

JACKS BLOWHOLE

Time: 45 minutes return

Start/Finish: From Jacks Bay.

The route to the coast has been marked and you are requested to respect the right granted by the Landowner. Please use fence stiles. Track closed during lambing (September - October). The Blowhole is 55 metres deep and 200 metres from the sea. It has been formed by the caving in of a section of roof from a subterranean cavern. Please **DO NOT** lean over or climb over safety fence.

Accommodation

Owaka Lodge Motels

Highview Motel and Backpackers - Owaka

Blowhole Backpackers - Owaka

Pounawea Motor Camp

Pounawea Keswick Camping Ground

For more detailed information on the Tracks, the majority of which are DOC Administered and for all Accommodation please call at the Information Centre.

For More Information

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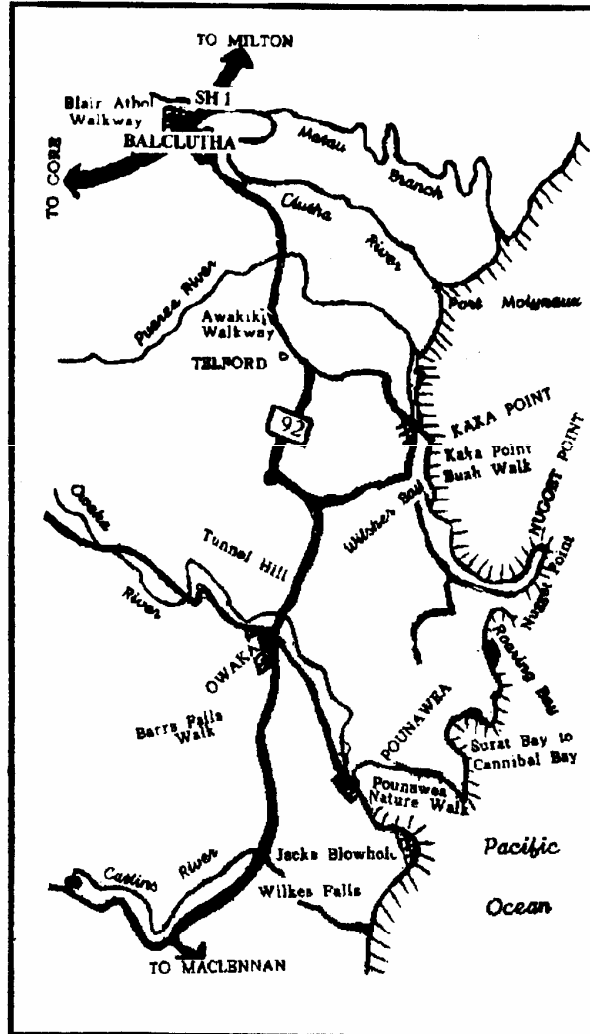
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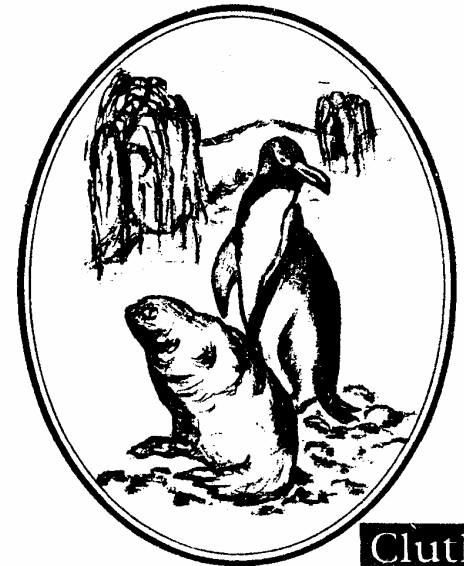
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Walks In The Clutha DISTRICT

Owaka
Balclutha
Kaka Point
Nugget Point



BALCLUTHA

BLAIR ATHOL WALKWAY

Time: 2 hours return

Start/Finish: Naish Park, Charlotte Street.

