

TAPANUI

WHISKY GULLY

Time: 5 hours to summit return

Whisky Gully is an attractive bush clad valley on the Western slopes of the Blue Mountains 3 km from Tapanui. A fifteen minute loop track affords pleasant views. For those wanting a longer walk there is a track leading up the mountain to the first waterfall (1 hour and 40 minutes). Two further waterfalls can be seen further up. Magnificent views can be seen from the summit and on a clear day Stewart Islands may be visible. The flanks of the Blue Mountains support silver beech forest and pine plantations. Across its flattish summit are snow tussocks, fragile tarns and cushion bogs. The Blue Mountains have an unusually large population of the threatened yellowhead bird.

BLACK GULLY

The picturesque Black Gully is nestled at the foot of the Blue Mountains, 13 km from Tapanui. Enter the forest over a bridge spanning a crystal clear stream, where a variety of short walks are possible. Watch out for the threatened yellowhead birds and for glow worms in the twilight hours. At Black Gully there are cabins for rent and a children's playground with perhaps the longest slide in the region.

GLENBURNIE BUSH SCENIC RESERVE

This 36 ha scenic reserve is sited off the Pomahaka/Rankleburn road 12 km south of Tapanui. Among its mosaic of modified vegetation types are examples of New Zealand's tallest native tree, kahikatea, now uncommon in lowland Otago. There are no walking tracks in the reserve but access is possible from the road.

LETHEN GLEN

This outstanding picnic area with its sweeping lawns and stone built barbecues on the banks of the Pomahaka was once the site of New Zealand's first forestry tent camp in 1898. The imposing backdrop of Dusky Forest provides shelter and seclusion while the river

lends itself to fishing, shallow paddling and swimming in a deep water hole. Walking tracks radiate out from the grassy areas and lead through dense man-made forests.

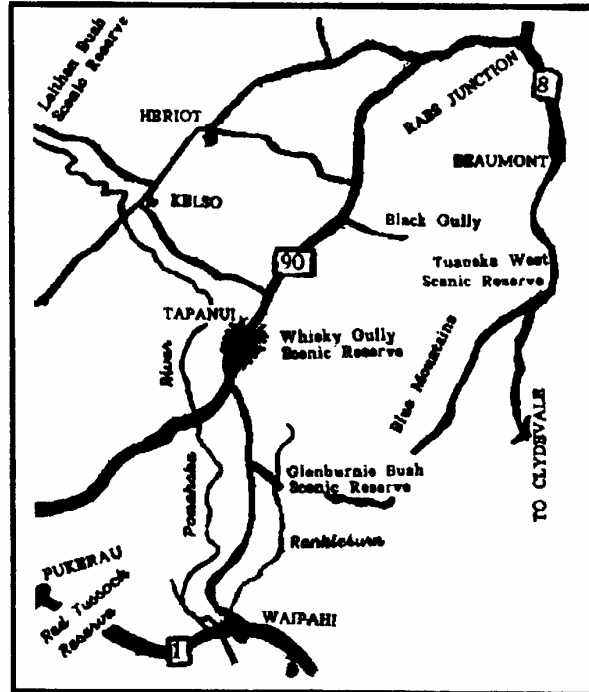
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Accommodation

Forest Lodge Motel - Northumberland Street
Linsmoyle Camping Ground - State Highway 90
Heriot Hotel - Black Gully Camping Ground

Walks In The Clutha DISTRICT

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MILBURN POND/CORNISHMAN'S DAM

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Start/Finish: Milburn Pond

Cross the stile and follow the track through broom and exotic forest until the native bush is reached. The track follows the stream crossing it several times. After 30 minutes a short climb brings you to an old water race which is followed for a short way, finally emerging into the open. It then climbs up through pines to the road. Cross the road and turn right down the track past Cornishman's dam. Follow the track up to road, turn right and follow the road back down to Milburn Pond.

GABRIEL'S GULLY

Time: 1 hour 20 minutes round trip

Reasonable fitness required.

Start/Finish: Carpark at the Gully

A walking track circumnavigates this historic area. A number of information plaques explain the history of the site and how gold was extracted. The track offers delightful views from the higher ground. D.O.C. Reserve.

GREY'S DAM / OTAGO DAM

Time: 3 hours return.

Reasonable fitness required. Strong footwear (Several stream crossings).

Cross the stile and follow the stream for half an hour through silver beech forest to a disused water race. Follow the race around to look down on the waterfall. There are a number of stream crossings before the track finally reaches open country where a climb provides views back down the valley. The sound of the "Mare's-tail" water-

fall greets you as the Otago Dam is reached after approximately one and a half hours. Return the same way. D.O.C. Reserve.

Accommodation

Lawrence Motels - Beaumont Road

Marama Lodge - State Highway 8

Oban Guesthouse / Backpackers - Oban Street

Gold Park Motor Camp - Harrington Street

The Courthouse - Colonsay Street

The Ark - Harrington Place

