

HIKE FIORDLAND

PASSPORT



Base yourself in Te Anau or Manapouri and use this passport to guide you to some of the best day walks around, experiencing a taste of the Great Walks nearby. Stay a week and complete them all or tick off a few more with each visit.

Record your adventures with the date, weather and your rating so you can recommend them to friends. Ensure you keep your Hike Fiordland Passport in a safe place so you can return with it time and time again.

Relax in the evenings in the comfort of your Te Anau accommodation, experiencing the best of Southland's food and hospitality. Chat to the locals and uncover even more of the region's best-kept secrets and why people just keep coming back to this special place!

Create your own itinerary or visit the Beyond Belief website for more suggestions to make the most of your stay.

GUIDE TO ICONS:



This guide provides general information which was correct at the time of printing. Visit Te Rua-o-te-moko/Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre for more accurate and up-to-date weather and track information, maps and the best advice and guidance to make your visit a safe one.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

STAY TE ANAU

OUR BACK YARD EVENTS

Discover a wide variety of events with picture-perfect backdrops all year round!

February

▶ Te Anau Waitangi Festival

April

▶ Routeburn Classic

June

▶ Men's Muster Fiordland
▶ Fiordland Big 3

June/July

▶ Matariki in Fiordland

August

▶ Meridian Hydro Half Marathon

October

▶ Stabcraft Te Anau Manapouri Fishing Classic
▶ Te Anau Ukulele Festival

November

▶ Te Anau Motorama

December

▶ Kepler Challenge
▶ Distinction Hotels Te Anau Tennis Invitational

Visit southlandnz.com/events-southland for more information

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PLAN YOUR TRIP VISIT:



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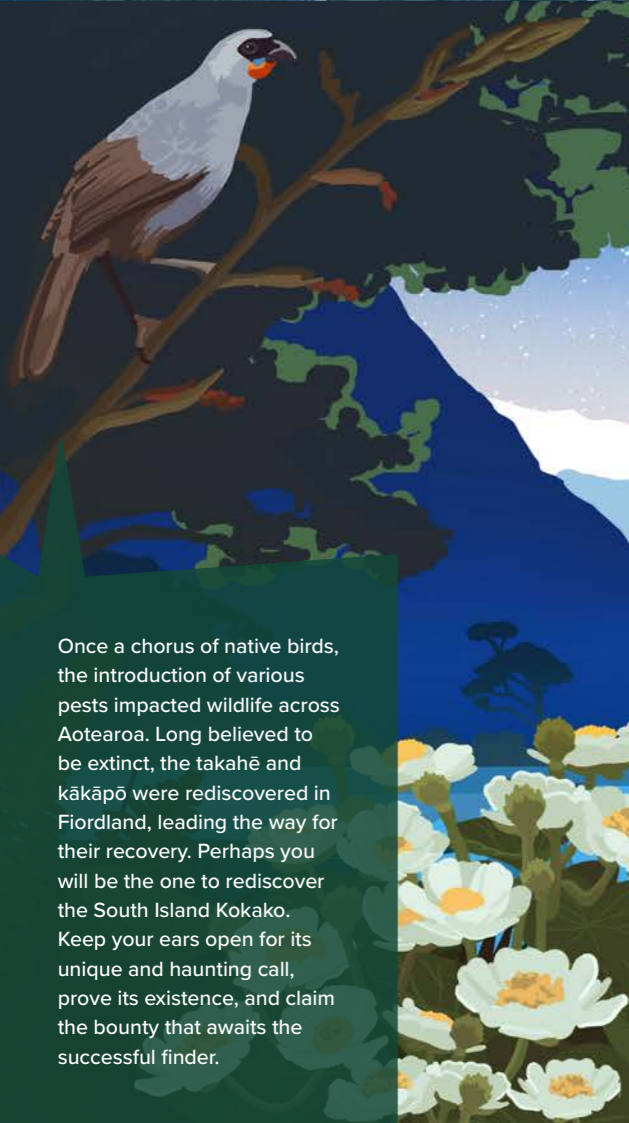
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Once a chorus of native birds, the introduction of various pests impacted wildlife across Aotearoa. Long believed to be extinct, the takahē and kākāpō were rediscovered in Fiordland, leading the way for their recovery. Perhaps you will be the one to rediscover the South Island Kokako. Keep your ears open for its unique and haunting call, prove its existence, and claim the bounty that awaits the successful finder.

According to Māori legend, demi-god Tu-te-raki-whanoa carved the magnificent fiords, improving with every fiord he created, making Piopiotahi Milford Sound his masterpiece. In fear that people would stay in Milford Sound forever, the goddess Hine-nui-te-po created the sandfly to keep people at bay. Early Māori began to collect takiwai from Anita Bay, a prized translucent greenstone, over 800 years ago. In 1773, during Captain Cook's second voyage Astronomer's Point was established, making Aotearoa, at that time, the most accurately mapped location in the world. Rudyard Kipling named Milford Sound the Eighth Wonder of the World. Fiordland has captivated hearts for years with its outstanding natural beauty, pristine waters, majestic lands, and sparkling dark skies – a place worth protecting.

Initially released for game in 1910, the mighty moose soon found themselves outnumbered by the introduction of red deer that competed for the same food. The infamous "deer wars" of the 1970s, involving helicopters, resulted in a thriving Fiordland venison industry and the regeneration of native forest and flora. While not photographed since 1952, some believe the elusive moose still exist in the park, so keep your eyes open and camera ready.



FIORDLAND HISTORY

5 SIMPLE RULES TO HELP YOU STAY SAFE:

- Choose the right trip for you**
Learn about the route and make sure you have the skills for it.
- Understand the weather**
It can change fast. Check the forecast and change your plans if needed.
- Pack warm clothes and extra food**
Prepare for bad weather and an unexpected night out.
- Share your plans and take ways to get help**
Telling a trusted person your trip details and taking a distress beacon can save your life. Leave a date and time to raise the alarm if you haven't returned. Send it to a trusted person directly or via the Plan My Walk app.
- Take care of yourself and each other**
Eat, drink and rest, stick with your group and make decisions together.

Always remember to ensure shuttle, water taxi or helicopter transfers are prebooked and be on time.

Visit adventuresmart.nz for more information on the Land Safety Code and to download in other languages



THE LAND SAFETY CODE

1 GREAT WALK

Milford Track SANDFLY POINT TO GIANT GATE FALLS

Water taxi across Deepwater Basin to Sandfly Point before embarking on this flat rainforest walk, following the Arthur River and passing Lake Ada. Cross the famous swing bridge with spectacular views of the Giant Gate Falls.

3-5 hours RETURN
+ Water Taxi (10 min EACH WAY)
+ Kayak (20-30 min EACH WAY)

