AND PEARL HARBOUR

Called Roto-ua (rainy lake) and Moturau (many islands) by early Māori, environmentalists successfully campaigned to save the area's natural beauty in the 1970s, halting plans to raise the lake level to generate hydro-electricity. Pearl Harbour is the only place in the area with private boat launch facilities.

20 FRASERS BEACH

45 min each way

A pleasant stroll along the Waiau River bank and Lake Manapouri shore from Pearl Harbour to Frasers Beach. There are exit points at several places back to the main road. The track is signposted from both the start and end points.

21 HOME CREEK

30 min loop

This 14 hectare parkland is located approx. 1km east of Manapouri and is accessible via a sign-posted road off the Manapouri-Hillside Road. Home Creek is a naturally meandering stream and is an important native fishery and habitat for brown trout. Visitors are welcome to walk on the circular track around the Home Creek area.



TE WAHIPOUNAMU SOUTH WEST NEW ZEALAND WORLD HERITAGE AREA

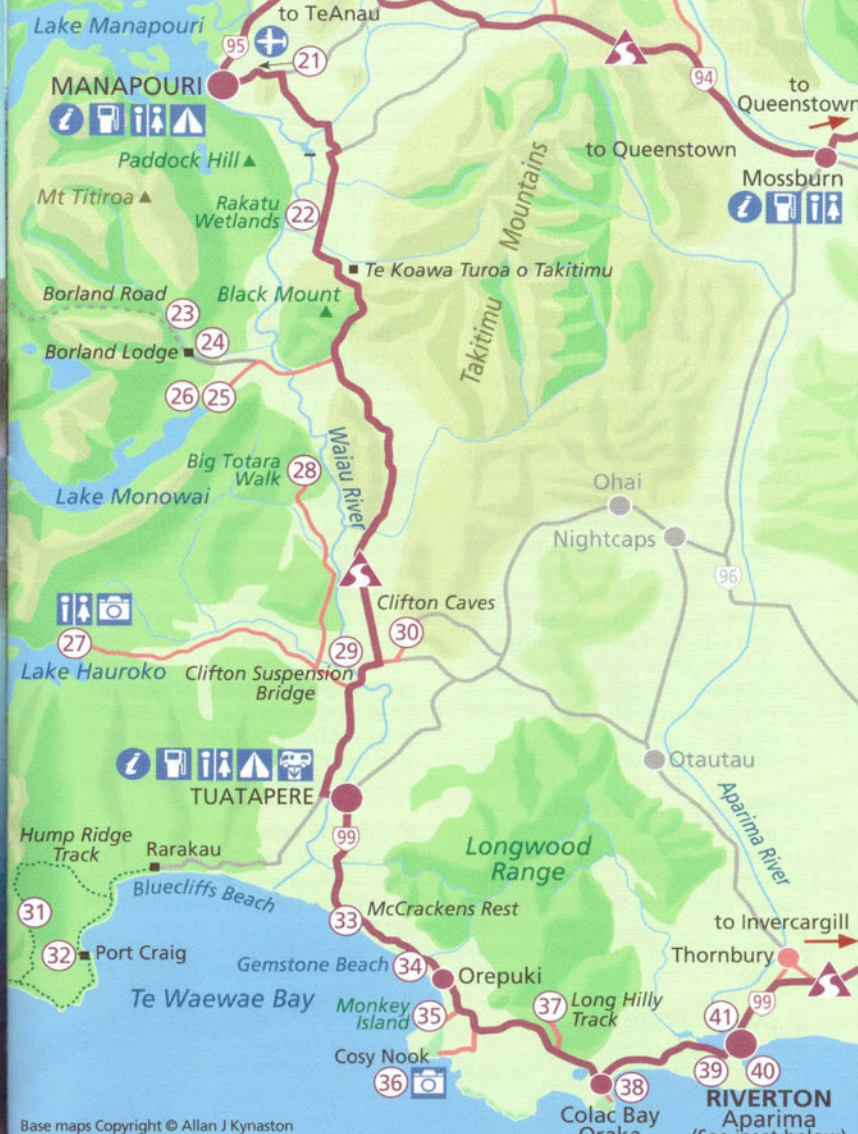
World Heritage is a global concept that identifies natural and cultural sites of world significance – areas so special that protecting them is of concern for all people. Known to Māori as Te Wahipounamu (the place of greenstone), the South West New Zealand World Heritage Area incorporates: Aoraki/Mount Cook, Westland/ Tai Poutini, Fiordland and Mount Aspiring national parks – covering 2.6 million hectares of pristine wilderness. Some of the best examples of animals and plants once found on the ancient supercontinent Gondwana, live in this World Heritage Area.

