

Routeburn Track

Independent Tramping

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The Routeburn Track

The Routeburn Track traverses 32 kilometres of Mount Aspiring and Fiordland National Parks, part of Te Wāhipounamu - *South West New Zealand* World Heritage Area and is administered by the Department of Conservation on behalf of the New Zealand public.

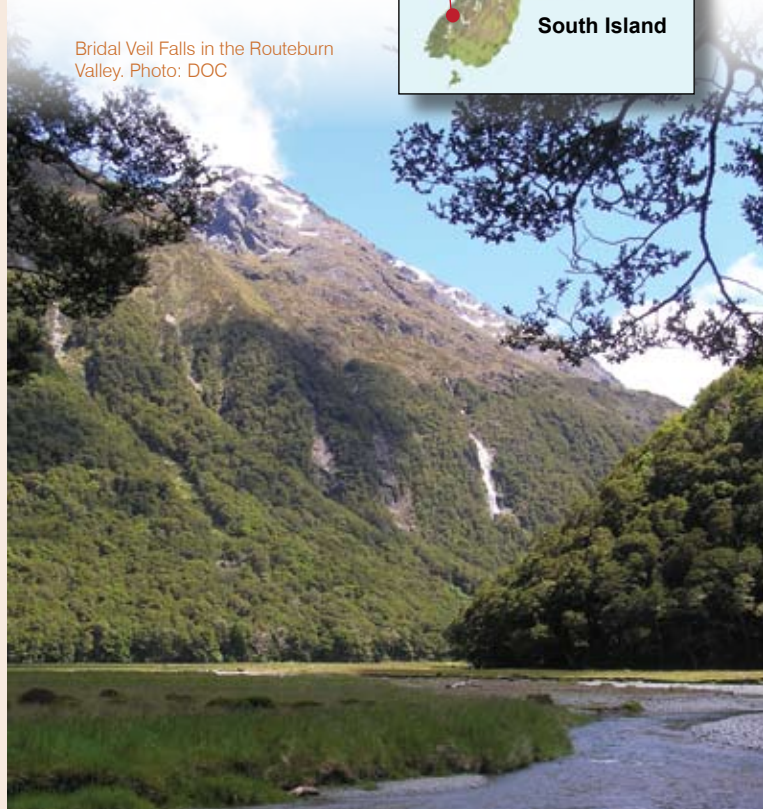
Location

The Routeburn Track is located in the southwest of the South Island. It extends from the head of Lake Wakatipu to State Highway 94, the Te Anau - Milford Road.

The nearest townships of Queenstown, Te Anau and Glenorchy have a full range of accommodation. Shops in Queenstown and Te Anau can cater for all your tramping needs, including equipment hire.

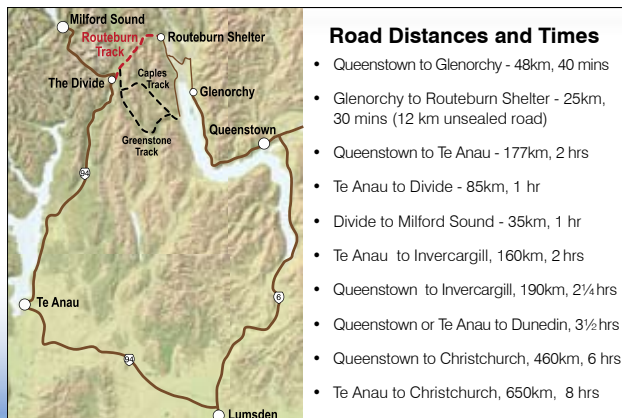


Bridal Veil Falls in the Routeburn Valley. Photo: DOC



Getting There

The Routeburn Track can be accessed by road at either the Routeburn Shelter, (the Mount Aspiring National Park end of the track), or at The Divide (the Fiordland National Park end of the track). The road distance between the track ends is 350 kilometres. For public transport services to and from both ends of the track, see transport contacts listed later in this brochure.



Walking Options

Day Walks

There is no charge for those wishing to day walk on the Routeburn Track and bookings are not required.

Day Walks from the Routeburn Shelter

There are various day walk options starting from the Routeburn Shelter. For more information please contact the Queenstown Regional Visitor Centre. More information can be found in the *Head of the Lake* brochure, available from the Department of Conservation office in Queenstown or www.doc.govt.nz.

Day Walks from The Divide Carpark

There are various day walk options starting from the Divide. Further information about these walks can be found in the *Day Walks in Fiordland National Park* brochure, available from the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre in Te Anau or www.doc.govt.nz

One Night Stay

For those with limited time or experience, or for family groups, Lake Howden and Routeburn Flats Huts are ideal stops to enjoy a backcountry experience. For those wanting to walk further, alternative overnight stops are either Lake Mackenzie or Routeburn Falls Huts and returning via the same route.

Routeburn Track

Great Walks Peak Season (late October to late April)

Most walkers take three days/two nights to complete the track, usually staying at Lake Mackenzie and Routeburn Falls Huts. However the trip can be extended by also staying at the Lake Howden and Routeburn Flats Huts.

Those walking the track from one end and finishing at the other will need to make transport arrangements, as it is 350 kilometres by road between the two ends of the track.

Bookings are essential for all overnight stays on the track and can be made online at www.doc.govt.nz, or by post, fax, email or phone.

Off Peak/Winter Season (May to late October)

Bookings are not required for the offpeak/winter season but hut tickets or a Backcountry Pass are necessary. High snow loadings and avalanche danger can occur, espe-



Routeburn Valley Photo: DOC

cially between Lake Harris and Lake Mackenzie Hut and may well make the track impassable. Some facilities are removed from the huts and track during the winter. Latest track and weather conditions should be checked before starting the track and an alternative walk may need to be considered if conditions are not suitable. See Winter Tramping Notes in this brochure for detailed information.

Routeburn – Greenstone – Caples Tracks

The Routeburn Track can be combined with either the Greenstone or Caples Tracks. This allows a five day/four night circuit option, starting and finishing close to where you started your walk.

