

## Welcome to Wakatipu

From mountain tops to lakeside strolls, the Wakatipu and Arrowtown areas offer spectacular views and an outstanding range of walking experiences. Always contact the nearest DOC Visitor Centre for the latest information on facilities and conditions, and ensure you are prepared for the weather conditions. Higher altitude tracks can be exposed and icy from autumn through winter, and well into spring.

### Remember—your safety is your responsibility

Please choose a track that suits your level of fitness and experience.

Follow the Outdoor Safety Code:

- Plan your trip
- Tell someone
- Be aware of the weather
- Know your limits
- Take sufficient supplies



More information can be found at [www.adventuresmart.org.nz](http://www.adventuresmart.org.nz)

### Maps are guides only

The maps in this brochure should not be used for navigation purposes. We strongly recommend purchasing a topographical map from the DOC Visitor Centre; NZTopo50 CB11, CC10, CC11

### Please respect private land

Please respect the landowner's property where tracks cross private land. Stay on the track, don't disturb livestock and leave gates as you find them. Thank you.

#### KEY TO SYMBOLS

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|--|--|--|-----------------|
|  | Dog walking                                  |  | Mountain biking |
|  | Fishing                                      |  | Camping         |
|  | Hut  |  | No dogs         |
|  | No horses                                    |  | No vehicles     |
|  | No bikes                                     |  | No camping      |
|  | Managed by Queenstown Lakes District Council |  |                 |
|  | Managed by Department of Conservation        |  |                 |
|  | Managed by Otago Regional Council            |  |                 |

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable ground
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimise the effects of fire
- Respect wildlife and farm animals
- Be considerate of others



### Check, Clean, Dry

Stop the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests. Remember to Check, Clean, Dry all items before entering, and when moving between, waterways.



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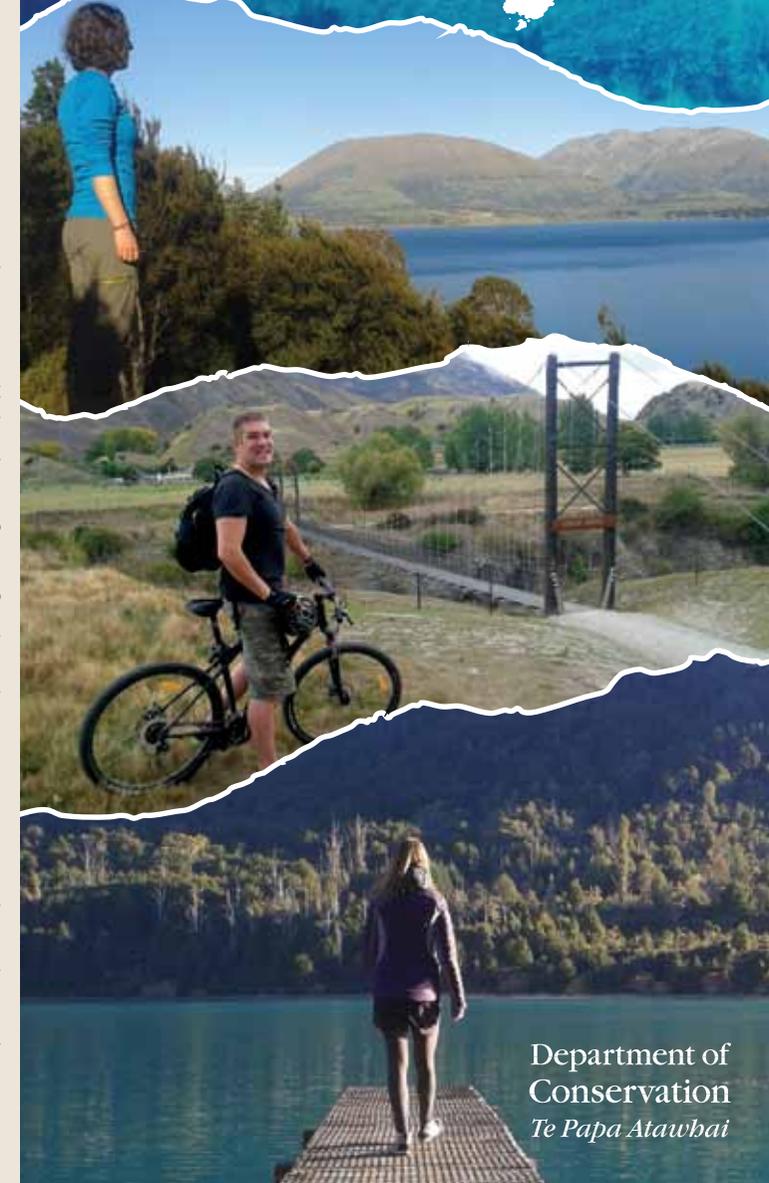
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# Wakatipu Walks

