

Introduction

The West Matukituki valley has several very enjoyable day walks, plus a choice of a number of more demanding tramping and climbing routes in Mount Aspiring National Park. The stunning mountain scenery is a feature of the region, as well as native forest, and crystal clear rivers and streams.

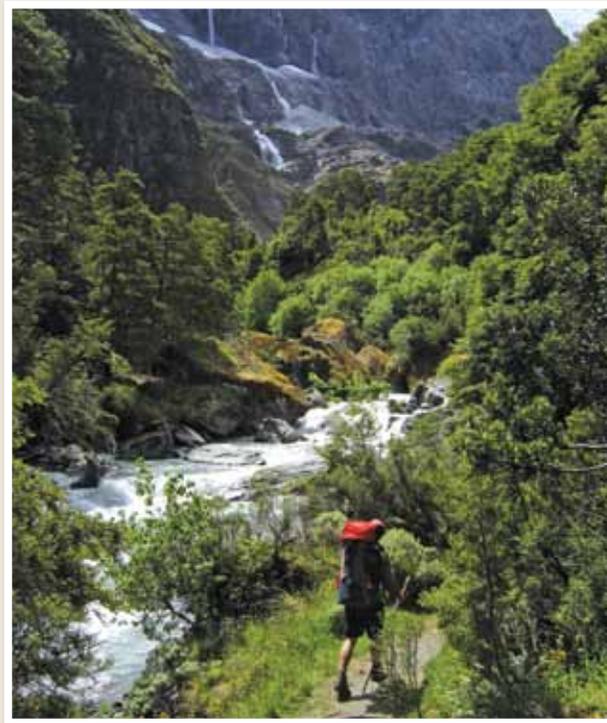
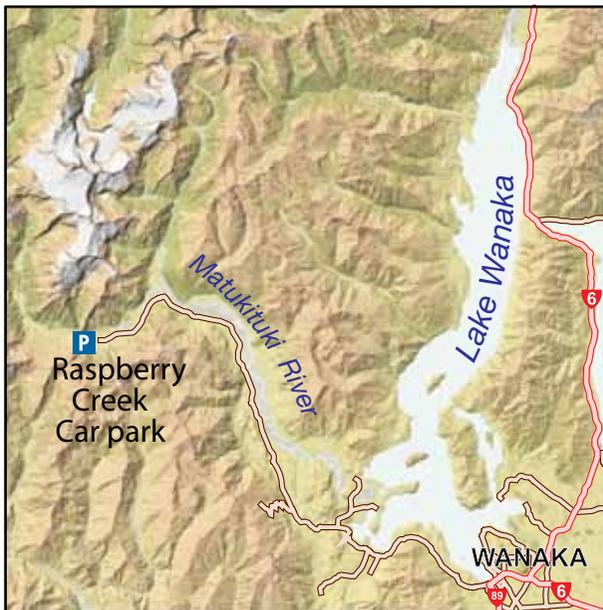
A highlight is the Rob Roy valley. The track into the valley offers an easy route into a dramatic alpine landscape that includes snowfields, glaciers, sheer rock cliffs and waterfalls.

Access

From Wanaka it is 54 km to the Raspberry Creek Car park in the West Matukituki valley—the last 30 km is unsealed. The last 10-km section to the car park is a fine weather road only and subject to washouts and flooded creeks which can make it impassable. Please check road conditions before commencing your drive.

The drive takes about an hour. Transport services from Wanaka to the car park are available.

Location map



Further information

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Above: Lower Rob Roy valley (C Squires)
Cover: Rob Roy Glacier (C Squires)