WESTERN SOUTHLAND

Summer days in Western Southland stretch into endless twilights, tinged by stunning sunsets that last, quite literally, for hours. Western Southland's main coastal stop is the port town of Riverton/Aparima – the Riviera of The South – which has developed a culture of artistic creativity. While in Riverton/Aparima, be sure to also visit Te Hikoi Southern Journey Heritage Museum for an engaging insight into the unique and dramatic history of Māori and European settlement. Surf's up at nearby Colac Bay/Oraka, where 'Porridge' ranks among New Zealand's top surfing spots. Look carefully from Te Waewae Bay and you may just catch a glimpse of New Zealand's largest pod of Hector's dolphins/Upokohue.

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22 RAKATU WETLANDS AND REDCLIFF WILDLIFE RESERVE

Home to many waterfowl species, including scaup/papongo, grey teal/tete and paradise shelduck/putakitaki, these wetlands provide a network of walking and cycling tracks.

TE KOAWA TUROA O TAKITIMU

Managed by Kai Tahu, the site has mahika kai (producing or procuring food) values, plants, wildlife and fisheries. It represents a resource that can be used to further people's knowledge of mahika kai values.

23 BORLAND ROAD AND BORLAND LODGE

Borland Road is a backcountry 4WD route to the South Arm of Lake Manapouri. Conditions on the narrow road can be treacherous, and it is often closed during winter months and occasionally in summer. Contact a DOC office for road conditions. The Borland Lodge Adventure and Education Trust provide a range of accommodation, conference and meeting facilities.

24 BORLAND NATURE WALK

40 min return

An easy short walk opposite Borland Lodge, through beech forest. This is one of the best places in Southland to see native mistletoe, which flowers in early summer.

25 LAKE MONOWAI

Monowai was one of the first New Zealand lakes to be harnessed for hydro-electric power production, and is a gateway to the southern part of Fiordland National Park.

26 THE PENINSULA LOOKOUT

30 min return

Walk through mature beech forest, to overlook the lower reaches of Lake Monowai

27 LAKE HAUROKO

Hauroko means "the souging of the wind". At 462 metres deep, this is New Zealand's deepest lake. Accessed from the Lillburn Valley Road, Lake Hauroko is signposted from Clifden. There are varied recreational opportunities in the area and commercial operators to help you explore. Leaving Lake Hauroko, the Wairaurahiri River is the steepest river in New Zealand to be navigated by commercial jet-boat operators. The Lake Hauroko Bush Walk is an easy 40 min return loop walk.

28 BIG TOTARA WALK

30 min return

Signposted from the road to Lake Hauroko, a pleasant 12km drive takes you to the track entrance. Along the track you will see some of the largest totara trees in Southland, which are over 1,000 years old.

29 CLIFDEN SUSPENSION BRIDGE

Construction of the suspension bridge started in 1898 when it replaced the punt used by early sheep stations.

30 CLIFDEN CAVES

These limestone caves are one of few cave systems in Southland, and are signposted along the Clifden Gorge Road. Ensure you have a good torch with spare batteries and warm clothing. Ask for advice at the nearest visitor centre. Warning – This cave system is subject to flash flooding. Do NOT enter during or immediately after heavy rain, or if rain

events are forecast. To fully explore these caves caving experience is essential.

TUATAPERE

The centre of a farming community, Tuatapere is often referred to as the 'Sausage Capital of New Zealand.' It has several art and craft galleries, and the Bushman's Museum displays a detailed account of the area's sawmilling history. A number of jet-boating, fishing and tramping opportunities are available.

31 TUATAPERE HUMP RIDGE TRACK

3 day / 2 night hike

This circuit track has all the qualities of a 'Great Walk'. The first day leads hikers from sea-level up through native forest to the Hump Ridge, providing sweeping 360° views of the south coast far below, and the peaks of the Southern Alps marching northward. From the Hump Ridge, the track descends almost back to sea-level, and then traverses along old tram lines and across mighty wooden viaducts to the historic Port Craig. A bush and beach track following Te Waewae Bay completes the circuit on the third day. Bookings are required. Visit www.humpridgetrack.co.nz.

RARAKAU/BLUECLIFFS BEACH

This is the starting point for the Tuatapere Hump Ridge and South Coast tracks. Hector's dolphins/upokohue can sometimes be seen from the beach, as can Southern right whales/tohora.

32 PORT CRAIG

7 hr each way

The site of a 1920s timber mill and town. The only remaining historic building is the school, which is now DOC accommodation. A self-guided heritage trail takes visitors around relics of the town and mill site. The Percy Burn viaduct (approx 2 hr walk west from Port Craig) is a spectacular site.

