



Walkers Guide



Queen Charlotte Track

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Marlborough region***

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About This Book

This book has been designed by Sport Tasman in collaboration with the Marlborough District Council Parks & Reserve staff and staff at the South Marlborough and Picton Area Offices, Department of Conservation.

The intention of this book is to provide a concise guide of short walks in the Marlborough region. The walks have been grouped into regions; Blenheim, Wither Hills Farm Park, Picton, Mt Richmond Forest Park, Pelorus, Ward and Kaikoura.

Walking Times

Times given in this book are given as a guideline only and are based on a moderate walking pace.

Distances

Distances given are approximations only.

Maps

These are intended as a visual guide and are not to scale.

While care has been taken to ensure that the information in the descriptions and maps are accurate and up-to-date; the publishers cannot accept responsibility for any errors, omissions, or changes in details that may occur.

Further information and maps on some of the walks listed in this book are available, see table at end of book.

If you would like more information on the listed walks, wish to make a suggestion about this book or the walks it contains please contact Sport Tasman. If you wish to report a problem on any of the tracks please contact the organisation responsible for maintaining the track, this is stated at the bottom of each page (contact details at the back of this book).



Grading System

Walks are described using the national track classification system:



Path

- Well marked and always benched
- Waterways bridged
- Few steep sections
- Boots not necessary
- For all ages and fitness levels
- Some suitable for disabled visitors



Walking Track

- Well marked and usually benched
- Boots not generally needed
- Waterways usually bridged
- For most fitness levels



Tramping Track

- Marked but often not benched
- May be steep and rough in places
- Some unbridged waterways
- Boots advisable
- Moderate fitness required

Tracks

Choose the type of track that most suits your skills and abilities:

- **Path:**
Well formed with easy grades. Many paths construction allows for wheelchair access.
- **Walking Track:**
Clearly defined and well formed to walking shoe standard. Suitable for people of most ages and fitness levels.
- **Tramping Track:**
Generally marked and formed, often with steep grades. To “boot” standard.

Please Remember ...

Be Prepared

When going for a walk make sure you wear the appropriate clothing and footwear. Carry any medication required, a water bottle and some snack food.

Caring for the Wilderness

The walks in this book are in either maritime, forest or farm parks, or reserves. In such areas, all native animals, plants and natural features are protected.

Weather

In New Zealand's outdoors the weather is notorious for changing quickly — be prepared! Remember that you may need to take warmer clothing, walks in autumn, spring and winter can be just as or even more rewarding.

Track Signs

Be aware that, for varying reasons, track signs may sometimes be missing. If you find any damaged signs, bridges, boardwalks or tracks, please inform park staff.

Private Land

Sections of some walkways cross private land. Please respect farm property and stock. Always leave all gates as found.

Intentions

If going on a longer walk tell someone exactly where you are going (don't then change your mind) and make sure you let them know when you have returned.

Wasps

Be warned that, from February to April, wasps can be a problem in beech forests throughout Marlborough Sounds and Mt Richmond Forest Park.

Always keep to the track

There are two reasons for this:

1. You will avoid tramping on fragile native vegetation, and
2. You will avoid the risk of getting lost!

Blenheim



Seymour Square to Pollard Park

1. Location

An easy walk which links these two wonderful horticultural paradises situated in downtown Blenheim.

The walk starts at Seymour Square also known as the Garden of Memories, a most appropriate name for this beautifully planted 1 ha. square.

The walk finishes at Pollard Park which offers peace and tranquillity, fun and freedom. A meander through the park itself is most worthwhile and one can reflect in the clear, gentle water of the spring-fed Fultons Creek.

2. Length of Route

15 minutes walk to Pollard Park, one way.

The walk can be extended by enjoying the many tracks within Pollard Park. These include the children's playground, the deep herbaceous borders, the duck pond, the Camellia and Rose gardens and Rhododendron dell.

3. Suitability of Walk



- This is an easy paved walk suitable for all ages and wheelchairs.
- However vehicle barriers and two rises are encountered which serve as flood retention banks either side of the Taylor River.

4. Transport

The walk starts from downtown Blenheim where car parking is available over the road behind the Marlborough District Council buildings. Some of the major bus companies stop at Seymour Square.

5. Points of Interest

Seymour Square has been an integral part of the town of Blenheim since it was founded and is steeped in nostalgia and history.

Named after A P Seymour, a noted pioneer of the district, the area was set aside by him in 1857 to be used as a park. To begin with, cricket and rugby were played on The Square then in the early 1900's development began.

Two striking features of Seymour Square are the clock tower and fountain. Both are war memorials. The clock tower, clad in stone from local riverbeds was unveiled in 1928 and remembers those Marlburians killed in World War 1. The fountain was built on the site of a band rotunda and was unveiled in 1953 in memory of those who lost their lives in World War 2. The multi-coloured fountain plays 57 combinations of water jets and colours in 5 minutes.

In 1997 the Jaycees celebrated their 50th anniversary in Blenheim by instigating this walkway connection and assisting with the signs and markers.

6. Ancillary Facilities

There are toilet facilities located in Seymour Square opposite the Courthouse building. Also phones are available in the town centre Forum complex.

Toilet facilities including toilets for the disabled are also available at the children's playground in Pollard Park.

7. Access for Other Users

Dogs are not permitted in Seymour Square, although may be taken on a leash in Pollard Park.

8. Safety

Care should be taken when crossing roads encountered along the walk.

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Taylor River Walk

1. Location

The spring-fed Taylor River and its numerous tributaries provide a significant feature as it passes through Blenheim.

The tree-lined green belt through which it runs extends from New Renwick Road to Riverside Park near the town centre.

2. Length of Route

The return trip from Riverside Park in town to Burleigh Bridge takes about one and a half hours.

The full 4km trail is an easy stroll amongst established trees and alongside clear stream waters. Access to the walkway is possible from several points, e.g. Athletic Park, Monro Street, High Street, Beaver Road or Henry Street.

3. Suitability of Walk



There are concrete paths along the river on both sides from Riverside Park to the railway bridge south of the High Street bridge. A gravel path then continues on the town centre side to Brayshaw Park.

4. Transport

Access can be gained via numerous access points from the Riverside Park in town, Henry Street, Beaver Road, High Street, Monro Street, Athletic Park or Burleigh Bridge.

5. Points of Interest

A narrow gauge railway, which carries an open carriage train runs alongside the Taylor River from Brayshaw Historical Park to Riverside Park on weekends and holidays.

This riverbed has flood retention banks in place on either side to control water levels in times of extreme rainfall.

This area suffered badly from flooding prior to the construction of the Taylor Floodwater Retention Dam in 1965 which has been hailed the saviour of Blenheim town. The dam is located up river another 5km from Burleigh Bridge.

The historic Millhouse Reserve once utilised the stream-fed water of Murphys Creek for flax milling and is located at the confluence of Murphys Creek and the Taylor River.

6. Ancillary Facilities

There are no toilets along the walk. However toilets, phones and refreshments are located in Blenheim town centre. Toilets are also located at Brayshaw Park.

7. Access for Other Users

The walk is used extensively for dog exercising and bikers. There is enough room for everyone including the Brayshaw Park open carriage train.

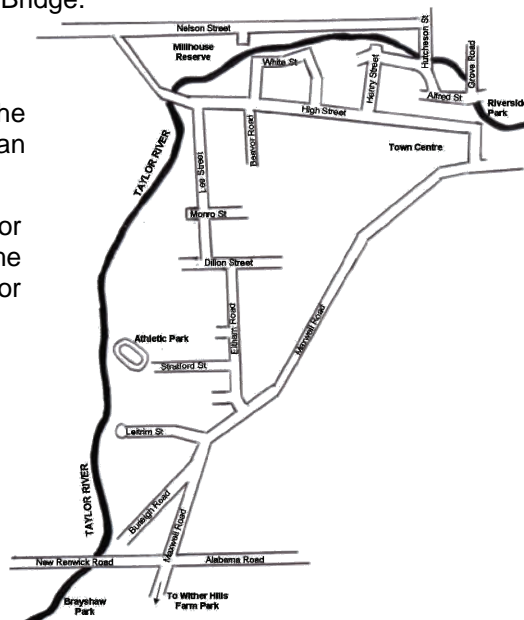
Only authorised vehicles are permitted along this river reserve walk. No motorcycles.