The Greenstone and Caples Tracks are not maintained to the same standard as the Routeburn Track, with hut facilities of a lesser standard. Bunks in the huts cannot be booked so at peak times the huts can be crowded. Walkers also need to carry their own gas cookers. Be aware that flooding can cause delays. For more information see the *Greenstone and Caples Valleys* brochure.

Can I Do It?

Physical fitness and good equipment will make the difference to the enjoyment of your trip, regardless of the weather. It is suggested that walkers start a fitness programme at least two months before departure and include carrying a full pack up and down stairs or hills. Walkers can expect:

- to carry a pack weighing up to 15kg for up to 20km each day
- parts of the track to be rough and/or uneven
- **at least one days rain** while on the track
- to walk through water up to half a metre deep during or after heavy rain
- to cross unbridged streams
- to get wet, muddy boots - it's part of the Routeburn Track experience
- the good company of your fellow walkers, friends, family and, during the Great Walks peak season, Department of Conservation staff who are located at each hut.

The alpine section of the track between Routeburn Falls and Mackenzie Huts is not recommended for children under the age of 10, due to the mountainous terrain and adverse weather conditions.

Other Activities

Guided Walks

Overnight Trips

Ultimate Hikes hold the only DOC approved concession for overnight guided walks on the Routeburn Track during the Great Walks Peak Season. Visit their website, www.ultimatehikes.co.nz

Day Walks

There are a number of guided day-walk opportunities available starting from either end of the track.

Hunting

Hunting is not permitted on the Routeburn Track. Hunters can use the track for access to the side valleys, where limited hunting opportunities are available. Rifles must be carried with the bolt removed when on the track. A hunting permit is required, available from the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre in Te Anau and the Department of Conservation office in Queenstown.

View from Key Summit of Lake Marian in the Hollyford Valley.
Photo: Sarah Murray



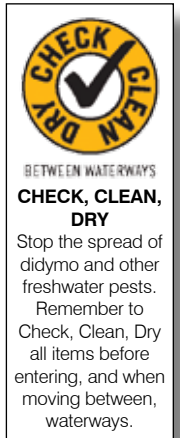
View from the Hollyford Bluffs. Photo: Chanelle McAllister

Fishing

A fishing licence is required to fish all rivers, streams and lakes in Fiordland and Mt. Aspiring National Parks. Special licences are also required to fish in the Greenstone and Caples Rivers. Please ensure you are aware of current fishing season dates, regulations and catch limits.

There are no fishing opportunities in Lakes Howden and Mackenzie and limited fishing opportunities in the Lower Routeburn River. However there are good fishing opportunities in the Greenstone and Caples Rivers.

The invasive alga Didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*) is present in Lakes Te Anau and Wakatipu and in many of the waterways surrounding Fiordland National Park. To combat its spread, all waterway users must **check, clean and dry** all equipment before moving from one waterway to another.



Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is **not permitted** on the Routeburn, Greenstone or Caples Tracks and associated side tracks and routes.

Dogs and Other Pets

It is an offence under the National Parks Act 1980 to bring dogs and other introduced animals into Fiordland and Mount Aspiring National Parks. Please leave your animals at home.

What to Take

Your pack should fit well and weigh no more than 30% of your body weight. Reassess your pack contents if it is too heavy.

The Routeburn Track traverses a high alpine area. The following gear is essential, no matter how warm it is on the day of departure. Most equipment is available for hire or purchase in Te Anau and Queenstown. A full range of food is available from supermarkets in Te Anau and Queenstown. Basic stores are also available at Milford Sound and Glenorchy.

Clothing

You will need at least one set of clothes to walk in and another dry set to change into at night. It is not always possible to dry clothes in the huts. It is essential that this clothing is carried as your safety and the safety of others could well depend on it.

NB: cotton clothing, such as jeans, T-shirts and sweatshirts, is **not** suitable. Polypropylene, which is quick drying (but can be flammable), is recommended.

- Boots – need to be comfortable and well broken in
- Socks (wool/polypropylene) – 2 pairs
- Shorts (nylon)
- Shirt (wool/polypropylene)
- Longjohns/trousers (wool/polypropylene)
- Jersey/Jacket (wool/polar fleece)
- Undershirts/T shirt wool/polypropylene)
- Mittens/Gloves (wool/polypropylene)
- Raincoat (waterproof, windproof with hood)
- Over trousers (wind and water proof)
- Woollen hat/balaclava, sunhat and sunglasses.
- Extra socks, underwear, shirt or lightweight jersey.



Appropriate clothing for walking the Routeburn Track.
Photo: Mountain Safety Council

Personal Equipment

- Pack, with large waterproof/plastic liner.
- Sleeping bag (good quality down or hollowfil).
- Matches/ lighter in waterproof container.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- Eating utensils (knife, fork, spoon, plate, cup).
- Cooking utensils (pot/pan/billy and cleaning utensils).
- Toilet gear – soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, small towel (do not wash or use soap in lakes or streams).
- First aid kit (insect repellent, sunscreen, blister kits, pain relief, assorted bandages).
- Survival kit (survival blanket, whistle, paper, pencil, high energy snack food)
- Drink bottle – 1 to 2 litre capacity (you need to drink regularly during the day).
- Optional extras – camera, lightweight shoes for in hut, ear plugs for communal bunkrooms (you will be sharing huts with up to 50 other walkers).
- Campers require a tent, ground sheet and gas cooker.

Food

Food is not available for purchase on the Routeburn Track.

Food should be lightweight, fast cooking and high in energy value e.g:

- Breakfast – cereal, firm bread, honey or other spreads
- Lunch – cracker biscuits, cheese, salami, margarine, jam/jelly, fruit.
- Dinner – instant soup, pasta/rice, dried vegetables/fruit, cheese or dehydrated (freeze dry) meals.

You will also need snacks, biscuits, muesli bars, tea/coffee, powdered fruit drink, and emergency food (in case of any delays on the track).

- Protect and respect natural and cultural heritage
- Show care for plants and animals
- Keep waterways clean
- Take all your rubbish with you
- Use toilets provided
- Carry a fuel stove
- Stay on tracks and camp carefully
- Share the outdoors - be considerate of others
- Toitū te whenua - leave the land undisturbed



The shelter at Harris Saddle. Photo: DOC

Accommodation

Camping outside the designated campsites and staying overnight in the shelters is **not permitted** on the Routeburn Track. Facilities for guided walkers are not available to independent walkers.