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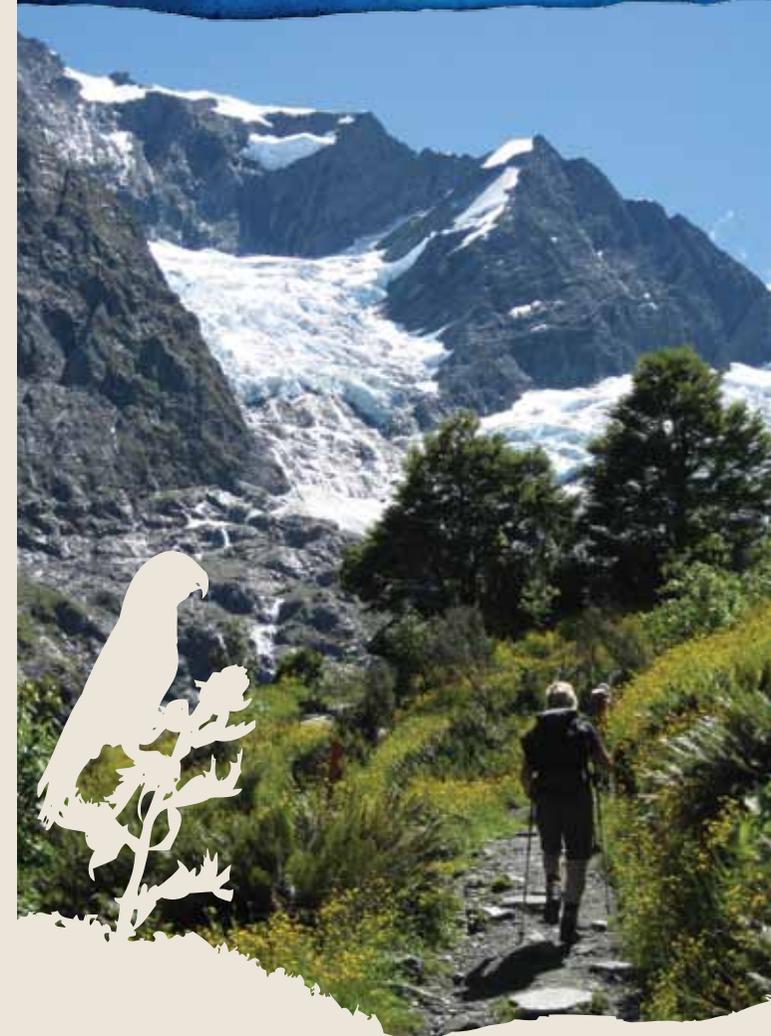
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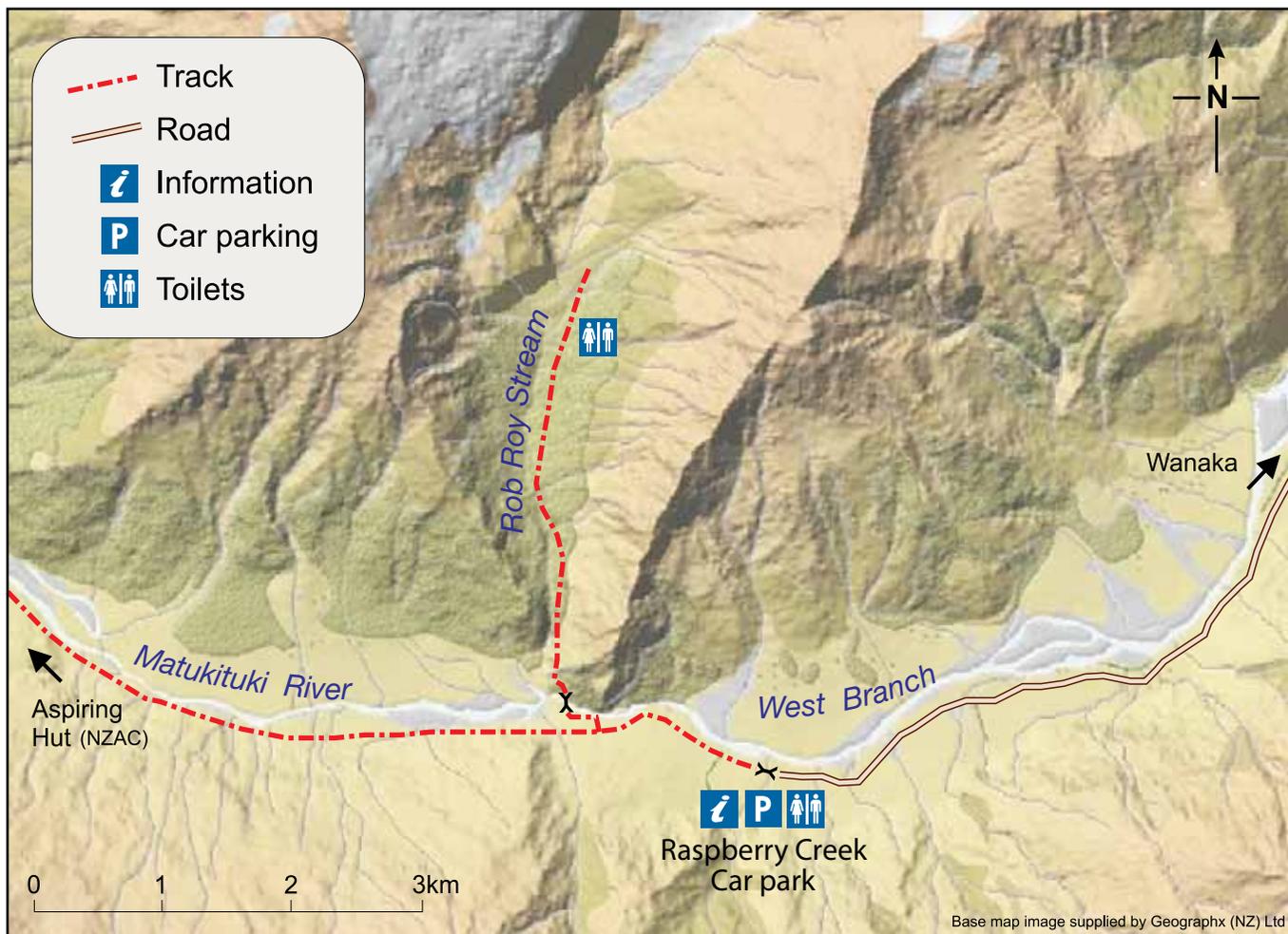