Horse riding is permitted along the river reserve downstream as far as the Hutcheson Street Bridge.

8. Safety

At times of high rainfall the river does flood which can prevent access.

After heavy rain or flooding it can become wet and slippery or unusable.



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Marlborough District Council

Wairau Lagoons

Features:

From Blenheim town centre this walk is 7km.

This is one of a few places along the eastern coast of the South Island where it is possible to enjoy the richness and unique beauty of a large estuary.

Many species of birds nest here and a bird book and binoculars are useful additional equipment to take!

At the lagoons' main channel the rusting hulk of the Waverley sits in the mud. An information panel here explains why the ship lies here.

There is also an interesting human history of early moa-hunter activity, Maori food gathering and later coastal trading.

There is an information panel at the start of this walk in the car park.

Where:

Wairau Lagoons Reserve, 7km southeast of Blenheim.

Walking Time:

Lagoon loop track from car park	3 hour circuit	(8km)
Plus side-track from "Waverley" wreck	45 minutes return	(2km)

Grade:



Walking track — virtually flat (not recommended after heavy rain as surface water can be ankle deep in places, nor in very hot or windy weather as this is an extremely exposed area).

Access:

From Blenheim, travel south on SH1 for 5km. Turn left onto Hardings Road (where the Wairau Lagoons are sign-posted) and drive for 2km to the road-end car park. The track entrance is clearly sign-posted.

Track maintained by DOC — Marlborough South Area Office

Whites Bay Walks

Features:

From Blenheim town centre this walk is 24km.

This historic and scenic bay is a popular safe swimming spot. In 1866, Whites Bay became the South Island terminus of an inter-island telegraph cable. The original cable station still exists.

There are a network of tracks in the bay, listed are three of these walks.

Where:

Whites Bay Scenic Reserve, 24km from Blenheim on the Port Underwood Road.

Walking Times:

Pukatea Bush Walk	20 minutes	(500m)
Black Jack Track	1.5 hours circuit	(2.7km)
Rarangi–Whites Bay	1 hour	

Grade:



Pukatea Bush Walk and Black Jack Track — walking tracks.



Rarangi–Whites Bay — easy tramping standard track.

Facilities:

A large camping area is available in the bay and toilets are provided near the beach in the surf club building.

Safety:

Steep drop-offs on the Black Jack Track.

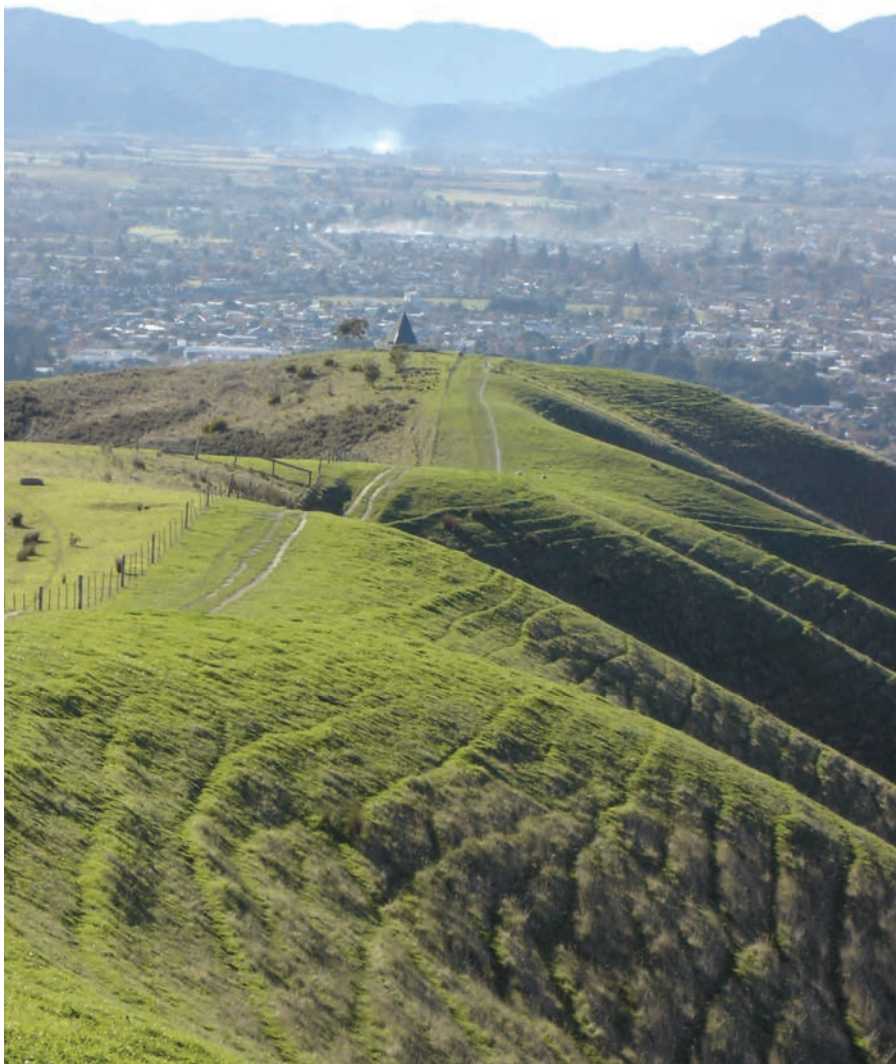
Part of the Rarangi–Whites Bay track is on the road.

Access:

From Blenheim, drive north on SH1 for 9km to Tuamarina, turn right and head east via Hunter, Pembers and Rarangi Roads to Rarangi, before climbing steeply over rugged hills to the Whites Bay turn-off, about 4km sign-posted on the right. Drive about 300m, through the camping ground, to a car park just above the beach. Whites Bay is 15km from Tuamarina.

Track maintained by DOC — Sounds Area Office

Wither Hills Farm Park



The Wither Hills Farm Park

The Wither Hills Farm Park was named after early landowner Charles Bigg Wither. The 1100 ha. track of rolling hill country is administered by the Marlborough District Council.

In the mid 19th century tall native grasses covered these hills and gully forests existed containing Matai and Totara trees. Early sheep farming practices exposed the light topsoils to the ravages of wind and rain causing severe erosion problems. Flooding of the township below was a regular occurrence.

Since the 1940's the area has been subject to intensive land stabilisation works. Dams and silt traps were built to stop the land from being washed away and bulldozers were used to plough areas of tunnel-gully erosion to bring them back into pasture for cattle and sheep grazing.

The tree planting efforts of school, community groups and Council, which commenced in the 80's and continues today, has turned areas of bare hillside into protective forest.

On Boxing Day 2000 the disastrous 'Boxing Day Fire' swept through over 6000 ha. of farmland including most of the farm park. A new planting programme is now underway to replace the many trees destroyed, however many species have successfully recovered.

Potential Fire Danger

Farm Park users must be aware of potential danger from fire, particularly in dry, windy conditions. Look for warning signage at Park entrances.

The Walks

The creation of the walks began in the early 1970's when Blenheim South Rotary and the Blenheim Borough Council developed the walk to what is now known as Rotary Lookout, with a circuit down through Quail Stream. Today there is over 32 kilometres of walking tracks and 30 kilometres of tracks for mountain bikers to enjoy. In some locations these tracks are used by both walkers and bikers.

The walks are well sign posted and most require only average levels of fitness. Good footwear would be helpful and some tracks may be muddy or slippery especially in winter.

The Mount Vernon walking track is a 2-3 hour walk to one of the finest vantage points in Marlborough, while the Gentle Annie and Quail Stream walks provide an easier and shorter walk to the Rotary Lookout shelter

where one can experience excellent views of Blenheim and the Wairau Plains. For those preferring a more gentle walk, the Lower Farm Track and the Forest Hills Walk is an easy walk which links Redwood Street and Taylor Pass Road — with the possibility of returning via some of Blenheim's residential streets and alleyways. There are also other tracks to lead walkers into this peaceful part of the world.