Walks of all grades from  
15 minutes to a full day

Queenstown/Arrowtown area



Cover photos: (bottom) Bobs Cove, S Keeble, (centre) Edgar Bridge, R Orpin, (top) Lake Wakatipu, K Verter

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## TRACK GRADES

 Easy access short walk – Easy walking for up to an hour for people of all abilities, suitable for wheelchairs and children's buggies.

 Short walk – Easy walking for up to an hour for most fitness levels on well-formed tracks.

 Walking track – Walking from a few minutes up to a day on mostly well-formed tracks; 'shoe' standard and suitable for people with low to moderate fitness and abilities.

 Tramping track – Challenging tramping on mostly unformed tracks that may be rough and steep; 'boot' standard. Suitable for people with moderate to high level backcountry skills and experience, navigation and survival skills required. Streams and rivers may not be bridged.

 Route – Challenging tramping on unformed tracks that may be rough, muddy or very steep, marked with markers, poles or rock cairns. Suitable for people with high level backcountry (remote areas) skills and experience, navigation and survival skills required; complete self-sufficiency required. Streams and rivers may not be bridged.

## CYCLE TRAIL GRADES

 Easy – Mostly flat with some gentle climbs on smooth track with easily avoidable obstacles such as rocks and potholes.

 Intermediate – Steep slopes and/or avoidable obstacles possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure at the track's outside edge.

## 1 Bobs Cove Track to Twelve Mile Delta



*Time: 1 hr 30 min to 2 hr 30 min one-way*

*Start/Finish: Bobs Cove car park/Twelve Mile Delta on Glenorchy Rd*

From the Bobs Cove car park, the track descends through native bush to Bobs Cove, offering swimming and shore fishing. A historic lime kiln remains from the 1800s, when the Wakatipu Lime Company quarried and processed Bobs Cove limestone. Gum trees here were planted to fuel the kilns.

Carry on to the junction (where you can climb up a short loop track with good views) or take the shortcut to the left. Both tracks reconnect to lead along the lake shore to the trail's end at Twelve Mile Delta. Budding geologists will delight in the ancient marine sediments found along the way.

Connects with the Mt Crichton Loop Track (#3).

## 2 Bobs Cove Bridle Track



*Time: 1–2 hr return*

*Start/Finish: Bobs Cove car park. For safety, return via the track, not Glenorchy Rd*

This is the original bridle track linking Queenstown and Glenorchy. Schist retaining walls along the shoreline just north of Bobs Cove can still be seen. The many kōwhai, fuchsia/kōtukutuku and rātā trees bordering the lake attract nectar-feeding native birds. The track passes one of the few mature red beech stands in the Wakatipu.

## 3 Mt Crichton Loop Track



*Time: 2–4 hr loop*

*Start/Finish: Mt Crichton car park on Glenorchy Road*

This track is in the Mt Crichton Scenic Reserve and passes through mountain beech and mānuka, with red beech in the gullies. Twelve Mile Creek Gorge was worked intensively by gold miners and signs of sluicing can still be seen. A short side track below Sam Summers Hut leads to an impressive rock fissure once used as a tail race. A link to the Lake Dispute Walkway (#4) is signposted on the ridge on the eastern side.

Mountain biking is not permitted on this track, or on the link to Lake Dispute.

## 4 Lake Dispute Walkway



*Time: 1 hr 30 min return*

*Start/Finish: 1.5 km beyond Wilson Bay Crosses private land*

From the signpost on Glenorchy Road the track zigzags up through pittosporum shrubland. Lake Dispute is a popular fishing spot – brown, brook and splake trout can all be caught here. A link to the Mt Crichton Loop Track (#3) is at the south end of the lake – allow 40 minutes. Cross the weir, follow the lake shore to the fence line, and then up to the ridge.