Rob Roy Valley Track

Day walk in West Matukituki
Mount Aspiring National Park



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Track description

On foot, about 15 minutes from the Raspberry Creek Car park, cross a swing bridge across the West Matukituki River, downstream from the junction with Rob Roy Stream. An unstable slip on the lower section of the track has a steep drop-off that requires care when crossing. The track climbs through a small gorge into beech forest, then into alpine vegetation at the head of the valley. From here, the Rob Roy Glacier can be seen.

The playful and inquisitive kea, with its harsh 'kee-a' call, is often seen and/or heard in the valley. Please *don't* feed the kea.

This track is one of many visitor opportunities provided in the Te Wāhipounamu—*South West New Zealand* World Heritage Area.

Track time and distance

Raspberry Creek Car park to Rob Roy Glacier lookout:

3–4 hours return, 10 km

Track classification



Walking track: well formed easy walks from a few minutes to a day.

Safety

The weather in this area can be unpredictable and alpine conditions can arrive at any time of year. Please take appropriate clothing, and check weather and road conditions with the Mount Aspiring National Park Visitor Centre prior to commencing your tramp. Avalanches are likely above bushline during winter and spring (June–November). Walkers are advised to check the backcountry avalanche danger advisory before starting their trip.

Maps and publications

The 1:50 000 topographical map covering the area is NZTopo50—Sheet CA11 Aspiring Flats.

The DOC track brochure *Matukituki Valley Tracks* describes the other tracks in the West and East Matukituki valleys.



Rob Roy Glacier

C Squires

**Te Wāhipounamu—
South West New Zealand
World Heritage Area**



South West New Zealand is one of the great wilderness areas of the Southern Hemisphere. Known to Māori as Te Wāhipounamu (the place of greenstone), the *South West New Zealand* World Heritage Area incorporates Aoraki/Mount Cook, Westland/Tai Poutini, Fiordland and Mount Aspiring National Parks, covering 2.6 million hectares.

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Some of the best examples of animals and plants once found on the ancient supercontinent Gondwana live in the World Heritage Area.