Huts

There are four Department of Conservation huts on the track – Routeburn Flats, Routeburn Falls, Lake Mackenzie and Lake Howden.

Walkers are expected to leave the accommodation clean and tidy, and take their rubbish out with them. Smoking is not permitted in the huts or shelters on the track.

During the Great Walks Peak Season Department of Conservation track staff are located at each hut. They are equipped with radios for use in emergencies and for daily weather forecasts. For your own safety please sign the hut books on your arrival.

HUT FACILITIES AND SERVICES	GREAT WALKS PEAK SEASON	OFF- PEAK WINTER SEASON
Living Area		
Gas cookers and gas	Yes	No
Lighting	Yes	No
Heating/fireplace	Yes	Yes
Fuel for heating	Yes	No
Cold running water in huts	Yes	No
Nearby water supply	No	Yes
Communal Bunkrooms		
Individual bunks with mattresses	Yes	Yes
Platform bunks with mattresses	Yes	Yes
Washrooms		
Hand basins/cold water only	Yes	No
Flush toilets	Yes	No
Pit toilets	No	Yes
Showers	No	No
General		
Food available for purchase	No	No
Electric power	No	No
Hut staff	Yes	Sometimes

Camping

There are only two designated campsites on the Routeburn Track – sited near the Routeburn Flats and Lake Mackenzie Huts. **The use of hut facilities by campers is not permitted.**

CAMPSITE FACILITIES	PEAK SUMMER SEASON	OFF- PEAK WINTER SEASON
Cooking shelter	Yes	Yes
Gas cookers and gas	No	No
Cold water supply	Yes	Yes
Use of hut facilities	No	No
Pit toilets	Yes	Yes

Water

To avoid dehydration you will need to drink regularly while walking, even on cooler days. As you may not be able to find water on the track you should carry some with you.

Drinking water at the huts and shelters comes from nearby rivers, lakes or roof catchments and is not treated.

Giardia may be present in some areas. Regular testing is not carried out. If you wish to treat water boil it for five minutes, use a filter or chemically treat it.

Toilets

Please use toilets provided at the huts and shelters. If this is not possible, bury toilet waste well away from watercourses. Remember, drinking water at the huts and shelters comes from rivers and lakes.

Lake Mackenzie Hut. Photo: Sarah Murray



Transport

The Routeburn Track is not a circuit track – there is over 350 km (4 hrs) of road transport required between both ends of the track. Transport will cost between \$NZ100-130 per person if you need to return to your starting point. The track is well serviced by public transport during the Great Walks Peak Season. A selection of transport operators is listed at the back of this brochure and should be contacted directly to make a booking. Walkers flying in or out of Queenstown International Airport should not expect to fly on the same day as walking the track. **Warning** - Vehicles left at road ends have sometimes been broken into or vandalised.

Weather Information

Centred near latitude 45° south, Fiordland and Mt Aspiring National Parks lie in an area of predominately westerly airstreams, known as the Roaring 40s, delivering high rainfall and changeable weather patterns to the area. Cold temperatures, snow, strong winds and heavy rain can occur at any time of the year.

Westerly winds pick up moisture as they cross the Tasman Sea. As winds rise to cross the Southern Alps the moisture condenses and falls as heavy rain, with snow at higher levels.

Be prepared for at least one wet day on your trip.

During cold, wet and windy conditions, exposure and hypothermia can affect anyone and it can kill. From initial signs to unconsciousness can take as little as 30 minutes. Correct clothing is essential.

During warm weather dehydration can lead to heat exhaustion. Water should be carried between huts.

Please check for current conditions or weather warnings before departing on your trip.

WEATHER INFORMATION AT LAKE MACKENZIE HUT

	Highest Temp°C	Average daily high°C	Lowest temp°C	Days with rain
October	22	14	- 1.5	15
November	24	15	- 2.5	17
December	25	17	- 1	18
January	28	18	0	13
February	29	20	- 1	9
March	28	19	- 2.5	12
April	23	14	- 4	14

Safety Information

Safety

Your safety and the decisions you make are your responsibility. The information provided below is designed to help you make those decisions but

is not all inclusive. Only you know how fit you are and whether you have the appropriate skills to handle any given situation

There is no mobile phone coverage on the Routeburn Track. Personal Locator Beacons and Mountain radios are strongly recommended during the Winter season.

The Department of Conservation brochure *Planning a trip in the backcountry?* is available free of charge from DOC offices or www.doc.govt.nz and gives practical advice about travelling in the New Zealand bush.

The New Zealand Mountain Safety Council also produce some excellent brochures, available free, about safety in the New Zealand bush, i.e., "Going Bush?", "Survival" and "Avalanches". Visit their website – www.mountainsafety.org.nz

Intentions/Trip Plan

It is recommended that everyone leaves their intentions of their trip with a responsible friend, relative or alternatively at the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre. Intentions or trip plans should include

- details of which huts or campsites you intend to stay at
- the route you intend to take to get there
- where and when you will finish the track
- how you are getting to and from the track, including where your car will be parked or the transport company you intended to use
- what the person holding your intentions/trip plan form should do if you do not return by due date.

Walkers should sign the hut books at each location and on their return contact the person they left their intentions with to **confirm they are back safely.**

Right – Cold, wet and windy conditions can cause hypothermia.

Photo: Gemma Dear

Injury or Illness

If an injury or illness occurs while walking the Routeburn Track during the Great Walks Peak Season, walkers should contact Department of Conservation staff. They may be able to arrange an emergency evacuation from the track if required.

First aid kits should be carried by all walkers.

During the off-peak/winter season, a mountain radio and personal locator beacon should be carried by each group.

Flood Areas

After heavy rain flooding is possible in the Routeburn Valley. Stream and river levels often drop rapidly once rain stops. If you are caught between streams which are in flood, seek higher ground and wait for water levels to drop.

Slips

The area halfway between Routeburn Flats and Routeburn Falls Huts is prone to slips after heavy rain. Care is required when traversing this area. If in doubt, do not proceed.

Avalanches

Thirty-two avalanche paths cross the track between Routeburn Falls hut and the Earland Falls.