All walk times are one way unless stated otherwise.

Redwood Street Gateway

- To Sutherland Stream picnic area, 30 minutes *(see Pg 22 for further info)*
- To Mount Vernon Lookout, 1 hour
- To Taylor Pass Gateway via Sutherland Stream and Quail Stream, 2.5 hours
- Lower Farm Track and Forest Hills Walk to Taylor Pass Gateway, 45 minutes *(see Pg 18 for further info)*

Taylor Pass Gateway

- To Rotary Lookout, 25 minutes *(see Pg 20 for further info)*
- Lower Quail Stream, Rotary Lookout Walk, 1 hour 45 minutes return
- To Taylor Dam Lookout, 1 hour 20 minutes
- To Redwood Street Gateway via Quail Stream and Sutherland Stream, 2.5 hours.
- Forest Hills Walk and Lower Farm Track to Redwood Street Gateway, 45 minutes *(see Pg 18 for further info)*

Remember ...

The Wither Hills Farm Park is a working farm. Treat it with respect.

The Farm Park is open 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.

- Be aware of potential fire danger - particularly in dry, windy conditions.
- Keep to walking tracks.
- Bikers give way to walkers, stock and vehicles on shared tracks.
- Do not disturb stock, wildlife or vegetation.
- Leave all gates as found.
- Carry out all rubbish.
- Sorry – as this is a working farm, no dogs are allowed.
- Take only photographs, leave only footprints.

The Farm Park, or parts of it, may occasionally be closed due to extreme fire risk, lambing or pest control operations.

Lower Farm Track/Forest Hills Walk

1. Location

This easy walk which is also a cycleway, links the two main gateways to the Farm Park - these are located off Taylor Pass Road and Redwood Street. The walk along the foothills offers fantastic views of Blenheim and Harling Park. These gateways are located 4km south from Blenheim town centre.

Bikers and Walkers share the farm road from Redwood Street. A low ridge giving fantastic views of Blenheim and Harling Park is crossed before arriving at the Quail Stream car park. From here bikers continue on the farm road and walkers follow the narrower Forest Hills Track which skirts the base of the hills through plantings of native and exotic trees. Both routes continue to the Taylor Pass Gateway and car park

To complete the walk back to your car you may like to walk down Taylor Pass Road to Wither Road and back to Redwood Street or else organise someone to pick you up at Taylor Pass Road.

2. Length of Route

The walk along the foothills takes 45 minutes (3.2km) one way from Redwood Street to Taylor Pass Road or other direction. The route is signposted and well marked.

3. Suitability of Walk



- This walk is suited to all levels of fitness and has undulations. Easy to medium grades.
- Good shoes or boots recommended.
- Track can be muddy when wet.
- Gates and varying grades and surfaces may pose a problem for wheelchair access.
- You need to be aware of cyclists and farm vehicles on this walk.

4. Access for Other Users

No dogs are allowed within the Farm Park.

4. Transport

It takes approximately 10 minutes by car from town to the start of the Forest Hills Walk - whether that be Redwood Street or Taylor Pass Road.

There is no public transport to either end of this walk.

Using or hiring a bike is an option to reach the Farm Park, and bikes are permitted on this walk but not all other tracks that lead off it.

5. Ancillary Facilities

A toilet is soon to be installed on route, at the bottom of the Lower Quail Stream walk. Parking and picnic facilities are provided.

6. Points of Interest

Excellent views are possible over Harling Park, constructed as a flood retention area but also doubles as an attractive park.

7. Safety Notes

Barbed wire and electric fences do exist, however they are marked or protected wherever practical.

The stock grazing these hills are well used to sharing their environment and offer no threat to visitors whose only concern need be – show a healthy respect to stock and *mind where you step!*



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Rotary Lookout and Gentle Annie Walk

1. Location

Walk starts from the Taylor Pass Road gateway - 4km from Blenheim town centre, on the Wither Hills Farm Park. From the Lookout you can view the patchwork landscape of the Wairau Plains. Beyond is the Richmond Range that flanks the plains to the north.

2. Length of Route

There are two walk track options to get to the Rotary Lookout, the original Rotary Lookout Track, and the easier Gentle Annie Walk.

To Rotary Lookout is 25 minutes one way.

Rotary Lookout	1km
Gentle Annie	1.3km

3. Suitability of Walk



- This walk is uphill and steep sections exist along parts of the walk.
- Good footwear is needed as it can be slippery if wet.
- This track is exposed and it is recommended you take adequate protection from the wind and sun.

4. Transport

It takes approximately 10 minutes by car from town centre to the start of the walkway. Car parking is provided.

There is no public transport available to the Farm Park.

5. Ancillary Facilities

There are several seats along the walk and a drinking fountain at the Lookout as well as shaded seating and interpretation panels. There are no toilet facilities on this section of the track.

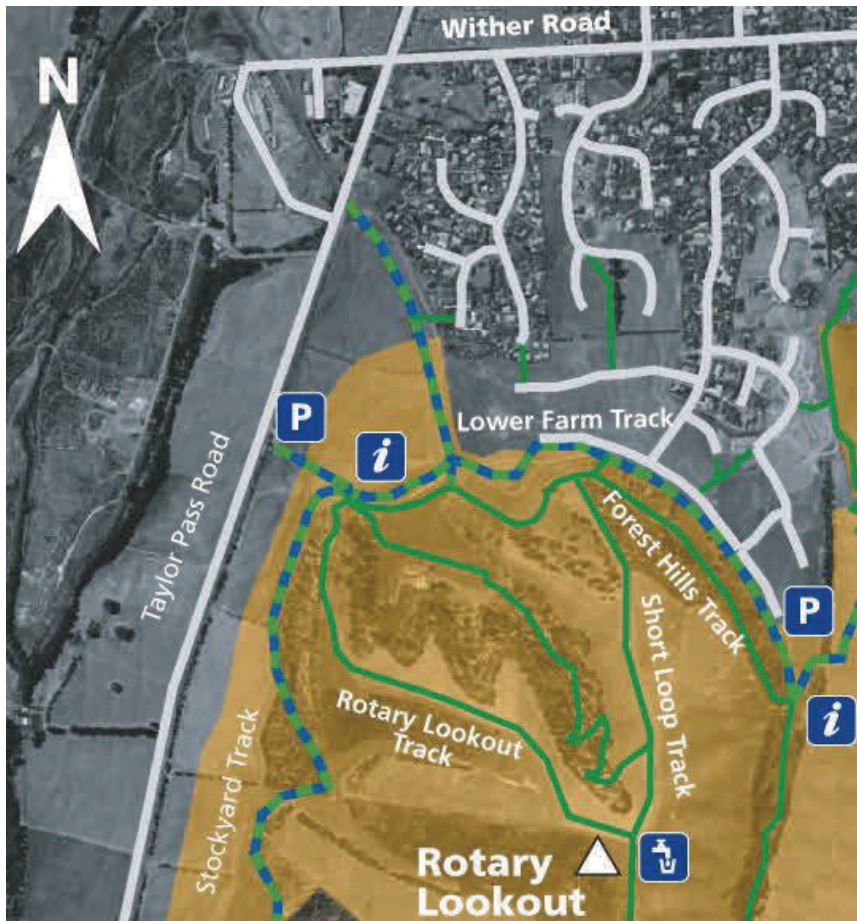
6. Access for Other Users

No dogs are allowed within the Farm Park.

Mountain bikes are allowed in defined areas only within the Farm Park — not permitted on this walk.

7. Safety Notes

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Sutherland Stream Walk to Picnic Area

1. Location

This walk on the Wither Hills Farm Park commences from the Redwood Street car park and following the Sutherland Stream to the picnic area.

2. Length of Route

Sutherland Stream picnic area is 30 minutes (1.6km) from car park.

3. Suitability of Walk



- While the walk is attainable by all levels of fitness it climbs gradually up the valley floor.
- Not suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs or mountain buggies.
- You do encounter several stiles and sturdy footwear is recommended.