33 MCCRACKENS REST

A viewing platform provides excellent views of Te Waewae Bay and the tiny one million year-old Solander Islands to the south - formed by the eroded skeleton of a volcano.

34 GEMSTONE BEACH

Located ½ km north of Orepuki, Gemstone Beach is known for its constant state of change from sand to stones with the storms and tides. Semi-precious gems such as garnet, jasper, quartz and nephrite can often be found on the beach.

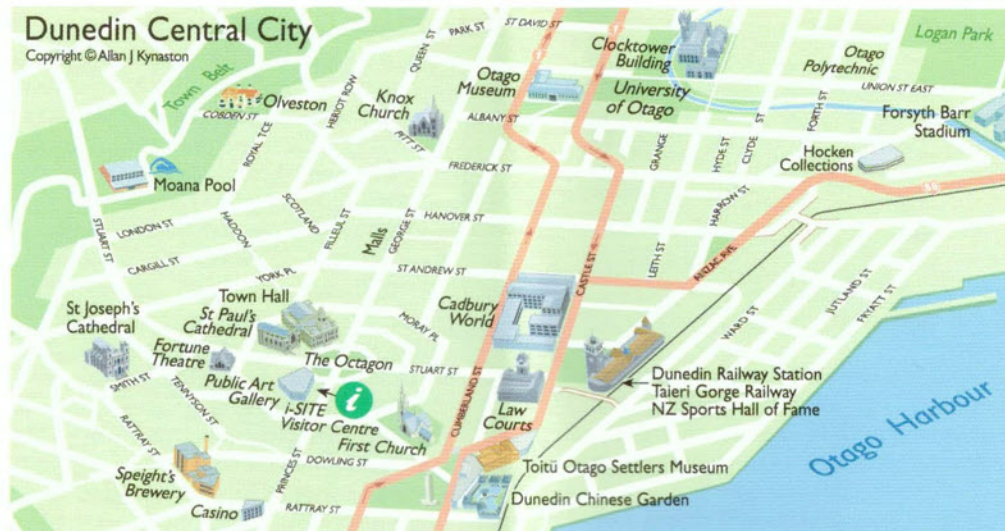
35 MONKEY ISLAND/ TE PUKA O TAKITIMU

Known by Kai Tahu as Te Puka o Takitimu, the island is the anchor stone of the legendary Takitimu waka/canoe, captained by Tamatea and wrecked at the mouth of the Waiau River. Access to the island is tide-dependent.

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Monkey Island,
Western Southland,





■ LT70CS Dunedin Sightseeing Tour with Olveston

This half day tour, with both morning and afternoon departures available offers, by coach, an entertaining and informative tour of Central Dunedin which will include Otago University, Botanical Gardens, Historic Buildings, neo-gothic church architecture and Cathedrals, stately homes and the world's steepest street. The tour will also include a 1 hour guided tour of Olveston House with its global collection of stately treasures. Complimentary Pick Up / Drop Off at Port Chalmers.

Tour Price \$58.00 per adult \$30.00 child



■ LT71CS Taieri Gorge Railway & Dunedin Sightseeing

Collected from Port Chalmers and transferred to Dunedin's Railway Station, you will travel by train through the spectacular Taieri Gorge to Pukerangi, across wrought iron viaducts and through tunnels carved by hand more than 100



years ago. This is one of the great train journeys of a by-gone era. Throughout this round trip journey there will be numerous stops to afford you some magnificent photo opportunities. The return train journey is four hours in duration, arriving back in Dunedin at 1.30 pm. At 2.00 you will re-board your coach for an entertaining and informative tour of Central Dunedin which will include Otago University, Botanical Gardens, Historic Buildings, neo-gothic church architecture and Cathedrals, stately homes and the world's steepest street. The city tour duration is approximately 2 hours. Tour duration 7.5 hours.

Tour Price \$145.00 per adult \$75.00 per child

■ LT73ACS Otago Peninsula Wildlife Cruise with Yellow Eyed Penguin Viewing Tour Duration 7.5 hours

This tour combines a cruise of the beautiful Otago Harbour, a one hour wildlife cruise with unrivalled viewing of the exciting diversity of wildlife which abounds around Taiaroa Head on the Otago Peninsula including the only mainland nesting place for Northern Royal Albatross in the world. You will also see New Zealand Fur Seals, you

Dunedin

may also see dolphins, sea lions and other marine mammals in their natural environment. Then join a guided tour of the Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve to see the rarest penguin in the world found only on the south east coast of New Zealand. There is a unique system of covered trenches allowing access to the living areas and breeding grounds of this shy penguin, which provides the opportunity to witness and photograph undisturbed activity at close range. You return to Dunedin by road travelling along the scenic Otago Peninsula, with spectacular harbour and ocean views.