- Avalanches can occur at any time but are most common during or directly after snow and rain and from late August to early November.
- Avalanche and snow hazard can change rapidly from low to high within a 24 hour period.
- Start zones of avalanche paths often cannot be seen from the track.
- Do not walk below other walkers.



Hypothermia

During cold, wet and windy conditions, hypothermia (drop in core body temperature) can become a serious problem. Any of the following factors can lead to hypothermia – wet clothing, wind chill, lack of food, fatigue, injury, anxiety or recent illness. A person in the early stages of hypothermia may be shivering, clumsy, confused, have slurred speech, and may deny they have a problem. From initial stages to unconsciousness can take as little as 30 minutes. To treat hypothermia you should immediately make or find shelter, get the person into dry, warm clothing, put into sleeping bag, give warm, sweet drinks, monitor and seek immediate medical help.

Travel along the alpine section, from Routeburn Falls to Lake Mackenzie (11km) can be affected by strong winds. Wind gusts over 80 km per hour are possible and will greatly increase the wind-chill factor on cooler days.

The New Zealand Mountain Safety Council produce a brochure on hypothermia.

Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is usually caused by warm temperatures and dehydration. A person with early stages of heat exhaustion may show weakness, dizziness, nausea or vomiting, loss of appetite and sweating.

To treat heat exhaustion, find a cool place to rest and give the patient water (water is not always available on the Routeburn Track and should be carried between huts).

Harris Bluffs. Photo: Sue Scott



The Routeburn Track (Routeburn Road end). Photo: Sue Scott

Lost

The Routeburn Track is well marked but if you become lost stop, find shelter and stay calm. Put on extra clothing and assist rescuers should you hear them searching for you.

Fires

Fire is a major threat within Fiordland and Mount Aspiring National Parks. Open fires are only permitted in the designated campfire sites.

Track Closures

At times avalanche danger, heavy rain, flooding and/or high winds may cause certain parts of the track to become impassable. In these cases the Department of Conservation may choose to CLOSE parts or the entire track.

Walkers due to start on the track may be unable to proceed. If this is the case a full refund will be given. Walkers already on the track will be notified of the hazard or weather conditions as soon as possible by DOC staff. If the track has to be closed, walkers will be informed of their options. These could include having to spend an extra night on the track, returning via the direction already walked, or being helicoptered over a hazard area.

Please refer to the cancellation policy in the Terms and Conditions section of this brochure, on confirmation letters, or on the Online Booking system pages of our website www.doc.govt.nz.

During the Off Peak/Winter Season walkers must be totally self sufficient. It is strongly recommended that walkers should carry a mountain radio and/or personal locator beacon.

Track Notes

Please refer to the track profile below and the track map on the following pages.

The Routeburn Track can be walked in either direction (the following description is from east to west). Times are approximate and will vary according to fitness, weather and direction of travel. Overnight use of the Harris Saddle day shelter and other track shelters is not permitted.

The Routeburn Track can be linked with the Greenstone or Caples Tracks to make a 5 day/4 night circuit (see map on page 4). These tracks are rough and uneven in places and delays can be caused due to flooding. There is no guarantee of obtaining a bunk in these huts as there is no booking system for these backcountry tracks. Late arrivals may have to sleep on the floor. Backcountry Hut Tickets must be purchased in advance and gas cookers are required. Refer to Greenstone/Caples Track Guide for more information.

Routeburn Shelter to Routeburn Flats Hut

6.5 km, 1.5 - 2.5 hours

From the car park at the Routeburn shelter (458m) cross the swing bridge to the well formed, easy graded track. Past Sugarloaf Stream the track is a remnant of the old bridle path built in the 1870s and climbs directly to Bridal Veil Stream. It then sidles above the Routeburn Gorge. A second swing bridge takes you back across the Route Burn to the open grassed flats around Routeburn Flats Hut. Where the track forks take the right track to Routeburn Flats Hut (20 bunks) and a camping area five minutes from the hut, or take the left track to continue to Routeburn Falls Hut.

Side Trip – North Branch of the Route Burn, 4 - 5 hours return. From the Routeburn Flats Hut cross the unbridged Route Burn and follow the North Branch through beech forest and tussock clearings. Good views of Mt. Somnus, North Col and Mt. Nereus can be found at the head of the valley.

Routeburn Flats Hut to Routeburn Falls Hut

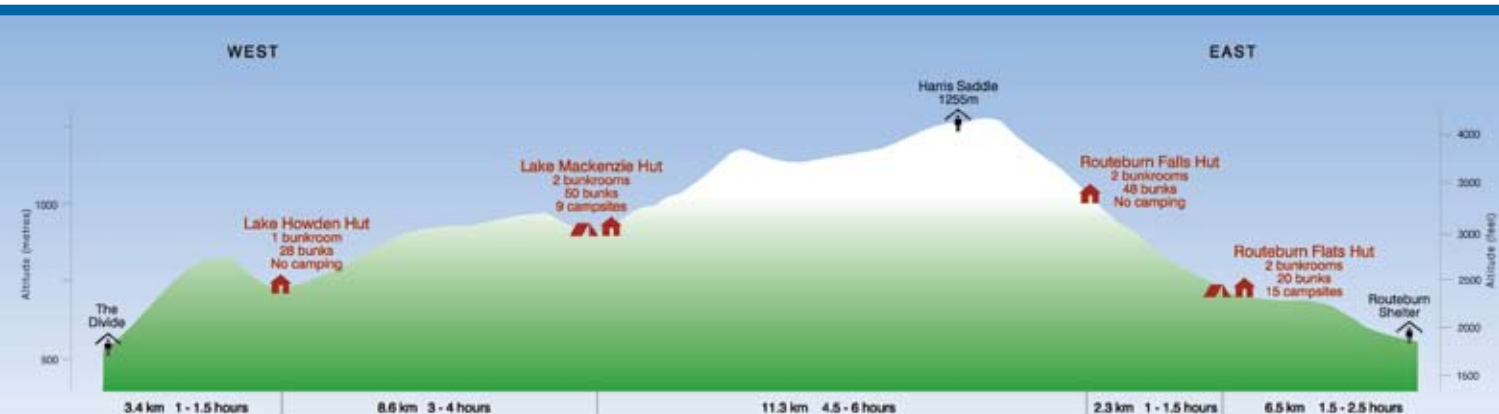
2.3 km, 1 - 1.5 hours

This is a steady climb through beech forest crossing two swing bridges. Excellent views of the valley below can be seen from a slip that was created during heavy rain in 1994 which washed away the original track. Care should be taken crossing this slip, especially after heavy rain. The Emily Creek bridge is considered to be the halfway mark. Beware of early or late season avalanches that can fall as far as this bridge. Routeburn Falls Hut has 48 bunks.

