



## Mavora Walkway

(Map 130, 129, 128)

<b>Southern Start</b>	Mavora Camping Area, Mavora Lakes Road
<b>Northern End</b>	Greenstone Station Road Carpark
<b>Distance</b>	50km
<b>Time</b>	3 days
<b>Track Standard</b>	Tramping track

### Hazards

Never cross flooded rivers

Track exposed to sun, wind or cold

Weather extremes

### Route

#### **Mavora Camping Area to Careys Hut – 10km / 2hr**

Follow the lakeshore through the camping area to the edge of the forest and the official start of the Mavora Walkway. From this point a 4WD track continues to follow the lakeshore all the way to Careys Hut. The 4WD track has a very uneven surface and is punctuated by large muddy sections.

Careys Hut – 7 bunks, fireplace

***This area is a popular holiday spot so watch out for 4WD vehicles and motorbikes at peak times.***

**Water availability:** Some small creeks and the lake.

#### **Careys Hut to Boundary Hut – 6km / 2hr**

The track continues on the 4wd track as it heads away from North Mavora Lake and runs parallel to the Mararoa River descending to the riverside at Boundary Hut.

Boundary Hut – 8 bunks, fireplace

**Water availability:** The Mararoa River is easily accessible from the track.



### **Boundary Hut to Taipo Hut – 12km / 3-4hr**

Cross via swingbridge near the hut to the true right bank of the Mararoa River. The trail stays on this side of the valley. Travel is through open tussock lands and is generally easy with a few small stream crossings. If it's a hot day you can look forward to a fantastic swimming hole at Taipo Hut.

Taipo Hut – 8 bunks

**Water availability:** Numerous small creeks dot the route.

### **Taipo Hut to Greenstone Hut – 10km / 4-5hr**

The first part of this section continues through tussock lands but soon begins a gentle climb up to a saddle. The trail is to the left side of the saddle. Beware of confusion due to animal trails. Beyond the saddle the track begins to descend through the forest and after 2km brings you to Greenstone Hut.

Greenstone Hut – 20 bunks

**Water availability:** Beyond Taipo Hut the most reliable source is Pond Burn, which runs along the left side of the saddle.

### **Greenstone Hut to Greenstone Station Road Car Park – 12km / 3-4hr**

From Greenstone Hut the trail drops steeply for a few hundred meters to a footbridge over the Greenstone River. Once on the far side the trail continues along the true left bank. The track is mostly in the trees but at times passes through grasslands and crosses some small streams. Larger waterways such as the Caples River are bridged.

From the Carpark it is about a 20-minute walk to the lakeshore and the Greenstone Wharf where cellphone reception may be more reliable.

**Water availability:** Numerous sources.

*The trailheads on either side of the Lake are at the Greenstone Carpark and at Queenstown.*

*They make natural beginning or end points for Te Araroa section walkers so it's really only through-walkers that have to deal with the issue of getting from one trailhead to the other.*

*There are several options available and trampers can use whatever safe method they like without it compromising the integrity of their thru-tramp.*

*An option is to take a road shuttle via Glenorchy. There are regular services that do this.*



## Wakatipu Track

(Map 125, 124)

<b>Southern Start</b>	Marine Parade, Queenstown
<b>Northern End</b>	Bush Creek Reserve, Arrowtown
<b>Distance</b>	28.5km
<b>Time</b>	6-7hr
<b>Track Standard</b>	Easy tramping track

### Hazards

Take care on shared cycle/walkways

Few water sources

### Route

From Marine Parade, follow the lakeshore around Queenstown Gardens via the cycle/walking path. As you pass the ice skating rink the track merges with Park Street. Continue on Park Street footpath and then onto the Frankton Track. After about 5km there is a junction in the path. Follow the sign to the “Queenstown Trail” and continue through to the Frankton Domain. From the domain head uphill on Beach Access Road to Lake Avenue then head right for 300m. At Birse Street turn left and continue to McBride Street. Head right on McBride Street for 100m then follow Ross Street to the main road (SH6). Using the pedestrian crossing (20m to the right), cross and follow the path opposite for a short way to the Queenstown Events Centre carpark. With the Events Centre complex on your right continue up the path until you are beyond the complex and can safely cross to the sports fields. Follow the path around the perimeter of the fields and parallel to SH6 to Hawthorne Drive. Turn right onto Hawthorne Drive, then left to head along in front of a large Mitre 10 Mega (hardware superstore). Continue ahead as the road becomes Glenda Drive, around a sweeping corner and taking a right down a narrow track between Party Plus and ITM. This comes out onto the end of Margaret Place – turn left and follow Margaret Place all the way down, then under the SH6 road and continue on the Queenstown Trail once under the Shotover Bridge. Another 10 minutes will bring you to the historic footbridge to cross the Shotover River.