Alternatively start at the back of the Visitor Centre (allow 20 mins longer). An easy walk along the bank of the Clutha River to the Blair Athol Farm and return.

AWAKIKI BUSH WALKWAY

Time: 2 hours

Start/Finish: Awakiki Road off Highway 92 just by Telford. Easy but track can be wet.

A fine example of podocarp forest with some 300 year old totara trees.

Accommodation

Rosebank Lodge Motor Hotel
Helensbrook Motor Inn
Highway Lodge Motel
Naish Park Camping Ground
Hotel South Otago

KAKA POINT

KAKA POINT BUSH WALK

Time: Loop track 30 minutes

Easy walk suitable for all age groups.

Start/Finish: Top of Marine Terrace.

You will see a good cross section of vegetation types including ferns and perching plants. Most podocarp species are also present. Although you are only just out of the Township you feel as though you are in the middle of dense bush.

NUGGET POINT

From Kaka Point past Wilsher Bay the road takes you to within easy walking distance from the Lighthouse. Travel this road with caution as it is narrow. Car parks at the start of the track to the Light House and at Roaring Bay. Carry warm clothing as the viewing platform is exposed to every wind. Binoculars and a camera are a must where possible. The area was used by the Maori for the gathering of kai moana (sea-food). With the first settlement at Wilsher Bay in 1840 it became obvious for the need of a lighthouse, evidenced by the number of shipwrecks on the rugged coast. Built of local stone the Lighthouse was completed in 1870 and is now fully automatic. The wind torn vegetation is a truly unique blend of very salt tolerant, hardy species. Many plants more commonly associated with alpine regions are also found here. A wide variety of seabirds can be seen (Spotted shag, Australian gannets, Sooty shearwater, Red-billed gull, Southern Blue penguin). The rare yellow-eyed penguin can be seen best at dawn or late afternoon at Roaring Bay as they go and return from feeding at sea. Nugget Point is the only area in N.Z. where Fur seal, Hooker's sea lion and Elephant seal co-exist.
DO NOT TAKE DOGS ONTO RESERVE.
DO NOT GET TOO CLOSE TO PENGUINS OR OTHER WILDLIFE.
NO FIRES.
The road from Wilsher Bay will take you back to Highway 92.

TUNNEL

Time: 15 minutes each way.

Start/Finish: Car park off Scenic Route approx. 5 km north of Owaka.

The tunnel is part of the old Catlins River railway from Balclutha to Owaka completed in 1895. The walk follows the fence line down to the old railway formation and then into the tunnel which is 250 metres long. It may be possible to see glow worms. A torch is a must if you want to venture into the tunnel.

Accommodation

Kaka Point Camping Ground
Nuggets Accommodation (Motels)

OWAKA - POUNAWEA

BARRS FALLS WALK

Time: 10 minutes (return)

Start/Finish: Turn right into Barr Road approximately 3 km south of Owaka. Car parks handy to start of track. An easy short walk takes you through to the Falls which are a delight. The sound of birds mingle with the rush of water.

POUNAWEA BUSH WALK

Time: 15 minutes round trip

Start/Finish: From the Motor Camp. This walk is used by the schools when staying in the camp and is through a remnant stand of virgin podocarp forest which is rich in bird life.

POUNAWEA NATURE WALK

Time: 45 minutes round trip

Access not practical at high tide.

Start/Finish: This begins with the Bush walk and is a continuation via the salt-marsh and estuary (where wading birds are often seen). This area with its sequence of vegetation which exists from shore to forest are now quite rare.

COASTAL ROUTE - CANNIBAL BAY TO SURAT BAY

Time: 5 hours return.

Start/Finish: End of Cannibal Bay Road

The walk takes you along the beach at Cannibal Bay to False Islet where you can climb the cliffs for the spectacular views then drop down to Surat Bay (named after the ship Surat which was wrecked here New Years Day, 1874) Return through the sand hills where remains of a forest and moa hunters camp can be found. Both these beaches are favourite haul out spots for Hooker Sea Lions.

DO NOT approach within 20 m of these marine mammals.