4. Transport

There is no public transport to the walkway.

Access to the Upper Redwood Street car park is by car, bike or walk. It takes approximately 10 minutes by car from town centre to the car park.

5. Ancillary Facilities

Toilet facilities are available at the picnic area along with picnic platforms and a drinking fountain.

6. Access for Other Users

No dogs are allowed within the Farm Park.

Mountain bikes are allowed in defined areas only within Farm Park — not permitted on this walk.

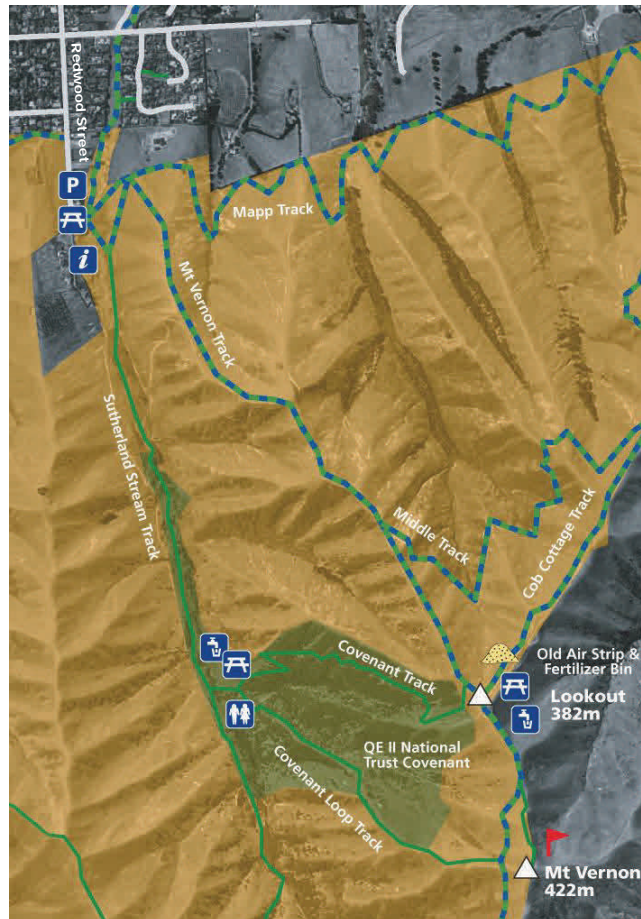
7. Points of Interest

Sutherland Stream is named after former landowners, Joseph Sutherland and son, Howard Sutherland and other family members who farmed these dry hills from 1914 to 1989.

Much of Sutherland Stream is a QEII Trust Open Space Covenant with much native revegetation work underway.

8. Safety

The stock grazing these hills are well used to sharing their environment and offer no threat to visitors whose only concern need be – show a healthy respect to stock and *mind where you step!*



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Picton



Picton by Foot Track Descriptions

Note: All times are one way

Victoria Domain Tracks

Picton Foreshore to Shelley Beach **10 minutes**

From the Picton Foreshore cross the arched 'Coathanger' footbridge to reach the Victoria Domain information sign beside the 'Echo' – a historic scow beached on the Shelley Beach foreshore just a few minutes from the town centre. Alternatively drive to the Harbour View Lookout (from the end of Sussex Street) or Shelley Beach picnic area.

Upper Bob's Bay Track (see page 30) **30 minutes**

This popular, well graded track starts at the Echo, just over the Coathanger Bridge and joins the Lower Bob's Bay Track just before descending into the bay. This sheltered bay is suitable for swimming — however watch for the wake from large ships. There is a grassed picnic area and a toilet. This is the safest track for children and provides excellent harbour views.

Lower Bob's Bay Track — Cliff Track (see page 30) **30 minutes**

Bluffs exist along sections of this track, therefore supervision of children is highly recommended. Follow the shoreline of Shelley Beach north from the Coathanger Bridge to the start of this walk. The track sidles above the shoreline with views of Picton Harbour then descends to Bob's Bay. The return journey can be made along the rocky shoreline at low tide.

Harbour View Track **20 minutes**

This track branches off the Upper Bob's Bay Track about 5 minutes past the Echo and continues uphill to reach the road from Sussex Street at a lookout over Picton Harbour and the Picton to Wellington Ferry Terminal. Follow the road for a further 10 minutes to the Harbour View Lookout. (Alternatively drive to the Harbour View Lookout from the end of Sussex Street).

Scout Track **20 minutes**

This track starts at the end of Sussex Street and climbs up through bush to the Harbour View Lookout. Constructed by the Scouts some twenty years ago, this track offers a pleasant alternative to walking up the road.

Bob's Bay from Harbour View Car Park **15 min down** **20 min up**

Follow the unsealed road for a few minutes then descend the steep track (slippery when wet). The Lower Bob's Bay Track is joined just before it descends to the bay.

The Snout Track (see page 32)

Snout Track Car Park to Track Start	15 minutes
Track Start to Queen Charlotte View	35 minutes
Queen Charlotte View to Snout Head	40 minutes

From the Snout Track car park, walk along the gravel road. From the road end the track climbs to the Queen Charlotte View Lookout. Extensive views can be enjoyed along the way. A toilet and picnic table are located at the lookout. The track then descends through bush to the picnic area at the end of the headlands. Note: Sections of this track can be slippery when wet.

Picton to Waikawa Track **50 minutes**

This walking and mountain bike track starts at the Picton Marina and ends at the Waikawa Marina. There are several entry/exit points along the way. At the end of the track, Waikawa Foreshore Reserve can be reached by turning right into Marina Drive, left at Beach Road and via Nautique Place. Sections of the track are still being upgraded, therefore can be muddy when wet.

Esson's Valley Tracks (see page 28)

Humphries Dam **40 minutes**

The track follows a formed road, then a track of easy gradient passes through native forest to a picnic area beside the lake formed by the Humphries Dam.

Barnes Dam **45 minutes**

This track turns off the Humphries Dam track 10 minutes from the start and follows the water supply pipeline to the base of Barnes Dam. A steep stairway leads to the top of the dam structure.

Other Tracks

Tirohanga Track

45 minutes to Hilltop View from either end, or ...

2 hrs 15 min to complete entire track and return via Picton Streets

A steep track that gives extensive views of Picton, Waikawa and the Sounds from a high viewpoint. Both tracks are slippery when wet. Please note: This track passes through private property, please respect this.

Karaka Point Track **10 minutes**

This track heads down past the earthworks of a Maori Pa site. Two tracks lead to the beaches and it is possible to walk the rocky shoreline in between at low tide. A commanding view of Queen Charlotte Sound can be seen from the car park.

Picton by Foot or Bike

A Quick Guide to Walking and Mountainbike Tracks in the Picton Area. Enjoy the Beauty of this Welcoming Seaside Town.



Esson's Valley Tracks

1. Location

This picturesque New Zealand forest walk starts from Garden Terrace at the end of Devon Street near the Motor Camp. Approximately 15 minutes walk from Picton's town centre.

2. Length of Route

Humphries Dam 40 minutes

The track, approximately 1.2km in length, follows a formed road, then a track of easy gradient passes through native forest to a picnic area beside the lake formed by the Humphries Dam.

Barnes Dam 45 minutes

This track turns off the Humphries Dam track 10 minutes from the start and follows the water supply pipeline to the base of Barnes Dam. A steep stairway leads to the top of the dam structure and several steps and structures are encountered on route.

3. Suitability of Walk



- Start on a formed road that gradually tapers into a track of easy gradient.
- This walk is suitable for most fitness levels.
- Not suitable for wheelchairs.

4. Transport

Public transport runs daily between Blenheim and Picton. A car park is provided at the start, however this walk can easily be accessed on foot from Picton's town centre.

5. Ancillary Facilities

No toilets are provided within Esson's Valley, however picnic tables are located beside the dam and on route. Other facilities are available in Picton town centre.

6. Access for Other Users

Cycling is not permitted for safety reasons.
Dogs on leads are allowed.

