

Mahu Whenua Covenant Tracks

Arrowtown Tracks



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Mahu Whenua Covenant Arrowtown Tracks – Approximate Walking Times and Grade

Track Name	Section	Time (Reverse Direction)	Grade	Uses
1. Brow Peak Route	a. Coronet Peak Ski Area to Brow Peak (poled route only)	2 hours (1 hr 30 min)	Advanced	
	b. Brow Peak to Big Hill Saddle (poled route only)	1 hr 30 min (2 hrs)	Advanced	
2. Bush Creek Track	- Bush Creek Track junction to Bush Creek Saddle	1 hr 40 min (1 hr 30 mins)	Intermediate	
3. Big Hill Walkway / Sawpit Gully	a. Arrowtown to Bush Creek junction	15 min (15 min)	Easy	
	b. Bush Creek junction to Eichardts Flat (Sawpit Gully Walkway junction)	30 min (25min)	Intermediate	
	c. Eichardts Flat (Sawpit Gully Walkway junction) to Big Hill Saddle	1 hr 30 min (1 hr)	Intermediate/Advanced	
	d. Big Hill Saddle to Macetown Road	1 hr (2 hrs)	Intermediate/Advanced	
4. Arrow Gorge Track	- Arrowtown to Norman Spencer Bridge	30 min (30 min)	Easy	
5. Sawpit Gully Walkway	- Eichardts Flat (Big Hill Track junction) to Arrow Gorge Track junction	1 hour (1 hr)	Intermediate/Advanced	
6. Hayes Creek Walkway	- Big Hill Saddle to Macetown Road	1hr 30 min (2 hrs)	Advanced	
7. Macetown Road	a. Arrowtown to Norman Spencer Bridge (On 4WD Track)	20 min (20 min)	Intermediate (river crossings)	
	b. Norman Spencer Bridge to New Chum Ridge Track junction	25 min (25min)		
	c. New Chum Ridge Track junction to Hayes Creek Walkway junction	25 min (25 min)		
	d. Hayes Creek Walkway junction to Big Hill Walkway junction	1 hr 15 min (1 hr 15 min)		
	e. Big Hill Track Junction to Macetown	25 min (25 min)		
8. New Chum Gully Track	a. Macetown Road to New Chum Gully	1hr (45 min)	Intermediate	
	b. New Chum Gully to Tobins Track junction	20 min (30 min)	Intermediate	
9. New Chum Gully Link Track	- New Chum Gully Track to New Chum Ridge Track linkage	5 min (5 min)	Intermediate	
10. New Chum Ridge Track	a. Macetown Road to junction with Miners Track	35 min (25 min)	Intermediate/Advanced	
	b. Junction with Miners Track to junction with Peters Way	30 min (45 min)	Intermediate/Advanced	
11. Miners Track	a. New Chum Ridge Track junction to Peters Way junction	1 hr 15 min (1 hr)	Intermediate/Advanced	
	b. Peters Way junction to Brackens Saddle	10 min (10 min)	Intermediate/Advanced	
12. Peters Way	- Junction with New Chum Ridge Track to junction with Miners Track	1 hr (45 min)	Intermediate/Advanced	
13. Brackens Saddle Track	- Glencoe Road to Brackens Saddle	45 min (30 min)	Intermediate	
14. Tobins Track	a. Arrowtown to New Chum Gully Track junction	15 min (15 min)	Easy/Intermediate	
	b. New Chum Gully Track junction to Tobins Drop junction	15 min (15 min)	Easy/Intermediate	
15. Tobins Drop	- Arrow River to Tobins Track	45 min (30 min)	Advanced	
16. Crown Peak Track	a. Brackens Saddle to Crown Peak	2 hours (1 hr 30 min)	Advanced	
	b. Cardrona Road to Crown Peak	2 hr 30 min (2 hrs)	Advanced	

TRACK GRADES (See Department of Conservation for full definitions)

WALKING Easy: Walking Track Intermediate: Easier Tramping Track Advanced: Tramping Track Easy: Walking Track Suitable for people with low to moderate fitness and abilities. Track is mostly well formed, some sections may be steep, rough or muddy. Clearly signposted. Intermediate: Easier Tramping Track Suitable for people with limited backcountry (remote area experience). Track is generally well formed, some sections may be rough, muddy or steep. Track has signs, poles or markers. Advanced: Tramping Track Suitable for people with moderate to high level backcountry (remote areas) skills and experience, navigation and survival skills required. Track is mostly unformed, may be rough and steep. Track has markers, poles or rock cairns.	MOUNTAIN BIKING Mountain Bike Track (Grade 3 - Intermediate) Mountain Bike Track (Grade 4 - Advanced) The mountain bike track grades are derived from the Department of Conservation and are based on the Kennett Brothers grading system: Grade 3: Intermediate Steep slopes and/or avoidable obstacles possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure at the track's outside edge. Grade 4: Advanced A mixture of long, steep climbs, narrow track, poor traction and obstacles that are difficult to avoid or jump over. Generally exposed at the outside edge of the track. Most riders will find some sections easier to walk.
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LEGEND Interpretation / information site Ski field QEI National Trust Open Space Covenant Public Conservation Areas	Walking (Easy) Tramping (Intermediate) Tramping (Advanced) Mountain biking Horse riding Four wheel drive
TRACKS AND ROUTES --- Te Araroa Trail Coronet Peak Station tracks 1. Brow Peak Route (poled route only) --- 2. Bush Creek Track --- 3. Big Hill Walkway / Sawpit Gully 4. Arrow Gorge Track --- 5. Sawpit Gully Walkway --- 6. Hayes Creek Walkway --- 7. Macetown Road Glencoe Station tracks --- 8. New Chum Gully Track 9. New Chum Gully Link Track --- 10. New Chum Ridge Track --- 11. Miners Track --- 12. Peters Way --- 13. Brackens Saddle Track --- 14. Tobins Track 15. Tobins Drop --- 16. Crown Peak Track	

Parts of the tracks are dual use for mountain bikers and walkers - bikers must show consideration and give way to walkers.

It is recommended that users of these tracks carry with them a copy of the topographical maps NZ Topo50 CB11 Arrowtown and CB12 Cardrona.

WARNING!
Macetown Road requires numerous river crossings. This track should be avoided when the Arrow River is high or there is a risk of flooding.