Weather
During the winter months Fiordland can be very wet and cold. Daylight is limited and the high mountains let little sunlight into the valleys. Alpine areas are usually covered in snow. Track conditions during this time can change daily, as can the weather. Check the latest weather forecast at weather.niwa.co.nz/parks before you depart.

Track information
Bridges between Lake Mackenzie and Harris Saddle may be removed over winter to avoid damage from avalanches, so you must be competent at crossing swift, icy side streams. Snow and ice conditions on the Hollyford face and at the Harris Saddle can be extremely dangerous. Lake Mackenzie is not safe to walk on when frozen.

For up-to-date track information, check the DOC Track Alert at www.doc.govt.nz/routeburntrack before you depart. The most current information is available from the DOC visitor centre nearest the area where you want to go.

Hut facilities
All huts have bunks, mattresses and a wood burner. During the winter season (May to October), the hut facilities are reduced.
- Gas is not provided – you will need to bring your own cooking stove.
- Flush toilets are replaced with pit toilets.
- Running water is turned off inside the huts. Water can be obtained from the outside water tank; if this is frozen, then from the nearest water course or by melting snow.
- There are no rangers based at the huts.

Contact
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Lakefront Drive, Te Anau 9600
Phone: 03 249 7924
Email: fiordlandvc@doc.govt.nz
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Whakatipu-wai-Māori / Queenstown Visitor Centre
50 Stanley Street, Queenstown 9300
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Topo maps
Topographical maps covering the Routeburn Track are strongly recommended for navigation. NZTopo50 map CB09 – Hollyford is available for purchase from the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre or the Queenstown Visitor Centre.
Hut tickets
Fees are charged per person per night and hut beds are on a first come, first served basis only. All huts require Backcountry Hut Tickets, which must be purchased in advance. Alternatively, a Backcountry Hut Pass (valid for 6 or 12 months) may be used.

Transport
All transport must be arranged before starting the track. During winter transport operators require minimum numbers and do not always operate a daily service. Transport arrangements can be affected by bad weather. You must discuss an alternative option with transport operators before you begin your walk.

What to take
You need to be totally self sufficient. Having the correct food, clothing and equipment is essential.

- Food – allow for at least two extra days
- Warm and waterproof clothing
- Warm sleeping bag
- Survival blanket
- Stove and gas for cooking
- Lighter or matches
- Ice axe
- Crampons
- Toilet paper
- Torch
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- First aid kit
- Personal locator beacon
- Mountain radio or satellite messenger (optional)
- Avalanche safety/rescue equipment: avalanche beacon, snow shovel and avalanche probe.