Routeburn Falls Hut to Lake Mackenzie Hut

11.3 km, 4.5 - 6 hours

This sub-alpine section of track is very exposed and can be extremely hazardous in adverse weather conditions. Ensure that you listen to the advice of Department of Conservation staff in such conditions. The track climbs steadily, following the Route Burn to its outlet from Lake Harris. A steep side through moraine and around the bluffs above Lake Harris leads to the Harris Saddle/Tarahaka Whakatipu (1255m) and the shelter, which is available for day use only. Allow 1½ - 2½ hours for the climb. Sub-alpine herbs and cushion plants are a feature of the vegetation. These areas are very fragile so please keep to the track.





View from the top of Conical Hill. Photo: Sarah Murray

Side trip – Conical Hill, 1 - 2 hours return *(This walk is not recommended in snow or adverse weather conditions).* A short, steep, rocky climb from the Harris Saddle up Conical Hill gives superb view of the Hollyford Valley through to Lake McKerrow, Martins Bay and the Tasman Sea.

From the saddle the track drops steeply down a gully and traverses along the exposed Hollyford face, before a bush descent onto a series of zig-zags to Lake Mackenzie Hut (50 bunks). Allow three to four hours for the descent from the saddle.

The nine campsites at Lake Mackenzie are located 500m from the hut, halfway round the side of the lake. No camping is permitted between Routeburn Flats Hut and Lake Mackenzie.

Side trip – Head of Lake Mackenzie, 1 hour return. Follow the track through the bush to the campsite and on towards to the head of Lake Mackenzie.

Lake Mackenzie Hut to Lake Howden Hut

8.6 km, 3 - 4 hours

The track crosses a small flat before climbing steeply to the bushline. It then gradually descends past the 'Orchard', an open grassy area dotted with ribbonwood trees, to the Earland Falls (174m). An emergency bridge is situated down stream should the falls be in flood. The track continues its gradual descent to Lake Howden Hut, situated at the junction of the Routeburn and Greenstone/Caples Tracks. A campsite is situated at the Greenstone Saddle 20 minutes down the Greenstone Track. Lake Howden Hut has 28 bunks.

Lake Howden Hut to The Divide

3.4 km, 1 - 1.5 hours.

The track climbs for about 15 minutes to the Key Summit turn-off.

Side trip – Key Summit, 1 - 1½ hours return. Take the side track which climbs above the bushline to an alpine wetland and tarn interpretive walk. Please remain on the track and boardwalks as this is a fragile area. You will be rewarded with magnificent views of the Darran Mountains and the Hollyford Valley.

From the Key Summit turn-off the gradual downhill walk to The Divide is through silver beech forest. The Divide (532m) is the lowest east/west crossing in the Southern Alps. A shelter, carpark and toilets are located at The Divide.





Winter Tramping

General

During the Off Peak/Winter Season (May to mid October) the Routeburn Track remains open, weather and track conditions permitting. There are fewer people walking the track and **you cannot make a booking** for the huts, but must buy hut tickets before you start. The track conditions and hut facilities during winter are different to conditions during summer.

After reading the notes below you must be absolutely confident you have the skills, fitness and equipment necessary to walk the track.

Safety

A winter crossing of the Routeburn Track should only be attempted by experienced, well-equipped parties.

The Fiordland and Mt Aspiring National Park environment can be very inhospitable and unforgiving especially above bush line during the winter and spring seasons.

- Some alpine bridges may be removed to avoid damage from avalanches. You must be competent in crossing swift icy rivers.
- Snow and ice conditions on the Hollyford Faces and at the Harris Saddle can be extremely dangerous.
- Lake Mackenzie when frozen, is not safe to walk on.
- Avalanches occur daily during some conditions – you must enquire at the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre before starting the track and follow the advice given.
- It is strongly recommended that walkers carry a mountain radio and/or personal locator beacon for emergency use.
- It is essential to leave details of your trip with someone responsible and check in with them again on your return. Intentions can be left at the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre.
- You must be totally self-sufficient.
- **Your safety and the decisions you make whilst on the track are fully your responsibility.**

Left – Earland Falls. Photo: Odette Singleton

Weather and Avalanches

During winter and spring, avalanches are frequent. There are 32 active avalanche paths which cross the Routeburn Track. The starting zones of many avalanches cannot be seen from the track. The risk is higher during or directly after snow and rain and can change quickly over a 24 hour period. It is essential to check avalanche conditions with either the Queenstown Regional Visitor Centre or Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre before you set out. A through trip may not be possible.

If conditions change while you are on the track you will need to make your own decision whether to continue, stay at the hut or turn back.

Always check current weather and avalanche conditions before departing on your trip.

Walking Options

The Routeburn Track may be walked from either the Milford Road, starting at the Divide, or the Routeburn Road end, starting at the Routeburn Shelter (see track map).

If a trip across the alpine section of the track is not possible, trampers may consider walking from either end of the track, as far as is safe, and staying overnight, then walking back out to their starting point. Before making this decision, check with the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre in Te Anau or the Queenstown Regional Visitor Centre.

Hut Fees and Facilities

Fees

Bookings are not required during the Off Peak/Winter Season (May to mid October), but you must have backcountry Hut Tickets or a Backcountry Hut Pass, available for purchase at any DOC office or Visitor Centre. Please record your Backcountry Hut Pass number beside your name in the hut book or deposit your hut tickets in the green hut ticket box.

Facilities

Radios, gas, fuel for heating and lighting are removed from the huts during winter. Running water is not provided at the huts. Only a winter pit toilet is provided. There are no staff at the huts.