## 5 Moke Lake – Lake Dispute Track



*Time: 3–4 hr one-way*

*Start/Finish: Glenorchy Rd; Lake Dispute Walkway; Moke Lake campsite* Crosses private land

At Lake Dispute the track goes along the lake, skirting

farmland through a short steep saddle, and follows the fence to the left of the valley floor. At Moke Lake, the choices are: go direct to Moke Lake Rd (1 hr) then along the road to the picnic and camping area (30 min) or around the lake to the picnic and camping area (1 hr 30 min).

## 6 Moke Lake Loop Track



*Time: 2–3 hr return*

*Start/Finish: Moke Lake campsite*

This popular short, undulating walk through grassland is surrounded by mountains and goes right round the lake. A short boardwalk at the southern end protects a wetland.

## 7 Moke Lake to Arthurs Point – Moonlight Track



*Time: 4 hr one-way*

*Start/Finish: Moke Lake Reserve/Mcchesney Rd in Arthurs Point township*

Crosses private land

Managed by Ben Lomond Station

From Moke Lake campsite follow the Ben Lomond Station farm road above Moke Creek, passing the remnants of an old mining settlement, Sefferstown. The farm road forks here – take the track to the right. Pass the sign to Ben Lomond Saddle and, soon after, turn right onto the Moonlight Track to Arthurs Point.

## 8 Ben Lomond Walkway



*Time: Ben Lomond Summit 6–8 hr return;*

*Ben Lomond Saddle 3–4 hr return*

*Start/Finish: bottom or top of Skyline Access Rd, or Tiki Trail (#33)*

Crosses private land (from saddle to summit)

The track begins among Douglas fir on the Skyline Access Road/Tiki Trail. At 800 m altitude you enter alpine tussock and shrubs, climbing to the 1326 m Ben Lomond Saddle (Ben Lomond Station). The track gets steeper and rougher as it approaches Ben Lomond's 1,748 m summit. In fine weather the view includes Mt Earnslaw/Pikirakatahi and Mt Aspiring/Tititea.

From April to November, be prepared for snow and ice above the bushline.

## 9 Ben Lomond Saddle to Arthurs Point/ Moke Lake



Time: 4 hr one-way

Start/Finish: Ben Lomond Track at saddle/Arthurs Point or Moke Lake

Crosses private land  
Managed by Ben Lomond Station.

Follow the poled walking track down from Ben Lomond Saddle to the Ben Lomond Station farm road. Turn left to Moke Lake, or right to Arthurs Point.

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## 10 Mt Dewar



Time: 1 hr one-way

Start/Finish: Skippers Saddle

This moderately steep walk, along a 4WD track through tussock grassland to the top of 1310 m Mt Dewar, offers superb views of Coronet Peak and the Wakatipu basin. For a longer walk, carry on along the Devils Creek (#12) or Atley (#11) Tracks.

## 11 Atley Track from Mt Dewar to Skippers Rd



Time: 4-5 hr from the top of Mt Dewar to Skippers Rd

Start/Finish: Skippers Saddle/Skippers Rd

Crosses private land

From the top of Mt Dewar, descend a 4WD track towards the Shotover River to Atley Terrace Historic Reserve and huts. Follow the rugged track towards Butchers Point and Skippers Road. Many historic gold mining features can be seen on both sides of the river.

## 12 Devils Creek Track from Mt Dewar to Coronet Peak Rd



Time: 4-5 hr from the top of Mt Dewar to Coronet Peak Rd

Start/Finish: Mt Dewar (via Skippers Saddle)/Coronet Peak Rd

Crosses private land

From the top of Mt Dewar, the track descends through tussock grassland to Devils Creek. Climb a small saddle and descend to Coronet Peak Rd, which has great views of the Wakatipu basin.

## 13 Oxenbridge Tunnel Track



Time: 20 min return

Start/Finish: turn left just before the Edith Cavell Bridge at Arthurs Point

A short, easy walk to a viewpoint that overlooks the historic Oxenbridge Tunnel river diversion and an old steam engine.

## 14 Morningstar Track



Time: 15 min one-way

Start/Finish: car park at Morning Star Beach Reserve, Arthurs Point

A short easy walk ending at Morning Star Beach to the true left of the Shotover River.

Note: true left and true right refer to the side of the valley or river when facing and looking downstream.