7. Points of Interest

Esson's Valley has considerable history as it was chosen, soon after settlement, as an ideal valley for water storage for the town of Picton. A narrow gauge railway was installed and used to carry up all the materials for construction of these dams.

As this valley was set aside as a water catchment, the surrounding bush is largely untouched forest remnant.

8. Safety

Sturdy footwear is recommended, as is supervision of children as several areas of steep drop-offs exist along both tracks.

Care must be taken at the dam. Climbing over the barriers onto the dam wall is not recommended.



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Bob's Bay Tracks

1. Location

Picton offers a wonderful seaside setting for these delightful walks. There are two options available – Upper and Lower Bob's Bay Tracks.

The Upper Bob's Bay Track skirts above the eastern shoreline of Picton Harbour above Shelley Beach and beyond to the sheltered cove known as Bob's Bay. The walk sidles higher up along the shoreline providing great harbour views and commences above the old 'Echo' boat.

The Lower Bob's Bay Track commences at the northern end of Shelley Beach however bluffs exist along sections of the track therefore supervision of children is highly recommended.

2. Length of Route

The 1km track to Bob's Bay starts at either above the old boat the 'Echo' (Upper Track) or from Shelley Beach (Lower Track).

It takes 30 minutes to reach Bob's Bay using either track and both are well signposted.

3. Suitability of Walk



- The track from the old 'Echo' provides greater cover and is more suitable for children.
- The walk option from Shelley Beach does have exposed cliffs along sections of the walk.
- Both tracks do climb up and down in sections and so it is recommended to take your time along the way.
- In winter and wet weather the track can be slippery and muddy, so sturdy footwear is advisable.
- Not suitable for wheelchairs, mountain buggies or pushchairs etc.

4. Transport

These tracks are very close to Picton's town centre and can be accessed by foot via the Coathanger Bridge, adjacent to Picton's foreshore and marina.

A main bus service is available to Picton from Blenheim daily.

Car parking is also available.

5. Ancillary Facilities

Toilets are situated on the Picton Foreshore, Bob's Bay and also adjacent to Shelley Beach. Refreshments and telephones are available in Picton town centre.

6. Access for Other Users

Mountain biking is prohibited on these walking tracks, however dogs are allowed on a lead.

7. Points of Interest

The walks to Bob's Bay offer many opportunities for swimming, viewing the harbour, town and wildlife, picnics or lazing on the beach.

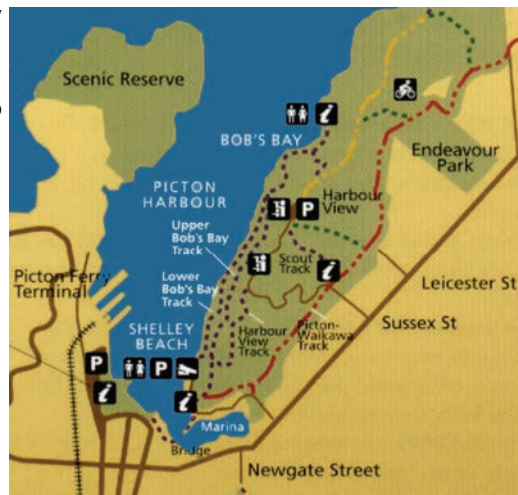
8. Safety

The Upper Bob's Bay Track is recommended for children as the Lower Bob's Bay Track does become exposed in parts with steep cliffs and is susceptible to slips during heavy rain.

During hot weather it is recommended to take a hat, water and cover up.

Domain users must be aware of potential danger from fire particularly in dry, windy conditions.

Light no fires and no smoking.



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The Snout Track

1. Location

The walk commences at the Snout Track car park within Victoria Domain and is accessed off Sussex Street, Picton.

On foot the Coathanger Bridge can be used to cross the marina entrance and then follow the signs and climb the Harbour View Track up to the One Way Road in Victoria Domain. Continue along to the Snout Track car park and then to the track start. Allow an additional 40 minutes each way .

2. Length of Route

This walk from track start to the Queen Charlotte View (lookout) takes 35 minutes each way.

3. Suitability of Walk



- This walk is not recommended for wheelchairs or mountain buggies. A narrow barrier at the entrance impedes their access, however a key is available from Council if required.
- Steep grades in sections.
- Sturdy footwear recommended.
- Track can be slippery when wet.

4. Transport

The walk is best accessed by car, alternatively one can bike or walk to the start of this track from downtown Picton.

Public transport runs daily between Blenheim and Picton, however no service to the start of the walk exists. By car it takes 10 minutes to reach the start of the walk from Picton.

5. Ancillary Facilities

A field toilet is provided at the Lookout and a picnic table with a great view.

Other facilities are located in Picton town centre.

6. Access for Other Users

Mountain bikes are not permitted on this track for safety reasons, however dogs on leads are permitted.

7. Points of Interest

The Maori name for the Snout is Te Ihumoeone-ihu meaning "the nose of the sand worm" – moeone is a large, pink sand worm, relished as food by the Maori.

This walk along the peninsula affords excellent views up and down Queen Charlotte Sound. There are always plenty of activities to watch from boats and ferries to dive bombing gannets and other wildlife.

8. Safety

During hot weather it is recommended to take a hat, water and cover up.

Domain users must be aware of potential danger from fire particularly in dry, windy conditions.

Light no fires and no smoking.



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Queen Charlotte Track

The Queen Charlotte Track runs almost the entire length of New Zealand's Queen Charlotte Sound. It stretches from Ship Cove to Anakiwa - 71km of spectacular walking track passing through historic sites, secluded bays and lush coastal bush.

Experience the breathtaking ridge top panoramas of Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sounds and enjoy the company of friendly hosts and superb food and wine. It doesn't get much better than this...

Walk the track

- The track is a Department of Conservation (DOC) track and as such is free to walk.
- Most walkers start at Ship Cove and walk back to Anakiwa although you can do it the other way around.
- Boat transport to various sections along the track means you may do only selected sections if you prefer.
- The track is also rated as one of New Zealand's top mountain bike rides.

Transport on the water

- Daily service is offered by many local water taxi operators, so you can access the track at various points and enjoy walking unhindered by taking advantage of pack transfers.
- A variety of water transport operators offer this unique pack cartage service which enables your packs to magically appear at your destination each day.

Accommodation on the track

- There are a few DOC campsites along the track (camping is by self-registration, \$6 per night for adults, \$1.50 per night for children).
- There are also many homestays, resorts and lodges providing all levels of accommodation.

The Queen Charlotte Track traverses private land and you would be unable to walk this track without the goodwill of the landowners.

For further information on the Queen Charlotte Track call into the Blenheim or Picton Information Centres or visit the website www.qctrack.co.nz

Walking Distances

Ship Cove to Resolution Bay

Section Length: 4 kilometres
Fit Trampler: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Good Walker: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Stroller: 2 hours

Resolution Bay to Endeavour Inlet

Section Length: 9 kilometres
Fit Trampler: 2 hours
Good Walker: 2 hours, 15 minutes
Stroller: 2 hours, 45 minutes

Endeavour Inlet to Camp Bay

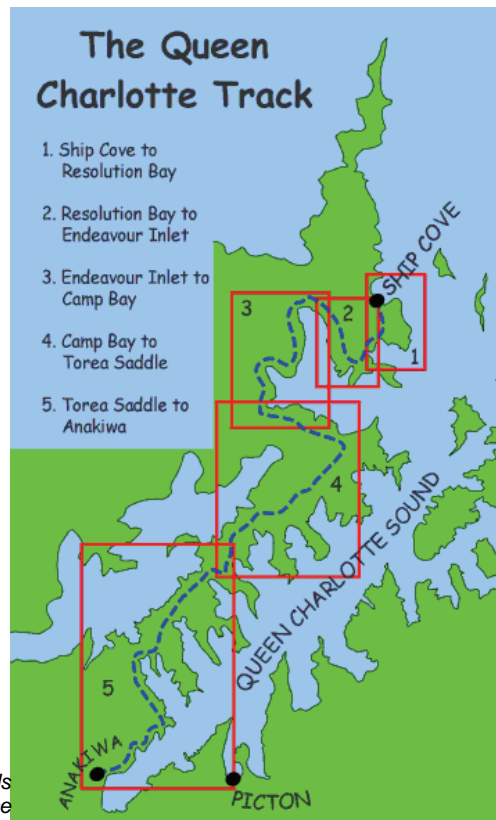
Section Length: 11.5 kilometres
Fit Trampler: 2 hours, 45 minutes
Good Walker: 3 hours, 30 minutes
Stroller: 4 hours, 30 minutes