Once over the bridge turn right and head downstream on the true left bank following the signs to the “Lake Hayes Estate Track”. Soon the trail reaches the true left bank of the Kawerau River and continues along a well-formed track for another 2km to a signposted junction to Onslow Road. The trail leaves the river here and heads to the left up a gravel road to Widgeon Place and then left into Onslow Road. Follow the Queenstown Trail signs through suburbia to Howards Drive and onwards to the highway (SH6). Turn right here and continue to the beginning of the Lake Hayes Circuit just past Strains Road. Follow the signs to Rutherford Road via the western shore of Lake Hayes.

Once at the other end of Lake Hayes follow Rutherford Road up the hill to Slope Hill Road. Turn right here, continue to Speargrass Flat Road and turn right again. Another 100m further on the far side of the road a path leaves the road and leads up a small hill to the Millbrook Resort. Follow the signs to Arrowtown and they will lead through the resort to Malaghans Road. Cross to Manse Road and follow it for about 1km to where a sign



on the left indicates the path down to the historic Chinese village. This area is called Bush Creek Reserve. Just beyond the Chinese village an unsealed road leads up past the Dudley's Cottage Café to Arrowtown's main thoroughfare, Buckingham Street.

**Water availability:** Frankton Reserve, Queenstown Events Centre and Rutherford Road end of Lake Hayes.



## Motatapu Track

(Map 124, 123, 122, 121)

<b>Southern Start</b>	Bush Creek Reserve, Arrowtown
<b>Northern End</b>	Ardmore Street Car Park, Wanaka
<b>Distance</b>	66km
<b>Time</b>	4 days
<b>Track Standard</b>	Tramping track

### Hazards

Vehicles – look out for 4WD adjacent to Arrow River and take care on Motatapu Rd

Never cross flooded rivers

Track exposed to sun, wind or cold

Weather extremes

Few water sources

### Route

#### **Arrowtown to Macetown – 13km / 4-5hr**

From the toilets at Bush Creek Reserve follow the signs to the Bush Creek Trail and then onto Big Hill Trail. At this point things get a little steeper, however the track is clear and well-marked. As the track gets higher it opens onto tussock country punctuated by some small forest sections. Continue up to Big Hill Saddle (1060m) then go down the steep grassy track to meet up with Coronet Creek (aka Eight Mile Creek) by an old abandoned hut. Turn right here and follow the creek downstream less than 1km via a 4wd track that becomes more distinct as it progresses toward the Arrow River.

At the Arrow River turn left and follow the 4wd track a short distance to a ford. The trail then leaves the river and climbs up above the true right bank. At times the trail is extremely narrow and walkers should watch out for bike traffic. From the Coronet Creek junction it is 4km to Macetown where there is a large area available for camping.

Macetown Campsite – Two main areas for camping – the first situated above the river and amongst the ruins of Macetown, and the second down by the banks of Bold Burn

**Water availability:** Some small creeks in the forest sections between Arrowtown and Big Hill Saddle. Numerous sources from Coronet Creek to Macetown.

#### **Macetown to Roses Hut – 10km / 4-5hr**

Crossing first Bold Burn and then the Arrow River, walkers have two options for proceeding: if the water level allows the easiest route is via the Arrow River up to Glade Burn. If this route is not possible a wet weather track traverses the hillside above the true left bank of the Arrow River. Both routes converge 5km distant at



Glade Burn and begin a strenuous 2km climb up to the high point of the route near Roses Saddle. An equally steep descent takes walkers another 2km down to Roses Hut.