## 15 Queenstown Hill/ Te Tapunui Time Walk



Time: 3 hr return

Start/Finish: Belfast St

Crosses private land

This scenic walk climbs some 500 m to the summit of Te Tapunui – mountain of intense sacredness. At the summit rock tors provide grandstand seating for the 360-degree panoramic view that includes The Remarkables, Cecil Peak, the Frankton Arm and Queenstown Bay. There's also a small tarn surrounded by bog pine.

## 16 One Mile Creek Walk



Time: 1 hr to 1hr 30 min return

Start/Finish: Fernhill (One Mile) roundabout

This track is currently not maintained, so route finding skills will be necessary. It passes through the closest beech forest to Queenstown and is home to several native bird species. The track follows an old pipeline up to One Mile Dam, one of New Zealand's first hydro-electric power schemes.

## 17 Frankton Arm Walkway



Time: 1 hr to 1 hr 30 min one-way

Start/Finish: Park St/Kawarau Falls Bridge

This wide, flat track follows the lake shore and gives particularly good views of The Remarkables.

## 18 Kelvin Peninsula Track



Time: 1 hr to 1 hr 30 min one-way

Start/Finish: Kawarau Falls Bridge/Jardine Park

A lakeside walk along the Frankton Arm's southern shoreline with excellent views.

## 19 Jacks Point Track



Time: 2 hr one-way to Jacks Point Clubhouse

Start/Finish: Jardine Park at the end of Poplar Drive/Jacks Point golf course

A lakeside walk over grassland and scattered scrub with superb mountain and lake views. Ends at Jacks Point.

## 20 Sunshine Bay Walk



Time: 45 min to 1 hr return

Start/Finish: 1 km past the Fernhill (One Mile) roundabout/Sunshine Bay jetty

A pleasant walk with occasional lake views, through native bush and open areas to Sunshine Bay's jetty. A side track leads to an 8-m waterfall at Two Mile Creek Falls.

## 21 Arawata Track



Time: 45 min one-way

Start/Finish: Arawata Terrace/car park on Glenorchy Rd

This easy track is part of the original Queenstown to Glenorchy bridle trail, with interesting rock formations, native bush and good lake views. The track offers access to good rock-climbing opportunities.

## 22 Seven Mile Point – Wilson Bay Track



Time: 1 hr 30 min one-way

Start/Finish: Glenorchy Rd/Wilson Bay

From Seven Mile Creek the track passes through regenerating bush and pine forest up to Seven Mile Point. On the descent there are good views of Wilson Bay from Kirks Terrace.

Provides access to Seven Mile Bike Park.

## ARROWTOWN

A variety of walks around Arrowtown that take in historic sites and beautiful scenery.

## 23 Lake Hayes Walkway



Time: 2–3 hr return

Start/Finish: Lake Hayes Pavilion and show grounds on SH6; Bendemeer Bay; North Lake Hayes picnic area; Arrowtown Rd and Rutherford Rd (off Speargrass Flat Rd).

Stroll, walk, run or cycle around a lake surrounded by spectacular mountains; also home to a healthy population of Australasian crested grebe/kāmana.

## 24 Millennium Walkway



Time: 1 hr 30 min return

Start/Finish: Arrowtown Skate Park; Ford St (either end); other access points along the way

A relaxing stroll along the Arrow River – connects to the Queenstown Trail (#41).

## 25 Tobins Track



Time: 1 hr return

Start/Finish: True left of the Arrow River near Ford St/O'Callaghan Park, Arrowtown

Tobins Track climbs up to the Crown Terrace for spectacular views of the Wakatipu basin and the surrounding mountains.

## 26 Arrowtown Chinese Settlement



Time: at your leisure

Start/Finish: Arrowtown Chinese Settlement, near Buckingham St

On the banks of Bush Creek is the partially-restored and well-interpreted Arrowtown Chinese Settlement. Read how the Chinese immigrants lived during the gold rush; explore their restored huts and Ah Lum's store that was central to their community.

## 27 Bush Creek Track



Time: 1 hr 30 min one-way

Start/Finish: Arrowtown Chinese Settlement

Crosses private land

A relaxing walk along Bush Creek to Arrowtown's old water supply intake (est. 1881). A recent track extension then leads steeply upwards before levelling as you reach an open basin. From here it is another 30 min climb to the saddle, offering great views over the Wakatipu basin. You can choose to follow the steep track towards the top of Coronet Peak, adding up to two hours one-way.