Camp Bay to Torea Saddle

Section Length:
20 kilometres
Fit Trampler:
5 hours, 30 minutes
Good Walker:
6 hours, 30 minutes
Stroller:
7 hours, 30 minutes

Torea Saddle to Anakiwa

Section Length:
20 kilometres
Fit Trampler:
4 hours, 45 minutes
Good Walker:
5 hours, 30 minutes
Stroller:
6 hours, 45 minutes



Track maintained by DOC — Sounds Area Office

Mt Richmond Forest Park



The Northbank

Mount Richmond Forest Park

The Northbank of the Wairau River provides access to a series of valleys flowing out of Mount Richmond Forest Park. This mountainous, mainly forest-clad park offers many recreation opportunities: picnicking, hunting, fishing, camping, mountain biking, walking and tramping.

Tracks in the valleys give access to marked and unmarked routes up forested ridges and along open tops.

How to Get There

The Northbank turn-off is 16km from Blenheim on State Highway 6, just north of the Wairau River bridge. Turn-offs to the side valleys are signposted from Northbank Road.

Turn-off Distances from State Highway 6:

Onamalutu turn-off	5km
Onamalutu Reserve	12km
Fabians Valley Road	21km
Quartz Creek Flat	27km
Pine Valley Road	25km
Te Rou Road (Timms Creek)	31km
Top Valley Road	33km
Jubilee Flat	40km
Chalice car park	58km

Onamalutu Scenic Reserve

This 26-hectare reserve has been enjoyed as a public recreation area since 1905. Open grassed areas are ideal for picnics and games while enjoyable walks can be taken on tracks winding through the forest by the river. An area is available for overnight camping and there are toilets and running water.

Access:

From Blenheim, follow SH6 for 16km until you cross the Wairau River then turn left onto Northbank Road. After 5km turn right onto Onamalutu Valley Road. The reserve is sign-posted on the right, 7km from the start of the road.

Fosters Clearing

Features:

This walk takes you along the southern end of the Wakamarina Track, a 18km tramping track which climbs over the Richmond Range to the Wakamarina Valley, near Canvastown.

An old goldminers' trail which climbs a beech-forested ridge to Fosters Clearing, high on the main Richmond Range. Great views and some fine examples of southern rata and mountain cedar trees.

Where:

Wakamarina Track (southern end), Mt Richmond Forest Park, 38km from Blenheim via Onamalutu Domain.

Walking Time:

Car park to Fosters Clearing 2 to 2.5 hours (about 6km)

Grade:



Walking track (a steady climb).

Access:

From Blenheim, follow SH6 for 16km until you cross the Wairau River then turn left onto Northbank Road. After 5km turn right onto Onamalutu Road and follow for 11km past the Onamalutu Domain to Flowers Creek ford (seal ends after Onamalutu Domain). A final 5km up Kiwi Road leads to the car park at the start of the track

The last 7km is a public access easement thorough Weyerhauser Forest and may be closed during times of high fire risk and logging activity. If in doubt, check with DOC in Renwick.

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Lake Chalice

Features:

Lake Chalice was formed about 2000 years ago, when a massive slip blocked the upper Goulter River. It covers an area of about 50 hectares.

There are great views on the drive in, of the Wairau Valley and mountains to the south. About 14km along Staircase Road is the Enchanted Lookout car park, where a 3 minutes walk along a sign posted track leads to a stunning 360° panorama of mountains.

Where:

Mt Richmond Forest Park, 72km from Blenheim via Northbank Road.

Walking Times:

Car park to Lake Chalice Hut	2 to 2.5 hours return	(4km)
Lake Chalice Loop Track	2.5 hours circuit	(5.5km)

Grade:



Tramping track — steep climb up back to car park from Lake Chalice Hut.

Access:

From Blenheim, follow SH6 for 16km until you cross the Wairau River, then turn left onto Northbank Road. After 33km turn right onto Top Valley Road (unsealed) then, after 6km, turn left onto Staircase Road (also unsealed). Drive for 18km, over Staircase Saddle to Chalice car park on the right hand side of the road. Allow at least two hours for the drive from Blenheim.

Note: There is a public access easement through the pine forest. This could be closed at times of high fire risk and logging. Staircase Road, which is rough and climbs to 1200m above sea-level, can also become impassable due to snow and windfalls. If in doubt, check with DOC in Renwick.

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Pine Valley

Features:

Pine Valley is a great venue for a family day out.

From the car park follow the Pine Valley Stream for 20 minutes, take the side track to a beautiful waterfall or cross the swing bridge into Mill Flat, a great picnic area which has toilet facilities. On a hot summers day enjoy the swimming holes.

A 4WD road into Mill Flat exists.

Where:

Mt Richmond Forest Park, 46km from Blenheim via Northbank Road.

Walking Time:

Car park to start of climb to Mt Fishtail	1 hour 10 minutes
Waterfall Track (from main track)	30 minutes return
Total Distance (car park to start of climb to Mt Fishtail):	about 4km

Grade:



Walking track

Access:

From Blenheim, follow SH6 for 16km until you cross the Wairau River, then turn left onto Northbank Road. After 25km turn right onto Pine Valley Road. The car park is 4.5km up Pine Valley Road (unsealed). Follow the signs past a farmhouse and through privately owned pine forest.

Note: This road could be closed at times of high fire risk and logging. If in doubt, check with DOC in Renwick.

Riverside Walk

Features:

This walk starts at the upstream end of Jubilee Flat and follows Top Valley Stream along an old goldminers' track.

Top Valley Stream was once a busy goldmining area. Mining was at its peak from 1900 to 1902. On this walk gold tailings can be seen and across the stream in the forest, is the historic battery site of the Wellington mine.

The end of this walk links with the start of Forks Walk (see over page), you may chose to park at Jubilee Flat and walk both tracks in one outing.

Where:

Mt Richmond Forest Park, 60km from Blenheim via Northbank Road.

Walking Times:

From Jubilee Flat 2 hours 30 minutes return (5km)

Grade:



Walking track

Access:

From Blenheim, follow SH6 for 16km until you cross the Wairau River, then turn left onto Northbank Road. After 33km turn right onto the unsealed Top Valley Road. After 6km (just past the Staircase Road turnoff) there is a concrete bottom ford. Continue for about 700m (past the 4WD turnoff to Mt Richmond) to a fork in the road. Jubilee Flat and the start of the Riverside Walks are 100m to the right. Allow at least two hours for the drive from Blenheim.

Note: Part of Top Valley Road passes through privately-owned forest which has an easement for public access but can be closed during times of high fire risk and logging. If in doubt, check with DOC in Renwick.

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Forks Walk

Features:

From Jubilee Flat the Riverside Walk or a 2WD road provides access to Top Valley forks where the Forks Walk begins. It ends at Whiteheads clearing, a broad terrace fringed by stacked river stones from the mining era.

The end of the Riverside Walk (see previous page) links with the start of this walk, you may chose to park at Jubilee Flat and walk both tracks in one outing.

Where:

Mt Richmond Forest Park, 60km from Blenheim via Northbank Road.

Walking Times:

1 hour 30 minutes return (4.5km)

Grade:



Walking track

Access:

From Blenheim, follow SH6 for 16km until you cross the Wairau River, then turn left onto Northbank Road. After 33km turn right onto the unsealed Top Valley Road. After 6km (just past the Staircase Road turnoff) there is a concrete bottom ford. Continue for about 700m (past the 4WD turnoff to Mt Richmond) to a fork in the road. Jubilee Flat and the start of the Riverside Walks are 100m to the right. The Forks Walk car park and track entrance, and the far end of Riverside Walk, are 3km further on at the end of Top Valley Road. Allow at least two hours for the drive from Blenheim.

