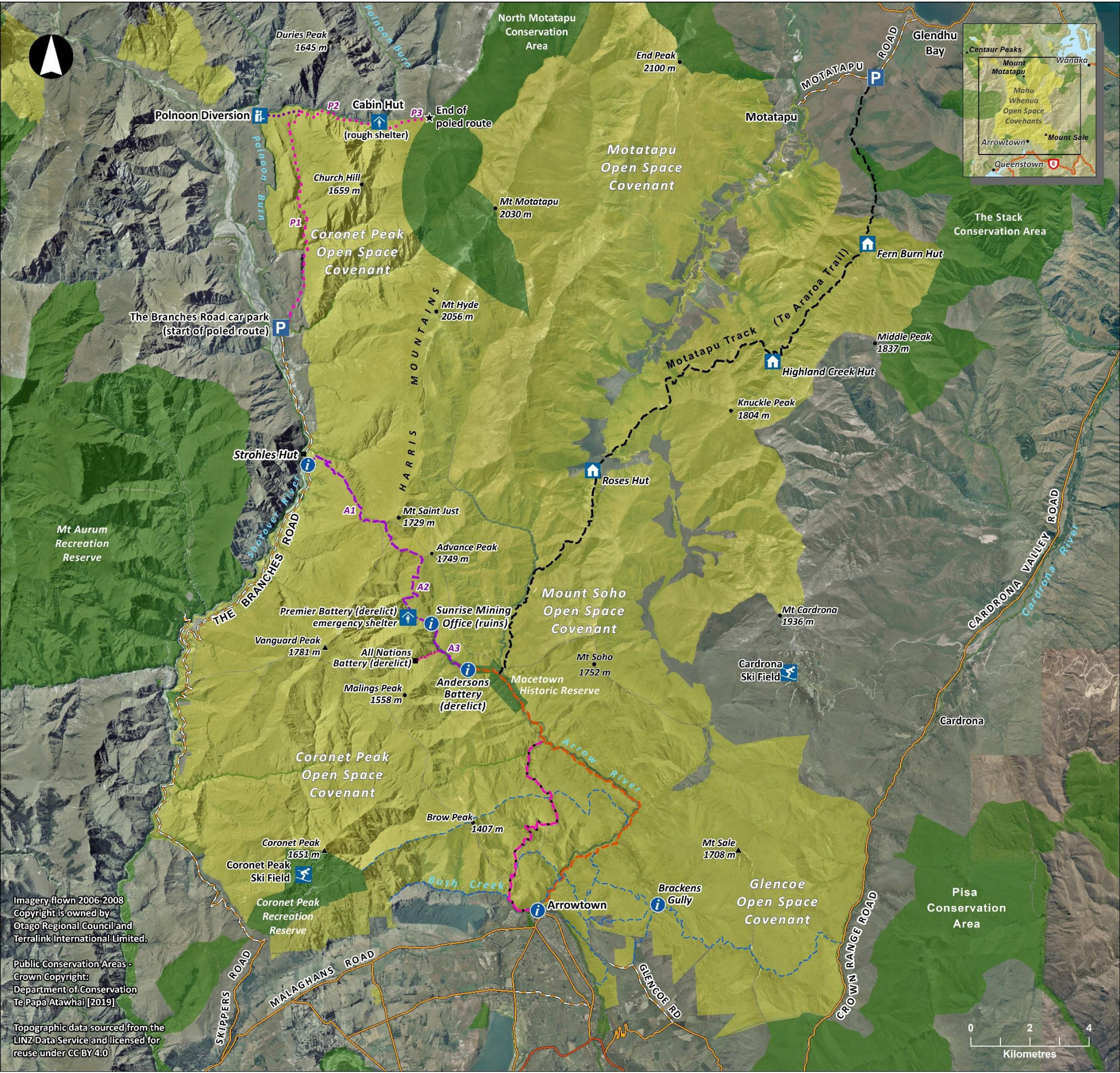


Mahu Whenua Covenant Tracks

The Polnoon Trail and Advance Peak Track to Macetown Historic Reserve and Arrowtown



Track sections, estimated walking times along marked routes and grade

Track Name	Track Section	Time (Reverse Direction)	Grade	Uses
Polnoon Trail	P1 - The Branches Road carpark to Polnoon Diversion junction	3 hr 30 min (3 hr)	Advanced	
	P2 - Polnoon Diversion junction to Cabin Hut	2 hr (2 hr)	Advanced	
	p3 - Cabin Hut to North Motatapu Conservation Area boundary (Upper Polnoon Valley)	2 hr (1 hr 15 min)	Advanced	
Polnoon Diversion	- Polnoon Trail junction to Polnoon Diversion lookout	30 min (30 min)	Advanced	
Advance Peak Track	A1 - Strohles Hut to Advance Peak	4 hr (2 hr 30 min)	Advanced	
	A2 - Advance Peak to Andersons Battery	2 hr 20 min (3 hr 20 min)	Advanced	
	A3 - Andersons Battery to Macetown	10 min (10 min)	Easy	
United and All Nations Goldfields Batteries Walk	- Advance Peak Track junction to All Nations Battery	1 hr return	Intermediate	
Macetown Road	- Macetown to Arrowtown via Macetown Road	2 hr 50 min (2 hr 50 min)	Intermediate (river crossings)	
Big Hill Walkway	- 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. It is recommended that users of the Mahu Whenua Covenant tracks carry with them a copy of the topographical maps NZ Topo50 CB11 Arrowtown and CB12 Cardrona.

WARNING! Polnoon Trail is a lightly marked route subject to harsh alpine weather. Back country skills, suitable clothing, a map and compass/GPS are required. There is no marked route into the North Motatapu Conservation Area which comprises alpine terrain subject to significant avalanche hazard from May to November and during un-seasonal snow events. 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 and should be avoided when the Arrow River is high or there is a risk of flooding.

LEGEND

- Interpretation/info. site
- Shelter
- Ski field
- Hut (Managed by the Department of Conservation)
- Parking

TRACKS / ROUTES

- Polnoon Trail
- Polnoon Diversion
- Advance Peak
- 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

ROADS (selected roads only)

- metalled
- sealed
- state highway
- QEII National Trust Open Space Covenant
- Public Conservation Areas

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 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.

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