## 28 Sawpit Gully – Arrow Gorge Track



Time: 3 hr return

Start/Finish: Arrow Gorge or Arrowtown Chinese Settlement

Crosses private land

Managed by Arrowtown Village Association

An enjoyable loop walk through mostly open country. Go up the Arrow River – either following the Arrow Gorge Track along the pipeline or from the Macetown Road, crossing the bridge over the river. Climb to Eichardts Flat (and the access to #29 Big Hill Trail), then descend towards Bush Creek while enjoying magnificent views of the Wakatipu basin.

## 29 Big Hill Trail



Time: 4 hr one-way

Start/Finish: Bush Creek/Macetown Rd

Crosses private land

Managed by Arrowtown Village Association

The Big Hill trail was the main route to Macetown until the opening of the Macetown Road (#30) in 1884. Today the trail follows the old bridle trail, climbing steadily from Bush Creek via Eichardts Flat to a high saddle with grand views over the Arrow basin and Lake Hayes. From here you can return on the same route, or descend steeply to Eight Mile Creek and follow the creek downstream to the Macetown road.

This is a route rather than a well-formed trail. An easier alternative for walkers to Macetown Historic Reserve is the Macetown 4WD Road (#30).

## 30 Macetown 4WD Road



Time: 3–4 hr one-way, 6–8 hr return

Start/Finish: across Bush Creek from Arrowtown Chinese Settlement

Walk along the 4WD road to Macetown Historic Reserve. The road crosses the Arrow River numerous times. Camping and dogs are allowed within the boundaries of Macetown Historic Reserve.

Macetown is the start/finish of the Motatapu Track that links with Glendhu Bay, near Wanaka.

The Arrow River can rise rapidly when raining and should not be accessed during winter months. Walkers, bikers and horseriders watch for 4WD vehicles on the road.