Note: Part of Top Valley Road passes through privately-owned forest which has an easement for public access but can be closed during times of high fire risk and logging. If in doubt, check with DOC in Renwick.

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Timms Creek

Features:

This riverside walk through beech and podocarp forest is the first section of the Top Valley/Timms circuit to Mt Fell Hut and Mt Richmond, which makes a good weekend round trip (11 hours).

Timms Creek Flat has some great swimming holes and is an ideal picnic spot.

This walk does require some boulder-hopping of side streams past Timms Creek Flat. The third stream past the flat makes a good turnaround point. Beyond here the track begins the long climb towards Mt Fell Hut.

Where:

Mt Richmond Forest Park and private forest, 51km from Blenheim via Northbank Road.

Walking Time:

Car park to Timms Creek Flat	45 minutes	(2.5km)
Timms Creek Flat to turnaround point	45 mins to 1 hour	(2.5km)

Grade:



Walking track to Timms Creek Flat



Tramping track past Timms Creek Flat

Access:

From Blenheim, follow SH6 for 16km until you cross the Wairau River, then turn left onto Northbank Road. After 31km turn right onto Te Rou Road. After 2.3km enter Northbank Forest and continue across a concrete-bottom ford to the car park.

Note: This access could be closed at times of high fire risk and logging. If in doubt, check with DOC in Renwick.

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Waikakaho Valley

Features:

This walk is part of the Waikakaho/Cullen Creek Walkway, an old goldminers' trail which links Waikakaho Valley with Linkwater.

The walk to Village Clearing requires you to cross a river (rock hopping will suffice) at the start. The terraced clearing was the centre of activity during the quartz extracting period. Now, only the remains of stone chimneys, foundations and rock-lined pools are left.

Southern Cross Mine is the best preserved and most accessible mine in the area. From the north end of the clearing continue up the main track and after about 150m a sign-posted side-track sidles across the hill to the right, to the mine entrance. There are lots of cave wetas to detect in the shaft. They are harmless, and protected.

Where:

Mt Richmond Forest Park, Waikakaho Valley, northwest of Tuamarina.

Walking Times:

Car park to Village Clearing	2.5 to 3 hours return	(6km)
Village Clearing to Southern Cross Mine	30 minutes return	(700m)

Grade:



Walking track (includes a steady but well-graded climb of about 600m).

Access:

From Blenheim, travel north on SH1 for 9km to Tuamarina. Immediately north of the settlement turn left onto the Kaituna-Tuamarina Road then, after 500m, turn left again (Waikakaho Valley is clearly sign-posted). After a further 6km turn right onto Waikakaho Valley Road. (Alternatively you can travel for 9km from Kaituna, then turn left).

After 10km Waikakaho Valley Road crosses a bridge and enters Ravenscliffe Farm. The legal public road continues for 2.5km, past the farm house and on up the valley. Follow the public access signs. The last 200m of public road has been washed out by the Waikakaho River, so park near where the road goes into the river bed.

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Wakamarina Walks

Features:

Enjoy this forest walk to the remains of the richest goldfield in Marlborough, following a goldminers' trail along the Wakamarina River to a trampers' hut.

Doom, or Doem Creek as it was originally known (from the appearance of the boulders and hills in the area), was very rich in gold.

About 40m behind Devils Creek Hut is an old shingle roofed slab hut, thought to have been built in 1930. Due to vandalism this hut is now in a sad state of repair.

Where:

Wakamarina Track (Wakamarina Valley end) Mt Richmond Forest Park near Canvastown.

Walking Times:

Doom Creek Walk	3.5 hours circuit	(7km)
Car park to Devils Creek Hut	4.5 hours return	(11km)

Grade:



Doom Creek Walk is a walking track (there is a steep gorge to negotiate near the end).



To Devils Creek Hut is a tramping track.

Access:

From Canvastown (9km west of Havelock on SH6) drive for 15km up Wakamarina Valley Road to the Butchers Flat car park. The last 10km is unsealed. About 1km before the car park there is a gravel-bottom ford over Dead Horse Creek which may be impassable after heavy rain. There are two further, smaller fords. Doom-Foster Bush Walk starts about 1.5km along Wakamarina Track, which is clearly sign-posted at the car park. Continue walking up Wakamarina Track to Devils Creek Hut.

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Pelorus



Cullen Point

Features:

An easily accessible walk, through native forest with great views of Pelorus Sound and the Havelock estuary.

A shorter walk around the Lookout Track has viewpoints that take in Mahakipawa Arm, Pelorus Sound, Mahau Sound and the Havelock estuary and township. This is a great spot for a picnic.

Where:

Cullen Point Scenic Reserve, Pelorus Sound – 5.5km from Havelock.

Walking times:

Coastal Loop Track	1 to 1.5 hours circuit	(2.5km)
Lookout Walk	20 to 30 minutes	(450m)

Grade:



Walking track (both tracks are well benched and graded).

Access:

From the town centre of Havelock, drive south on SH6 for 1km then turn left onto Queen Charlotte Drive. Travel for 4.5km to the top of a hill where there is a well sign-posted track entrance and car park on your left. (A further 100m up a side road to your left there is a toilet and entrance to the Lookout Walk).

Track maintained by DOC — Sounds Area Office

Nydia Track

Features:

The full Nydia Track extends 27 kilometres from Duncan Bay to Kaiuma Bay, is recommended as a two day tramp. The walks described below are the northern half of the track and is one of the most beautiful parts of the track with giant rimu, nikau, beech trees and tree ferns.

The first stop from Duncan Bay is Pipi Beach a pleasant place for a picnic. Continue following the track to Ngawhakawhiti Bay where the track starts climbing to Nydia Saddle (347m). Enjoy the views of Tennyson Inlet below from the top of the Saddle. From here the track drops to the campsite in Nydia Bay.

From the campsite the Nydia Bay Lodge turn off is 1 hour 30 minutes, the Lodge is an easy 30 minutes around the shore from here. At the Lodge turn off the track also continues onto Kaiuma Bay (4 hours).

Where:

DOC track, Pelorus Sound

Walking Times:

Duncan Bay to Pipi Beach	15 minutes	(500m)
Duncan Bay to Ngawhakawhiti Bay	1 hour	(2.5km)
Duncan Bay to Nydia Saddle	2 – 3 hours	(5.5km)
Duncan Bay to Nydia Bay (lodge turnoff)	4 hours	(9km)

Grade:



Tramping Track

Access:

By road – drive 1km north of Rai Valley township on SH6 and turn right, then right again at the sign-posted Tennyson Inlet turn off. Drive 27km over Opouri Saddle and down to Tennyson Inlet. Chartered road transport is available.

By boat – chartered sea transport is available from Picton and Havelock north to Tennyson Inlet and Nydia Bay.

Track maintained by DOC — Sounds Area Office

Pelorus Bridge Walks

Features:

The Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve offers visitors the opportunity to relax and enjoy refreshing forest and river scenery, in one of the last stands of river flat forest in Marlborough.

Take time out to explore the wheelchair-standard Totara & Tawa paths, cross the swingbridge on the Circle Track, swim in the water holes, view the Elvy Falls or enjoy superb views of the surrounding countryside from the Trig K Track.

Toilets are available in the car park, at Totara Flat and Kahikatea Flat.

Where:

Pelorus River Scenic Reserve on SH6, 18km west of Havelock (halfway between Blenheim and Nelson).

Walking Times:

Tawa Path	30 minutes circuit	(1.2km)
Totara Path	30 minutes circuit	(1.3km)
Circle Track	30 minutes circuit	(1.5km)
Waterfalls Track	2 hours return	(2.6km)
Trig K Track	4 hours circuit	(5km)

Grade:



Totara and Tawa Paths are walking paths, suitable for wheelchairs.



Circle Track is a wheelchair-standard path up to a suspension bridge. Beyond the swing bridge the track becomes a tramping track.



Waterfalls and Trig K Tracks are easy tramping tracks.