Compliance

Random compliance checks will be carried out on the track during the winter season by DOC rangers.

Camping

Camping is only permitted at Lake Mackenzie and Routeburn Flats campsites.

Hut use

Trampers are expected to leave the huts clean and tidy and to stand mattresses upright to air. Please do not put food scraps in the sink or toilets.

You must carry out all rubbish.

Fire

Remember to replace all wood used and please put all ashes from the fire into the metal ash drums provided. Hot ashes not disposed of properly are a major fire risk to huts.

Water

Water is available from streams or rivers, as hut supplies are turned off during the winter.

If you doubt the quality of the water you may wish to treat it or boil it for five minutes.

Toilets

There are pit toilets available at each campsite and hut. Please use these so that water is not polluted. Toilet paper is not provided.

Transport

It is essential to make bookings with operators prior to starting the track. Minimum numbers may apply. We recommend you do this after arriving in Te Anau or Queenstown and have checked weather and track conditions.

Further Information

For further information about walking the Routeburn Track during the Off Peak/Winter Season please contact:

Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre (Open 7 days)

Tel: (03) 249 7924, Fax: (03) 249 0257

Email: fiordlandvc@doc.govt.nz

Queenstown Regional Visitor Centre (Open 7 days)

Tel: (03) 442 7935, Fax: (03) 442 7934

Email: queenstownvc@doc.govt.nz

History

A wide selection of books is available from the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre and Queenstown Regional Visitor Centre.

A trail from Martins Bay, up the Hollyford Valley and over into the Routeburn Valley to the pounamu (greenstone) source at the head of Lake Whakatipu-wai-Māori, was commonly used by Tai Poutini (West Coast) iwi, who regularly travelled south via this route to obtain koko-tak-iwai. Pounamu was much valued as a material for tools, weapons and ornaments.

The tradition of “Ngā Puna Wai Karikari o Rakaihautu” tells how the principal lakes of Te Wai Pounamu (South Island), were dug by the rangatira (chief) Rakaihautu. Rakaihautu was the captain of the canoe, Uruao, which brought the tribe, Waitaha, to New Zealand. Rakaihautu beached his canoe at Whakatū (Nelson) and travelled south.

The first Europeans to view the Hollyford Valley were Southland runholders David McKellar and George Gunn, who on 9 June 1861 climbed to the top of Key Summit via the Routeburn.

Early European surveyors, prospectors and explorers followed the track route when travelling from Lake Wakatipu to the Hollyford River/ Whakatipu Ka Tuka and western valleys.

In 1870 a bridle track was started to link Kinloch and Routeburn with the new Martins Bay settlement. However, failure of the isolated settlement and incorrect routing of the road meant construction ceased after four years. Tourism began in the 1880s, with visitors being taken into Routeburn Flats by horse and then guided on foot to the Harris Saddle/Tarahaka Whakatipu.

The Routeburn Track is one of New Zealand's most popular tracks, with over 13,000 walkers completing the track each year.

Te Wāhipounamu – South West New Zealand World Heritage Area



South West New Zealand is one of the great wilderness areas of the Southern Hemisphere. Known to Māori as Te Wāhipounamu (the place of greenstone), the South West New Zealand World Heritage Area incorporates Aoraki/Mt. Cook, Westland /Tai Poutini, Fiordland and Mount Aspiring National Parks, covering 2.6 million hectares.

World Heritage is a global concept that identifies natural and cultural sites of world significance, places so special that protecting them is of concern for all people.

Some of the best examples of animals and plants, once found on the ancient supercontinent Gondwana, live in the World Heritage Area.

Natural History

A wide selection of books is available from the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre and Queenstown Regional Visitor Centre.

Geology

The track follows close to a major fault zone which has thrown together both metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. During the Ice Ages, the last of which ended some 10,000 years ago, huge glaciers carved out the rock. The Hollyford glacier was so large it curved around the southern end of the Darran Mountains and flowed 50 km north to Martins Bay. It overtopped the main divide at Key Summit and two lobes flowed to the south - one to Lake Wakatipu via the Greenstone Valley and the other to Lake Te Anau via the Eglinton Valley. When the glaciers retreated they left the distinctive U-shape main valleys, smaller hanging valleys, cirque basins and residual glaciers like Donne Glacier on the eastern face of Mount Tutoko.

Flora

Beech is the dominant forest tree, with red beech around the start of the Routeburn Valley on sunny, frost-free sites. Mountain beech occurs at higher altitudes within the Routeburn Valley. Silver beech competes best on the wetter Hollyford faces along with broadleaf and fuchsia. A feature of the beech forest is the abundance of ferns, mosses, lichens and perching plants.

The track passes through several avalanche paths colonised by ribbonwood, one of New Zealand's few deciduous trees. Above the bushline between Lake Mackenzie and the Routeburn Falls are snow tussock grasslands, and herbfields with mountain buttercups, daisies, and ourisias. Bog communities, with sundews, bladderworts, orchids, daisies and bog pine occur around tarns on Key Summit.

Alpine daisy (*Celmisia semicordata*). Photo: Sharon Anderson





Beech is the dominant forest tree around the start of the Routeburn Valley.
Photo: DOC

Common Fauna

The area surrounding the Routeburn Track has an abundance of native birds. There is also a significant number of introduced animals including whitetail deer in the lower Routeburn Valley, red deer throughout the forested areas and chamois about the mountain tops. Animal pests such as possums, rats and stoats are also widespread.

Bush

Riflemen, bellbirds, robins, yellow crowned parakeets, mohua (yellowheads), tomtits, fantails and wood pigeons.



Robin. Photo: R. Morris

Subalpine scrub

Rock wrens, kea, New Zealand falcon.



Rock Wren. Photo: Ros Cole

At night

Ruru (morepork), native bat



Morepork. Photo: Dick Veitch

Fast-flowing river and Lake Harris outlet

Whio (Blue duck).



Blue Ducks. Photo: R. Morris

Conservation Projects

Animal Pests

The Department of Conservation is carrying out extensive stoat trapping and rat control programmes in the Routeburn Valley funded through DOC's Operation Ark. This is part of a wider programme in the upper Wakatipu Valleys.