Roses Hut – 12 bunks

**Water availability:** Last water at Glade Burn.

### **Roses Hut to Highland Creek Hut – 11km / 5-6hr**

Cross the valley and the Motatapu River South Branch to a prominent ridge where the first of the day's two big ascents begins. Enjoy stunning views from the high point at around 1200m before heading down a zigzag track to a patch of remnant beech forest and a welcome water source. A second big ascent to a similar altitude as the first highpoint begins here, followed by a descent that steepens as it approaches Highland Creek. It is a just short climb from the creek up to the hut.

Highland Creek Hut – 12 bunks

**Water availability:** The sole water source on this section is in the beech forest between the two climbs.

### **Highland Creek Hut to Fern Burn Hut – 6km / 4hr**

After some easy terrain and the crossing of some small creeks the trail begins a serious climb up to the day's highpoint on Jack Hall Saddle at 1275m. From here it's a nice, consistent descent all the way to Fern Burn Hut.

Fern Burn Hut – 12 bunks

**Water availability:** Small creek just before big climb.

### **Fern Burn Hut to Wanaka – 29km / 8hr**

From the hut the trail follows a steep sided river valley. As it descends the 6.5km track passes through patches of forest and then farmland, before reaching the Fern Burn Carpark on Motatapu Road. Continue down the road for 2.5km to the intersection with Wanaka – Mt Aspiring Road. Turn right here and walk the road verge for a few hundred meters to the Glendhu Bay Campground's main entrance. Head through the camp to the shore of Lake Wanaka then walk to the right a short way to reach the beginning of the Glendhu Bay Track. From this point it is easy walking for 16km alongside the lakeshore to the Ardmore Street Carpark opposite Wanaka's town centre.

**Water availability:** Between Fern Burn Hut and the Carpark there are numerous places to get water. The only place (aside from the lake) to get water on the remainder of the trail to Wanaka is at the Glendhu Bay Campground.



## Wanaka to Lake Hawea

(Map 121, 120)

<b>Southern Start</b>	Ardmore Street Carpark, Wanaka
<b>Northern End</b>	Domain Road and Capell Avenue Intersection, Lake Hawea Village
<b>Distance</b>	21km
<b>Time</b>	1 day
<b>Track Standard</b>	Easy tramping track

### Hazards

Be aware of cars on road and/or cyclists on shared tracks

Track exposed to sun, wind or cold

### Route

From the Ardmore Street Carpark continue around the lakeshore to the intake of the Clutha River. A path continues along the true right bank to Albert Town. When you reach the road turn left (or go right for 200m to Albert Town shops) and cross the bridge over the Clutha River to the Albert Town Campground, then cross over the road to the Hawea River Track. This is initially an unsealed road leading through the Hawea River Campsite to a footbridge over the Hawea River.

Another 9km along the Hawea River Track brings you to a little bridge heading to the right with a sign indicating Domain Road. A short path leads from here up to Domain Road. Turn left here and continue along Domain Road past the control dam to the intersection of Domain Road and Capell Avenue. From here it is a short walk up Capell Avenue to a variety of accommodation options and a small general store.

**Water availability:** Numerous sources.



## Breast Hill and East Ahuriri Tracks

(Map 120, 119, 118, 117, 116, 115, 114)

<b>Southern Start</b>	Domain Road and Capell Avenue Intersection, Lake Hawea Village
<b>Northern End</b>	Twizel
<b>Distance</b>	120km
<b>Time</b>	6-7 days
<b>Track Standard</b>	Tramping track

### Hazards

- Farming operations on Breast Hill Track
- Never cross flooded rivers
- Track exposed to sun, wind or cold
- Weather extremes
- Few water sources in places

### Route

#### **Lake Hawea Village to Pakituhi Hut – 11km / 6-7hr**

From the Capell Ave intersection with Domain Rd head east along the lakefront on the Gladstone Track. It's an easy 6km walk to the small settlement of Gladstone. From this point continue on Timaru Creek Road for about 800m to the beginning of the Breast Hill Track. From here things change dramatically. Beginning with a steep switchback the track climbs quickly above the lake before continuing along a rocky ridgeline. The track is generally to the right side of the ridge, however, it is not obvious at times and some scrambling may be required on particularly rocky sections. After about 4km a signpost on the ridge indicates the turnoff leading 200m down to Pakituhi Hut.