Access:

From Havelock travel west on SH6 for 18km to the clearly sign-posted Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve. About 100m before crossing the Pelorus River, turn left off SH6 to the tearooms and car park. All walks start in this vicinity.

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Ward



Sawcut Gorge

Features:

Something a little different - an adventurous river walk (wet feet are a certainty) through striking limestone bluff country to dramatic Sawcut Gorge. The route passes through an area which is also significant for the number of endemic Marlborough plants that grow there.

Where:

Waima River and Isolated Hill Scenic Reserve, about 9km south of Ward on SH1.

Walking Times:

3 hours return (about 5km)

Grade:



Tramping track (involves about 20 river crossing plus some "boulder clambering"). Definitely not suitable during or after rain.

Access:

From Ward, drive south on SH1 for about 9km and, just before the Waima River Bridge, turn right (north) onto Waima Valley Road. Drive up the valley for 12km (crossing to the south side of the river after 3km) to the road end and continue onto a private farm road by the large DOC sign indicating "Sawcut Gorge Route". Note that a slump on this private road may be impassable by low slung cars. If in doubt, park and begin your walk from the sign. Otherwise, drive down the 200m farm road to the car park and information panel.

Note: Permission is required from the landowner to travel on the private road. Call at the farm house; if no one is there leave a note outlining your intended trip. Be sure to check out after your walk.

If you plan to do this walk please contact DOC first to get a contact number for the farm, instructions and directions.

Track maintained by DOC — Marlborough South Area Office

Ward Beach

Features:

Blow the cobwebs away with an exploration along this interesting Marlborough eastern coastline.

From Ward Beach Reserve walk north-east along the beach to the pinnacles of Chancet Rocks. These rocks are remains of tilted limestone layers — some are a soft pink colour.

Because of its special geological values the area around the rocks is a DOC scientific reserve so all fossils, plants and animals are protected.

Where:

Ward Beach Reserve and coastline, off SH1 7km from Ward.

Walking Times:

Car park to Chancet Rocks 1.5 hours return (3km)

Grade:

A beach walk; there is no marked track.

Access:

Two roads lead from SH1 to Ward Beach. One is sign-posted opposite the petrol station in Ward, the second is sign-posted 3km further north. Both of these roads head east for about 3km, cross the railway line then join together. A sign at this junction points the way to the beach, 4km along the road end, where the Ward Beach Reserve car park and picnic area is located.

Kaikoura



Forest Walk

Fyffe-Palmer Track

Features:

Walk through regenerating forest to reach one of the finest stands of mature lowland podocarp forest that remains on the east coast of the South Island. Enjoy coastal views along the way.

There is a picnic area along the track with excellent views. The forest of the Forest Loop Track is dominated by matai, totara and rimu more than 500 years old.

Where:

Fyffe Palmer Scenic Reserve, lower slopes of Mt Fyffe, 9km northwest of Kaikoura.

Walking Time:

2 to 3 hour circuit (2.5km)

Grade:



Easy tramping track (a gentle climb).

Access:

Just north of Kaikoura township turn inland off SH1 onto Ludstone Road, then turn right onto Mt Fyffe Road. Continue for 8km to the far, northern end of Mt Fyffe Road where there is a car park and clearly sign-posted track entrance.

Hinau Track & Mt Fyffe Walk

Features:

The Hinau walk leads through lowland broadleaf forest which features one of New Zealand's less common trees, the hinau. This track is well formed and suitable for families; a lookout provides a perspective of the flood-prone Kowhai River.

Those who tackle the Mt Fyffe walk are rewarded with superb views over the Kaikoura plains and peninsula. On a clear day the view at higher levels includes Bank's Peninsula and the North Island.

Where:

Conservation land at the base of Mt Fyffe, 15 km inland from Kaikoura.

Walking Times:

Hinau Walk	45 minute circuit	(800m)
Car park to Mt Fyffe Hut	2 to 3 hours	(4.5km)

Grade:



Hinau Walk is an easy tramping track.

Route to Mt Fyffe Hut is a steep 4WD road — tramping track.

Access:

Just north of Kaikoura turn inland off SH1 onto Ludstone Road. After 2.5km veer right onto Red Swamp Road then take the third left onto Postmans Road. Follow Postmans Road and its sign-posted extension alongside the Kowhai River and stop at the car park and picnic area on the left. The last 6km of road is unsealed. Hinau Walk entrance is clearly sign-posted at the far end of the car park, by a locked gate which marks the start of the 4WD road to Mt Fyffe.

Note: In winter the road to Mt Fyffe Hut may be covered with snow and should only be tackled by experienced and equipped trampers. If unsure check with DOC.

Track maintained by DOC — Kaikoura Field Centre

Kaikoura Peninsula

Features:

A smorgasbord of wildlife - seals and sea birds; of coastal scenery - beaches, tidal platforms and pools and limestone caves; and of history - Maori occupation sites and whaling anchorages, all set against the stunning backdrop of the Kaikoura mountains and within a few minutes drive from town!

Where:

Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway, 5km seaward of Kaikoura township.

Walking Time:

Point Kean to South Bay car park:		
via Shoreline Walk	2 to 3 hours	(4.5km)
via Clifftop Track	1 to 2 hours	(3.7km)
Total round trip	4 to 5 hours	(8.2km)
Point Kean to Whalers Bay circuit	1.5 hours	(about 4.5km)

Grade:



The walks are classified as tramping tracks, except for the shoreline walk, which is a route. All are suitable for families, providing an easy half or full-day trip. Strong shoes and warm, windproof clothing are recommended.

Parts of Shoreline Walk are not formed, cross lumpy rock platforms and are impassable close to high tide. Check with DOC or Kaikoura Information Centre for tide times.

Access:

From Kaikoura township, follow the Esplanade, Avoca Street and Fyffe Quay around the northern shoreline of the peninsula for about 5km to the road end at Point Kean. The two walkway tracks are clearly sign-posted from the road-end car park.

To reach the southern end of the walkway drive just south of Kaikoura township on SH1, turn left onto South Bay Parade and drive from 4km to the South Bay car park and recreation reserve.

Note: Part of the walkway crosses private land. Please respect the privilege.

Ohau Waterfall

Top quality walk up a partly forested valley to a lovely, fern-fringed 25m waterfall. Pool for swimming at the bottom of the fall.

Time: 20 to 30 minutes return

Grade:  Walking track

Location: Conservation land, track leaves from car park on west side of SH1, 29km north of Kaikoura.

Puhi Puhi Scenic Reserve

A very accessible flat remnant of lowland podocarp forest, with tawa, rimu, matai, totara and a smattering of native birds. Also a delightful picnic area on an old school site beside the junction of the Clinton Stream and Puhi Puhi River.

Time: 30 to 40 minutes circuit

Grade:  Walking track

Location: PuhiPuhi Valley, 18km north of Kaikoura. Turn inland from SH1 on the north side of the Hapuku River bridge and drive for 1km to the picnic area.

Omihi Lookout Track

An easy walk along an old postman's pack track through coastal forest to a lookout with fine coastal views. Maybe even a whale sighting!

Time: 30 to 40 minutes return

Grade:  Walking track

Location: Omihi Scenic Reserve, 19km south of Kaikoura on SH1. Track starts 1km south of Goose Bay. Cross the railway line to an information sign.

Further Information Available on Walks in this Book

Blenheim

Wairau Lagoons	<i>DOC Brochure – Eastern Marlborough AA Leisure Marlborough Walks Book</i>
Whites Bay	<i>DOC Brochure – Eastern Marlborough AA Leisure Marlborough Walks Book</i>

Wither Hills Farm Park

Wither Hills Farm Park	www.marlborough.govt.nz
Sutherland Stream	<i>AA Leisure Marlborough Walks Book</i>

Picton

Picton By Foot	www.marlborough.govt.nz
Esson's Valley	<i>AA Leisure Marlborough Walks Book</i>
Shelley Beach/Bob's Bay	<i>AA Leisure Marlborough Walks Book</i>
Snout Track	<i>AA Leisure Marlborough Walks Book</i>
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