Stoats were introduced to New Zealand in the 1880s to control the explosion of introduced rabbits. Prior to this time, New Zealand's native birds and bats (bats are the only mammal native to NZ) had enjoyed an environment free of predatory mammals. The introduction of stoats has seen a steady decline of our bird species. Today the stoat, along with the ship rat, are considered a great threat and have already led to the extinction of some species.

The stoat control programme began in the Routeburn Valley in 2000 to protect mohua/yellowhead and whio/blue duck. Stoat traps are placed at approximately 200m intervals along the length of the track and up some side valleys. Rat control is on a 100m x 100m grid and uses bait in tunnels only rodents can access. As stoat and rat



Stoat. Photo: DOC

numbers have declined as a result of control measures other bird life has also benefited in the valley with increases in the numbers of kaka, bats and parakeets to name a few.

Mohua

The endangered mohua (yellowhead/bush canary) is slightly larger than a sparrow. It has a bright yellow head, neck and breast, with the rest of the body being brownish yellow.

It is a tall-forest specialist, with strong legs and a bill adapted to foraging for insects in the crevices of bark of mature trees. Mohua's use of small tree holes for nesting and roosting make it more vulnerable to predation than other birds, as there are no avenues of escape when a rat or stoat puts its head in the entrance of its nest.

Mohua are only found in the South Island of New Zealand. They can often be seen feeding in noisy groups with brown creepers and parakeets on the fan behind the Routeburn Flats Hut or in the canopy in the first three kilometres of the Routeburn Track.

Whio

The whio (torrent/blue duck) is a unique and endangered species. It is endemic to New Zealand and has no close relative anywhere in the world.

It is blue-grey in colour with a reddish-brown spotted breast, a pale pink bill and yellow eyes and weighs about 800 - 1100 grams.

Living in fast flowing streams and rivers, whio are often seen standing on rocks or feeding on fresh water invertebrates. Whio remain in territorial pairs all year. The female call is a low rattling growl, while the male call of "fee-o" gives the duck its Maori name.

On the Routeburn Track, lone whio can sometimes be seen at Routeburn Flats or on the tarns north of the Harris Saddle.

The Department of Conservation gratefully acknowledges the support of local tourism company, Real Journeys, with the Whio Recovery Programme in Fiordland.



Left - Mohua (yellowhead).
Below - Whio (Torrent/Blue Duck).
Background - Key Summit tarn.
Photos: DOC



How to Book

Bookings are required for the peak season between 27 October 2009 and 28 April 2010 and will open at 9 am (New Zealand time) on Tuesday 14 July 2009.

For those wishing to walk the Routeburn Track outside the peak summer season please refer to the Winter Tramping section.

Before Booking

It is strongly recommended that you read the following sections before making a booking:

- Track location and travel times
- What to take
- Accommodation
- Safety and Track Guide
- Terms and Conditions

Tickets

Please ensure you **allow sufficient time to collect your tickets** from the Queenstown Regional Visitor Centre or the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre the day before your trip starts. Tickets not collected by 2pm may be on sold. Personal Identification may be required when collecting tickets.

For safety and security reasons tickets will not be posted.

To Make an Online Booking

You can make a booking online through our website www.doc.govt.nz

You will require the following information:

- Names and ages of all walkers.
- Credit card (Visa and Mastercard) to which payment will be charged via the ANZ Bank online secure payment system.

The Department of Conservation will not hold your credit card details. Personal information held about walkers will be used for booking purposes only and will not be handed out to any third parties.

To Make a Manual Booking

You can book by sending the above information direct to the Great Walks Booking Office in Te Anau by either fax, mail, email or phone. Contact details are listed on the back of this booklet. Full payment in New Zealand dollars must accompany your booking.

Commercial Groups

A concession (an official authorisation) is required to operate any commercial activity in an area managed by the Department of Conservation. Concessions are required for, but not restricted to: guiding operations (including tramping, walking, fishing, hunting, climbing, ski tours, kayaking, canoeing); transport services; commercial education or instruction activities.

The Department of Conservation managed huts and campsites on the Routeburn Track cannot be booked by commercial operators.

Commercial agents wishing to make multiple bookings for facilities/services on behalf of customers must hold an agent agreement with or obtain permission from the Department of Conservation.

More information regarding concessions can be found on our website www.doc.govt.nz About DOC > Concessions and Permits > Concessions

Hut and Campsite Prices

Details listed below are correct at time of printing. Prices charged will be those valid at the time of travel.

Unbooked Walkers

Walkers who do not have valid hut and campsite tickets will be charged a premium rate of the published fee for their age plus up to 100% of the adult rate, regardless of age.

Great Walks Peak Season

	Adult 18years +	Child/ Youth 0-17 years
Hut per night	\$45	Free
Camp per night	\$15	Free

Off peak Winter Season

	Adult 18years +	Child/ Youth 0-17 years
Hut per night	\$15	Free
Camp per night	Free	Free

Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions detailed below are correct at time of printing. For current information please check the Department of Conservation website www.doc.govt.nz or contact the Department of Conservation Great Walks Booking Office in Te Anau.

Bookings not meeting the following Terms and Conditions are treated as invalid, and will be reversed (cancelled) by the Department of Conservation.

General

Bookings can only be made for people intending to use the facility/ies / service/s at the time of booking.

A booking is required for each adult, youth, child and infant intending to use a facility or service.

The given name, family name, age, gender and nationality of each party member must be entered at the time of booking.

Bookings are not transferable from one person/ entity to another.

Names listed on the booking as using facility/ies / service/s may not be substituted unless approved via a Department of Conservation office. Substitution of all or the majority of names listed on a booking will not be approved.

Those persons named on the booking may be required to produce proof of identity when collecting tickets or accessing facilities/services booked. Accepted forms of ID are a passport, driver's licence, credit card or student ID.

Commercial and/or guided groups are not permitted to use Department of Conservation facilities/services unless authorised by the Department of Conservation via a Concession or other agreement.

Commercial Agents wishing to make multiple bookings for facilities/services on behalf of customers must hold an Agent agreement with or obtain permission from the Department of Conservation.