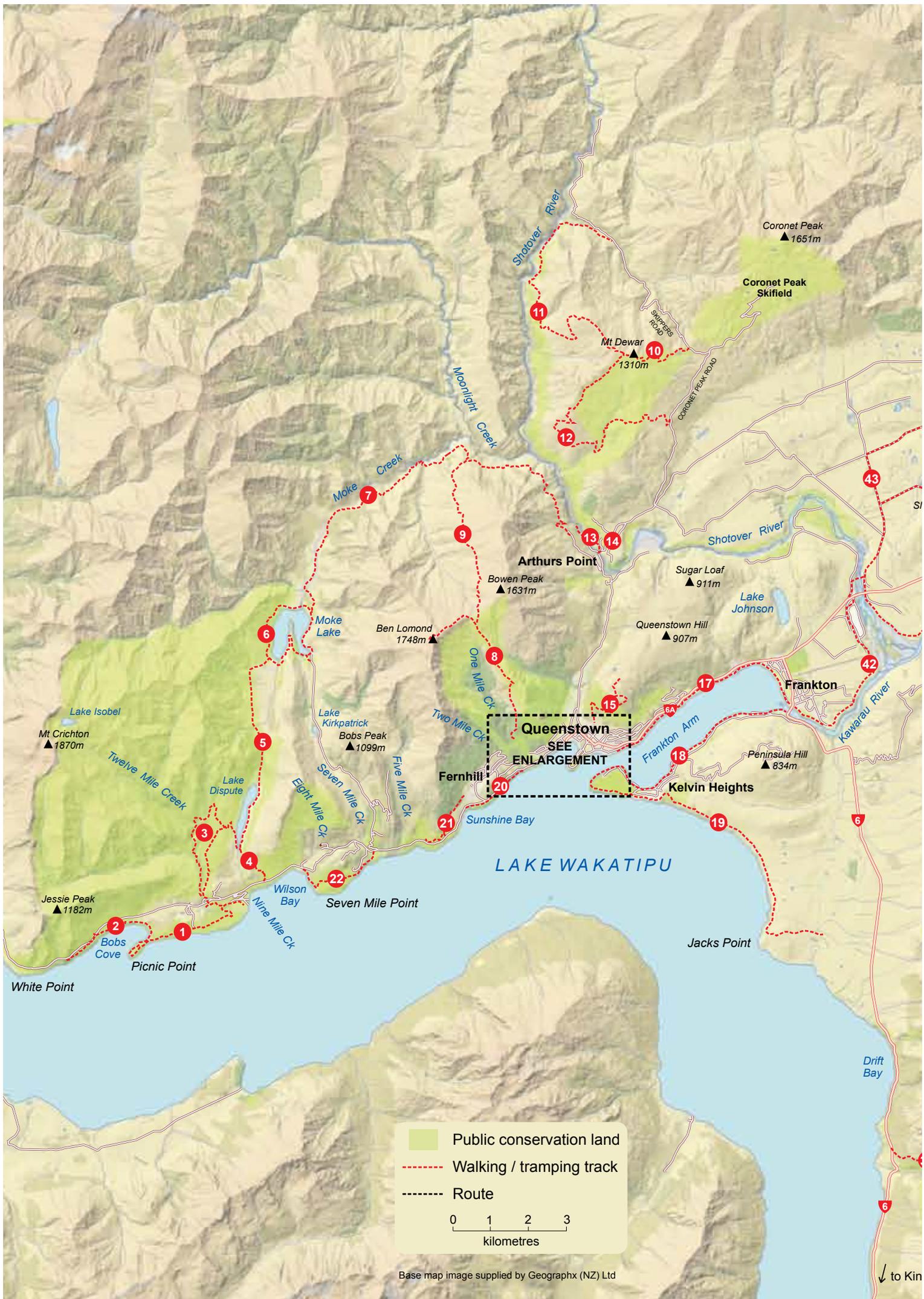
## 31 New Chums Gully



Time: 2 hr 30 min to 3 hr loop

Start/Finish: either halfway up Tobins Track (look for a gate and an orange marker), or on Macetown Rd at Norman Smith Bridge  
Crosses private land

This loop track offers great variety in both terrain and scenery and can be walked in either direction. It is poled with orange markers along the ridgeline of Glencoe Station and has great views over Arrowtown and the Wakatipu basin. It leads alongside streams and through New Chums Gully. The gully was well mined during the gold rush: evidence of sluicing and the remains of water races still exist.



Coronet Peak  
▲ 1651m

Coronet Peak  
Skifield

Mt Dewar  
▲ 1310m

Arthurs Point

Bowen Peak  
▲ 1631m

Sugar Loaf  
▲ 911m

Queenstown Hill  
▲ 907m

Ben Lomond  
▲ 1748m

Queenstown  
SEE  
ENLARGEMENT

Frankton

Peninsula Hill  
▲ 834m

Fernhill

Kelvin Heights

LAKE WAKATIPU

Jacks Point

Drift Bay

Mt Crichton  
▲ 1870m

Lake Kirkpatrick  
Bobs Peak  
▲ 1099m

Jessie Peak  
▲ 1182m

Seven Mile Point

Picnic Point

White Point

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## CENTRAL QUEENSTOWN

Magnificent mountain and lake views, easily accessible from the centre of Queenstown.

### 32 Queenstown Gardens



Time: 10–40 min, or at your leisure

Start/Finish: Park St

The Queenstown Gardens are situated on a small peninsula on the shore of Lake Wakatipu, adjacent to the centre of Queenstown. Stroll along the lake, explore the rose garden or play a round of frisbee golf – all while enjoying great views.

### 33 Tiki Trail



Time: 1 hr return

Start: Top of Brecon St

This steep zigzag track climbs through pine forest to emerge on the Skyline Access Road, providing alternative access to other tracks in the area like the popular Ben Lomond Track (#8).

### 34 Town Link Track



Time: 15 min one-way

Start/Finish: Cameron Place/Thompson St/Fernhill (One Mile) roundabout

This track links Queenstown with the Fernhill residential area.

## THE REMARKABLES AND THE DOOLANS CATCHMENT

Highly rewarding walks for more experienced walkers or trampers. Most are high-altitude walks and suitable for summer only, although snow may still be present.