Pakituhi Hut – 8 bunks

**Water availability:** Lake Hawea.

#### **Pakituhi Hut to Stodys Hut – 11km / 4hr**

From the hut head back up to the Breast Hill ridge. Continue 2.5km to the summit of Breast Hill and take in some of the best views on Te Araroa. From Breast Hill a farm track leads along a gently sloping but exposed ridge. After 6.5km a track leads down from the ridge to the tree line where Stodys Hut is situated.

Stodys Hut – 6 bunk musterers hut with dirt floor and fireplace

**Water availability:** No water available until the last km before the hut.





### **Stodys Hut to Top Timaru Hut – 14km / 7-8hr**

A steep, and at times unstable, track leads from the hut down through the forest to the Timaru River. From this point the track alternates between the forest and the riverbed with ten river crossings required. (The river valley sides are very steep and consequently some of the forest sections are hard work)

The track then leads to a tributary of the Timaru River that is followed up to a rough dirt road. From this point it is a few hundred meters down to the hut.

Top Timaru Hut – 6 bunks

**Water availability:** Numerous sources.

### **Top Timaru Hut to Birchwood Carpark – 23km / 7-8hr**

Te Araroa continues upstream from the hut on the true left bank of the Timaru River and begins on an initially gentle ascent. The track is mostly an old farm track, which although washed out in some places is easy to follow. After 5km the incline increases as the track begins the ascent to Mount Martha Saddle (1680m). After the saddle the track heads down into the Avon Burn catchment. Around 13km from Timaru Hut there is an old shepherds hut. Although privately owned it has been made available for Te Araroa walkers to use.

Beyond the shepherds hut the track continues above the Avon Burn. Shortly after passing through two pedestrian gates Te Araroa leaves the farm track to cross the Avon Burn. The crossing is easy to miss so keep watch for markers on the opposite bank. Once across the river follow the fence line through farmland all the way to Birchwood Carpark.

**Water availability:** Numerous sources.

### **Birchwood Carpark to Lake Middleton – 31km / 11hr**

Across the road from the carpark the track follows a fence line across a large flat area before heading down to the banks of the Ahuriri River. After taking note of the position of markers on the far shore, cross the river and continue up the bank to a row of pine trees. The track continues to the left of these trees and follows another fenceline to the beginning of the East Ahuriri Valley. Staying toward the left side of the valley continue up to a rocky bluff where the going gets a little tougher and the plants become increasingly spiky. From this bluff you may be able to see East Ahuriri Hut about 1km distant on the right side of the valley.

East Ahuriri Hut – 6 bunks, no toilet facilities

The trail continues on the left side of the valley for about another 5km before it begins to climb up to a more open alpine basin. Across the basin the track drops down to Freehold Creek and follows it down to an area of beech forest. Soon the track meets up with the Alps To Ocean Cycle Trail (A2O). Further downhill Te Araroa departs from the cycle trail on a well-marked route leading to Lake Ohau Road. Turn right at the road and continue another 3.5km to the DOC campground at Lake Middleton, which is the only allowable place to camp at Lake Ohau.



**Note:** If the Ahuriri River cannot be crossed safely on foot a road bridge is situated about 5km downstream.

**Water availability:** Numerous sources.

### **Lake Middleton to Twizel – 30km / 9-10hr**

From the DOC campground continue along Lake Ohau Road for about 3km, and then turn off to the left along the A20 cycle trail. Continue along beside the lakeshore for 8km to where the trail heads inland at the Ohau Weir. (There is a toilet available here.) Follow the signs indicating the A20 flood route along a gravel road above the Ohau River and Lake Ruataniwha. At the highway (SH8) turn left and head across the bridge over the Ohau B Canal and then the Lake Ruataniwha Spillway. A short distance beyond the spillway you will see a gravel track leading off the right side of the road. This leads a short distance into Old Iron Bridge Road. Turn left here and continue to the road end in front of Trustpower's Twizel office. A path runs from here on the right side of SH8 to a point opposite the primary entryway to Twizel at Ruataniwha Road.

**Water availability:** Numerous sources available en route but treatment is recommended.