



Invercargill to Bluff

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Northern Start	Stead St, Invercargill
Southern End	Stirling Point, Bluff
Distance	34km
Time	1 day
Tramping Standard	Easy tramping track

Route

The start point in Invercargill is on Stead Street at the sign to Stead Street Wharf.

The shared walking and cycle track was opened in 2015 and Te Araroa Trust was a major funder of the initial section. The track runs 10.5km along stopbanks adjacent to the New River Estuary and along the way you'll be treated to an area teeming with bird life.

The track exits onto Kekeno Place, which is a busy industrial area so take enormous care when coming off the end of the track then crossing the railway line back out to SH1. Take care as trains run regularly along this line.

There is a programme in place to make further progress towards Bluff, however for now it's a 16km walk from Kekeno PI along the Bluff Highway to Ocean Beach where the Foveaux Walkway starts.

It is essential to wear high visibility gear or pack cover when walking on the verge of the highway along this stretch as there is a lot of heavy traffic and often unfavourable visibility due to weather conditions. Your safety is paramount.

This final 7.2km track follows the south coast around the base of Bluff Hill to Te Araroa's southern terminus at Stirling Point.

So here you are - where to next?

The Invercargill City Council (with the New Zealand Aluminium Smelter at Tiwai Point) have a plaque available to all who travel the length of New Zealand by foot or cycle. Contact Lloyd Esler (esler@southnet.co.nz) or 03 2130404 / 021 1766580 to arrange collection.

They are also available at the Invercargill City Council (Esk St), the iSite at Wachner Place and Art Gallery and at the Oyster Cove Restaurant (directly adjacent to the trail end in Bluff, open 7 days 11am-7.30pm).

Please note this is done independently of Te Araroa Trust so TAT cannot guarantee availability or collection.

Other Information

Bluff

Getting there/away

Invercargill - Campbelltown passenger service - 1 Lee St, Bluff - P: 03 212 7404

[Stewart Island Experience Ferry Service](#) - P: 0800 000 511 or 03 212 7660 - E: info@sie.co.nz

Accommodation

[Lands End B & B](#) - 10 Ward Parade, Stirling Point Bluff - P: 03 212 7575 - Restaurant on site

[Bluff Lodge](#) - 120 Gore St, Bluff - P: 03 212 7106 or 027 294 5306 - A range of affordable accommodation

[Bluff Camping Ground](#) - Gregory St, Bluff - P: 027 626 2018 - cabins and tent sites

Resupply

[4 Four Square Supermarket](#) - 54 Gore St, Bluff - P: 03 212 8179

Stewart Island

Stewart Island does not form part of Te Araroa, however click [HERE](#) for more information around transport to/from the island, accommodation and walking.

Potential Hazards

- Vehicles on road or track Take extreme care walking on SH1 roadside - wear hi-viz vest and/or pack cover
- Track exposed to sun, wind or cold
- Weather extremes
- Few water sources
- Take care crossing the railway line at Kekeno PI

Requirements

- Keep to the track
- Respect private land
- Dogs on leash only
- No horses
- No firearms
- Wear hi-viz clothing/pack cover and don't use headphones

Amenities (Start)

- Full range of amenities in Invercargill
- Toilets
- Shop
- Accommodation

Amenities (On Route)

- No amenities