Tour Price \$145.00 per adult \$75.00 per child

■ LT71ACS Coastal Train & Dunedin Sights with Olveston House

Collected from Port Chalmers and transferred to Dunedin's Railway Station, you will travel by train on the Silver Fern Train. You will travel from Dunedin through the cities picturesque harbourside suburbs, followed by views over Port Chalmers and Careys Bay, along the cliff tops overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Blue Skin Bay. The entire journey providing some magnificent photo opportunities. On your return to Dunedin there will be time for lunch before joining the afternoon city tour which offers an entertaining and informative tour of Central Dunedin which will include Otago University, Botanical Gardens, Historic Buildings, neo-gothic church architecture and Cathedrals, stately homes and the world's steepest street. The tour will also include a 1 hour guided tour of Olveston House with its global collection of stately treasures. Tour Duration 7 hours.



Tour Price \$135.00 per adult \$70.00 per child

■ LT74CS Otago Peninsula Wildlife Cruise and Larnach Castle

Collected from Port Chalmers and travel by road along the scenic Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle. Journey back in time with our guide, for a tour of New Zealand's only castle built in 1871. Learn the scandalous, exciting and tragic history of the castle and enjoy the beauty of the gardens of international significance and breathtaking views. You will then join the wildlife cruise with unrivalled viewing of the exciting diversity of wildlife which abounds around Taiaroa Head on the Otago Peninsula including the only mainland nesting place for Northern Royal Albatross in the world. You will also see New Zealand Fur Seals, and ocean birds, you may also see penguins, dolphins, sea lions and other marine mammals in their natural environment. The cruise includes commentary which includes details of the fascinating history and geology of the area. Return to Dunedin by road travelling along the scenic Otago Peninsula. You will enjoy spectacular harbour and ocean views throughout the journey. Tour duration 5 hours.



Tour Price \$130.00 per adult \$65.00 per child

Milford

■ LT84CS Milford Sound Nature Cruise

As you cruise the length of the fiord, learn about the history of the Region and benefit from the knowledge of your specialist nature guide. Experience the spray of a waterfall as you cruise close to sheer rock faces or watch out for dolphins, seals and in season, the rare Fiordland crested penguins. Our Nature Cruises have a flexible, extended itinerary which gives you plenty of time to enjoy the scenery and take in the highlights. Our experienced skippers will tailor the cruise route on the day depending on the weather and wildlife sightings to ensure you get to see the best that Milford Sounds has to offer. Informative, participative and more relaxed, a Nature Cruise is the perfect way to experience Milford Sound to the fullest.



Tour Price \$98.00 per adult \$22.00 per child



■ LT83CS Milford/Queenstown/Dunedin Overnight Tour

Discover the majestic scenery of Fiordland and Central Otago on this overnight shore excursion where you will depart your cruise ship in Milford Sounds and join it again the following day in Dunedin. The tour includes coach travel from Milford Sounds to Queenstown



via Te Anau, four star hotel accommodation in Queenstown, coach travel from Queenstown through Central Otago to Pukerangi where you will join the famous Taieri Gorge Railway for the completion of your journey to Dunedin. This tour also includes a 2 hour scenic cruise on Milford Sounds before you depart Milford and a one hour city highlights tour of Dunedin before you are returned to your cruise ship in Port Chalmers.

Tour Price \$485.00 per person (twin share accommodation)

\$125.00 Single Supplement applies for single passengers

Note: This tour can be done in reserve from Dunedin to Milford

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McLean Falls,
The Catlins.

Southern Scenic Route



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THE CATLINS

The Catlins offers a glimpse of rural New Zealand set amid native forests, fringed by high cliffs and golden beaches. Here, you'll find a world of waterfalls, including the tiered Purakaunui Falls, amongst the most photographed in the world. This spectacular coastal stretch is home to an array of marine life – sea lions are regular beach visitors, while dolphins frolic in the shallows. Keep your eyes peeled for the rare but distinctive hoiho, the yellow-eyed penguin. Nugget Point/Tokata, with its lighthouse perched on a spur of land provides a spectacular viewing platform, while at Curio Bay, watch the outgoing tide reveal a 180 million year old Jurassic forest – one of only three such accessible fossil forests in the world. Another low tide attraction is the Cathedral Caves. Etched by the sea over centuries, its entrance towers 30 metres above the beach.

THE CATLINS