### 35 Lower Wye Creek Track

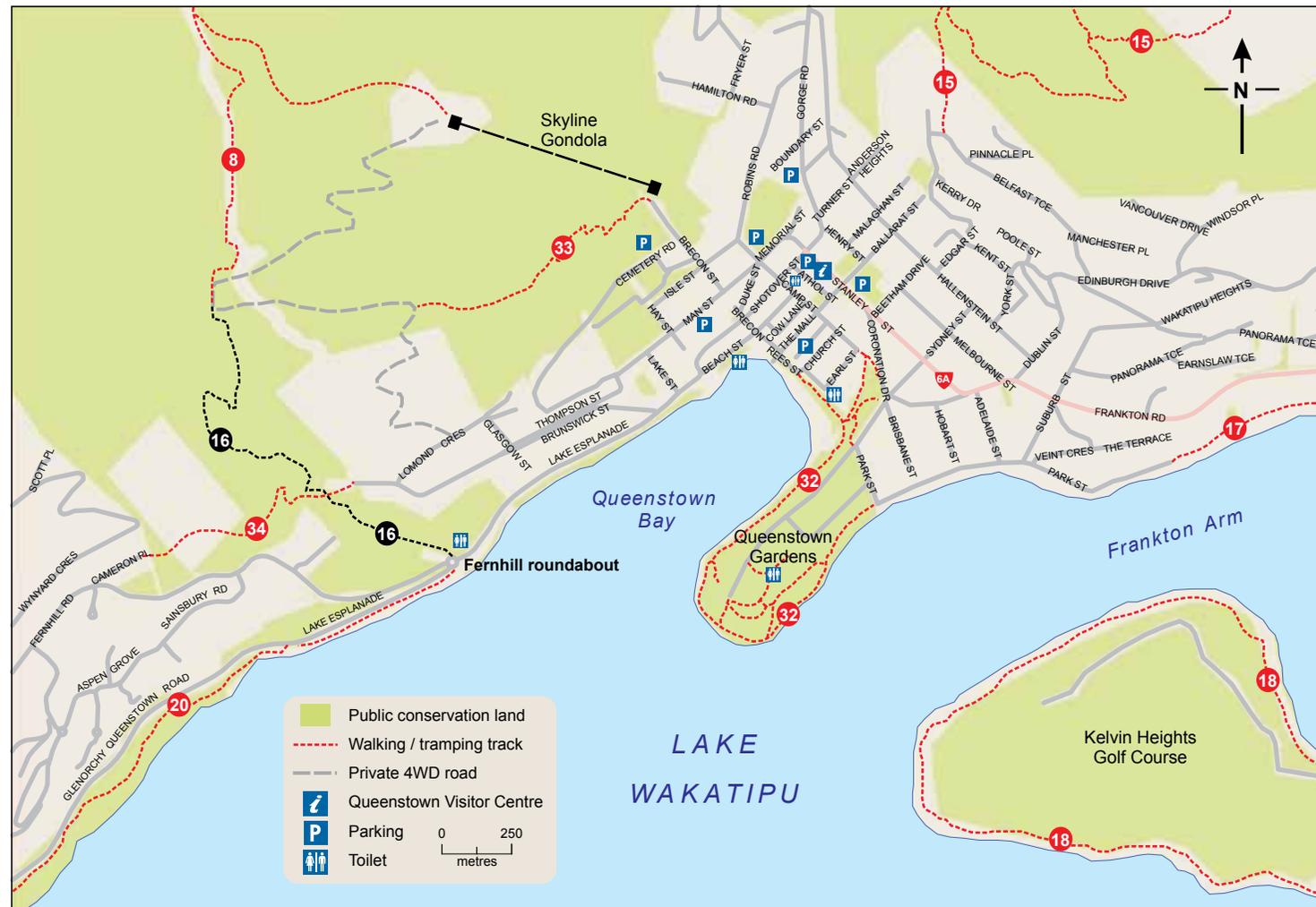


Time: 4 hr return

Start/Finish: Wye Creek car park, SH6, 20 min drive south of Queenstown

Crosses private land

From the car park by the Wye Creek Bridge, the track climbs for



45 min to a hydro dam. Crossing the dam to the right provides access to popular rock climbing spots. Staying left of the dam leads further up the steep tramping track through beech forest, and reaches the bushline and the Lower Wye Creek basin after another hour.

### 35a Wye Creek Route



Time: 8–10 hr one-way

Start/Finish: Wye Creek car park, SH6, 20 min drive south of Queenstown

From the Lower Wye Creek basin, a steep route climbs up to Lake Alta. This route should only be undertaken by experienced, well-equipped parties with good navigation skills.