Age Ranges

For booking purposes the following age classifications apply to all services provided by the Department of Conservation (DOC):

Infant	Child	Youth	Adult
0 - 4 years	5 - 10 years	11 - 17 years	18 years +

Services provided by other organisations may use other age ranges. Please check the particular services you require.

Persons aged 14 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Alpine sections of some tracks are not recommended for children under 10 years. Please check the specific track information on the website.

Prices

All prices are in New Zealand dollars and include GST (Goods and Services Tax).

Bookings made Online will automatically be charged to your credit card through the ANZ Bank secure payment network at the time the booking is made.

Accepted credit cards are Mastercard and Visa.

Credit Card information is not held by DOC for security reasons and must be resupplied if alterations or cancellations are made through a DOC office.

No bookings will be accepted without payment.

Prices, transport timetables and other details may change without notice.

Discounts

Lake Waikaremoana, Abel Tasman Coast, Heaphy, Routeburn, Milford and Kepler Tracks only.

A 10% discount is available for members of NZ Federated Mountain Club, NZ Deer Stalkers Association, LandSAR and NZ Mountain Safety Council Staff and Instructors who hold a Backcountry Hut Pass.

You can't get these discounts when booking online. Instead, supply your membership details/number and Backcountry Hut Pass number to the office listed on the track information on www.doc.govt.nz, along with the details of what you want to book.

No other discounts are available.

Penalty Rates

For non-valid and unbooked accommodation on walking tracks.

Failure to have a valid booking for a facility/service for the date of use will result in penalty fees being charged in addition to the usual accommodation fee, and where there is no valid booking, the Department of Conservation does not guarantee access to that, or other, facilities/services on the track.

The penalty rate is the age rate plus the full adult fee.

Alterations and Cancellation Policies

General

Booking refunds will only be made to the person/ agent who made the original booking.

No refunds will be provided in cash.

Credit card details are not held by the Department of Conservation and will have to be resubmitted to the Department of Conservation office making your alteration, transfer or cancellation by phone, fax or mail. Sending credit card details by email is not recommended for security reasons.

Transfer of Booking Dates

Transferring dates of a booking may only be done within the current booking period. Those wishing to change the start date of their booking to a date where bookings are not open must cancel their booking and rebook once bookings are open.

Where bookings are transferred to a date to which a higher fee / price period applies the difference in fees must be paid at the time of the transfer being made.

Where bookings are transferred to a date to which a lower fee/ price period applies the difference will be refunded less cancellation fees. The cancellation fee will be calculated as per the table below. Credit card details must be supplied so transfer and refund can be processed.

Alterations via Internet

Selected alterations and transfers that will not affect:

1. the cost or
2. change the facilities/services booked or
3. the people booked into those facilities/services,

can be made online up to two days prior to departure. After this date you must contact the Department of Conservation office listed on the confirmation letter/receipt. You are unable to add services or people to your booking. Instead you must make another booking or contact the Department of Conservation office listed on the confirmation letter/receipt.

Alterations via DOC Office

Alterations may be made to any existing booking and may incur a fee of up to \$10.

Altering/transferring booking dates 1 to 2 days prior to start date will incur 100% cancellation fee.

Cancellations Due to DOC Closures

If the Department of Conservation closes a facility/ service due to severe weather or facility/service conditions, a full refund of the fee for the unused Department of Conservation facilities/services will be given.

Those visitors who have already started their trip/ booking may be required to leave before their trip/ booking is completed.

If your trip is cancelled by the Department of Conservation you must contact the Department of Conservation office listed on your confirmation letter within 7 days to obtain your refund or reschedule your trip. NO refund will be given after this time and trips will not be rescheduled.

Visitors will only be rescheduled if there are vacancies available once the service reopens.

Cancellations by Visitors

If visitor / agent cancels their bookings the following cancellation fees apply. These fees are not negotiable.

Note: If the booking has been transferred to a later date then the original start date will be used for cancellation calculation purposes.

Cancellation fees are based on the earliest start date. Applies to all booked services	Cancellation Fee
More than 10 days before the start date and within 48 hours of making the booking	0%
More than 10 days before the start date and more than 48 hours after making the booking	25%
Between 3 and 10 days before the start date	50%
Between 1 and 2 days before the start date	100%
On or after the start date	100%
Medical circumstances that prevent customer walking track - must be accompanied by a medical certificate and requested no later than one month after the of the departure date	20%
Booked transport more than 24 hours prior to departure	0%
Booked transport less than 24 hours prior to departure or on day of departure or after departure date	100%

Travel Insurance

The Department of Conservation recommends that you arrange travel insurance to guard against the loss of costs associated with cancellation or delay of your trip.

The Department of Conservation is unable to rearrange non Department of Conservation booked transport, accommodation and flight bookings if delays should occur.

Liability Disclaimer

The Department of Conservation will not be liable for injury, damage or any costs incurred by visitors.



Right – Swingbridge over the Route Burn. Photo: DOC

Transport, Equipment and Accommodation

Please book with the relevant operator. Times and prices may not be applicable outside the Great Walks season.

Transport

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Contact Details

Great Walks Peak Season

To make a booking or for further information about the Routeburn Track during the **Great Walks Peak Season** contact:

Great Walks Bookings Office

Department of Conservation
Lakefront Drive, P.O. Box 29
Te Anau, NEW ZEALAND.

Tel. (03) 249 8514 International ++64 3 249 8514

Fax. (03) 249 8515 International ++64 3 249 8515

Email: greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz

Website: www.doc.govt.nz

Office hours: 8.00am - 5pm (7 days, 27 Oct – 20 Dec & 1 March – 30 April)
8am - 6pm (7 days, 21 December to 28 Feb)
8.30am - 12 noon. 1pm - 4.30pm (Mon - Fri, 1 May - late Oct)

Off Peak/Winter Season

For further information about walking the Routeburn Track during the **Off Peak/Winter Season** please contact:

Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre
Department of Conservation
P.O. Box 29, Te Anau.

Tel. (03) 249 7924, Fax: ((03) 249 0257

Email: fiordlandvc@doc.govt.nz

Website: www.doc.govt.nz

Office hours: 8.30am - 4.30pm, 7 days

or

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Department of Conservation
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