

# Mahu Whenua Covenant Tracks

## North to Advance Peak and Strohles Hut, and south to Arrowtown



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Track sections, estimated walking times (one-way) along marked routes and grade

Track Section	Time (Reverse Direction)	Grade	Uses
Andersons Battery to Advance Peak	3 hr 20 min (2 hr 20 min)	Advanced	
Advance Peak to Strohles Hut	2 hr 30 min (4 hr)	Advanced	
Andersons Battery to Macetown	10 min (10 min)	Easy	
United and All Nations Goldfields Batteries Walk	1 hr return	Intermediate	
Macetown to Arrowtown via Macetown Road	2 hr 50 min (2 hr 50 min)	Intermediate (river crossings)	
Macetown to Arrowtown via Big Hill Walkway	4 hr (3 hr 40 min)	Advanced	

For details on Motatapu Track, refer to Department of Conservation visitor information

**WARNING!** Advance Peak Track requires a high level of fitness and backcountry experience. Be prepared for changeable alpine conditions, with snow possible at any time of year. Parts of the route are exposed to an avalanche hazard in winter and spring months. Macetown Road requires numerous river crossings. This track should be avoided when the Arrow River is high or there is a risk of flooding.

Parts of the tracks are dual use for mountain bikers and walkers - bikers must show consideration and give way to walkers. Mountain bikers should note that Advance Peak Track is a Grade 4 trail and it is recommended that the route is commenced from the Macetown end.

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

### LEGEND

- Interpretation/information site
- Shelter
- Ski field
- Hut (Managed by Department of Conservation)
- QEII National Trust Open Space Covenant
- Public Conservation Areas
- Advance Peak Track
- United and All Nations Goldfields Batteries Walk
- Big Hill Walkway (Te Araroa Trail)
- Motatapu Track (Te Araroa Trail)
- Macetown Road (4WD track)
- other tracks / routes
- metalled road (selected routes only)
- sealed road (selected routes only)

TRACK GRADES (See Department of Conservation for full definitions of track grades)

### 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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