### 36 Lake Alta Track



Time: 1 hr 30 min return

Start/Finish: The Remarkables skifield buildings

An interpreted walk that climbs steadily to a picturesque glacial lake. It begins on the road behind the base building and follows a skifield road to the top of the Alta Chairlift. From there, cairns and flagstones mark the way through alpine wetlands, up to the glacial cirque.

## 37 Mt Rosa Track



*Time: 3-4 hr one-way*

*Start/Finish: Coal Pit Rd car park - 4WD essential on Coal Pit Rd - or the car park on SH6 near Victoria Bridge*

Crosses private land

Starting with a steady climb to Mt Rosa, the track crosses the top with great views of the Nevis Bluff, the Kawarau Gorge and the lower Wakatipu basin. Follow the track past Mt Mason and down to the flats and car park.

## 38 Glenroy Water Race Track



*Time: 3-4 hr one-way, 8 hr return*

*Start/Finish: Coal Pit Rd car park - 4WD essential on Coal Pit Rd*

Crosses private land

From the Coal Pit Rd car park, the route follows the historic Welshmen's Water Race through several creeks, and then steadily climbs to The Remarkables Conservation Area boundary. The route then follows Mt Salmond Ridge to Ben Cruachan to give good views of Lake Wakatipu, the basin and Nevis Bluff. The water race was built by Welshmen for what were unsuccessful gold mining operations around Gibbston.

## 39 Wentworth Track



*Time: 2-3 hr to the conservation area boundary, 5-6 hr one-way to track end, full day return*

*Start/Finish: Coal Pit Rd car park - 4WD essential on Coal Pit Rd*

Crosses private land

Descend from Coal Pit Saddle into Doolans Creek's right branch. Ford the creek and follow the 4WD road up around the face of the hill to a sign-posted junction. Here the walking track branches to the right. Follow it to the Wentworth Conservation Area for views of the Pisa and Old Woman ranges, and Nevis Bluff. The track continues along the ridge, providing access to the alpine basins of Doolans catchment and the back of The Remarkables.

## SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR RIDES OR WALKS:

### 40 Gibbston River Trail

*Distance: 9 km*

*Bike time: 2 hr one-way*

*Grade: Easy*

This track is unrivalled in the Wakatipu basin for its magnificent views of the Kawarau River and historic features such as Rum Currie's hut. The modified landscape tells the story of 19th century gold mining on the Gibbston flats, and the dynamic force of the Kawarau River.

The Peregrine Loop offers particularly good views of the Kawarau River. Please note: bikes are not recommended on this part of the trail.

### 41 Arrowtown and Gibbston - Arrow River Bridges Ride

*Distance: 16 km*

*Bike time: 2-3 hr one-way*

*Grade: Easy*

Ride or walk along Arrow and Kawarau rivers between Arrowtown and Gibbston, crossing four bridges including the historic Kawarau Bridge and the spectacular Edgar suspension bridge, rising 80 m above the Arrow River.

Connects with the Millennium Walkway (#24) and the Gibbston River Trail (#40).

### 42 Kawarau and Shotover rivers - Twin Rivers Ride

*Distance: 26 km*

*Bike time: 2-4 hr one-way*

*Grade: Intermediate*

Ride or walk along the Kawarau and Shotover rivers, discovering some of the more remote spots in the Wakatipu basin. Cross the historic Lower Shotover Bridge, and enjoy fishing and picnic spots along the way.

Connects with the Frankton Arm Walkway (#17), Kelvin Peninsula (#18) and Jacks Point Tracks (#19).

### 43 Dalefield and Millbrook - Countryside Ride

*Distance: 12 km*

*Bike time: 2-3 hr one-way*

*Grade: Intermediate*

Ride or walk through historic Arrowtown and Dalefield and Millbrook's tree-lined alleys, enjoying magnificent views of the Wakatipu basin along the way.

Connects with the Lake Hayes Walkway (#23).



### Queenstown Trail

Part of Nga Haerenga/the New Zealand Cycle Trail, the Queenstown Trail offers 100 km of track for bikers and walkers. Combining existing track with newly-built sections, the track connects Queenstown, Frankton, Arrowtown and Gibbston areas. There are many access points along the trail and it is signposted extensively - look for Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) signage.

