Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park is usually hot and dry in summer, with snowfalls common in winter. Be prepared for sudden weather changes in all seasons. Check the latest weather forecast before you leave, either through MetPhone (0800 999 03) or by calling the Arthur’s Pass Visitor Centre on (03) 318 9211.

- Tell someone of your intended route and expected time out. You can also leave an intentions card at the Arthur’s Pass Visitor Centre.
- Beware of avalanche hazards in winter. For the latest information refer to the website: www avalanche net nz
- There is an emergency phone at Castle Hill Village – approximately 12 km from Lake Lyndon car park on SH 73 towards Arthur’s Pass.
From the signpost on SH 73, climb the marked track amongst diverse shrublands, traversing open ridges to reach Trig M. About half way up, the track from Coach Stream joins this track.

**Trig M**

Trig M can be accessed by routes starting from Coach Stream or Starvation Gully, about 4.5 km apart on SH 73. From Trig M there are panoramic views over Lake Lyndon and the option to continue along an unmarked route to Rabbit Hill.

**Starvation Gully to Trig M**

1 hour 30 minutes one way, 3.2 km

From the signpost on SH 73, climb the marked track amongst diverse shrublands, traversing open ridges to reach trig point M. About half way up, the track from Coach Stream joins this track.

**Coach Stream to Trig M**

3 hours one way, 5.5 km

Note: Part of this route is an easement passing through Ben More Station and is closed for lambing from 1 October to 20 November each year.

There is a car park at the bottom of Porters Pass. From here the route heads up the valley and through a gate onto Ben More Station. Follow a farm track to another gate, which leads back onto public conservation land. The route climbs a ridge and sidles alongside beech forest to link with the track from Starvation Gully to Trig M.

**Unmarked routes**

These are unmarked routes—suitable for fit, experienced and well-equipped trampers. These unmarked routes are subject to low cloud and poor visibility. Topographic maps, route-finding and navigation skills are essential. When snow covers the ground, routes will be less obvious and there is also risk of avalanches.

**Trig M to Rabbit Hill**

Follow the ridgeline from Trig M to Rabbit Hill. This passes through a tussock basin just before the final ascent to the summit of Rabbit Hill. There are numerous springs in this area and it can be very wet underfoot. (3–4 hours one way)

**Mt Torlesse via Kowai River**

Access to the base of Mt Torlesse is across freehold and leasehold land and permission must be gained from Brooksdale Station. Please respect this is a working station; leave gates as you find them and note that dogs are not permitted on this easement. There is 4WD drive access to the bush edge, while 2WD access stops about 30 minutes walk short of the bush. From the 4WD car park a route is marked to Benmore Hut. You can climb the spur behind the hut through regenerating beech, to reach an easy tussock ridge that leads to the north east end of Big Ben Range.

**Rabbit Hill**

From Trig M there are views towards the Kowai Stream. The spur starts off with obstacles possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure at track’s outside edge. Please be considerate of other users on these tracks.

**Benmore Hut**


**Avoca Homestead (hut)**

The Avoca Homestead was built in 1906 and has recently undergone extensive restoration to preserve its heritage value. It features 6 bunks, 3 bedrooms, a lounge and kitchen. Category: standard (1 ticket). 4WD access is possible to Avoca Homestead, and 2 WD access to within a 30-minute walk. Access is via Craigieburn Road (turn of SH 73 near Cass). There are at least six railway crossings along the 25-km stretch with no warnings of oncoming trains. There are also numerous gates across the road. Leave all gates as you find them.

**Avoca Homestead**

A 4-bunk hut in fair condition. Category: basic (no charge). Access is via Broken River 1½–2 hours upstream from Avoca Homestead.

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**The Gap**

From Castle Hill Peak, experienced parties can traverse across to The Gap. Beyond peak 1941 a gate just off the north side of the ridge until you reach the bluffs above The Gap. From The Gap, a steep scree slope and rocky ridge provide a good route down to the Kowai Stream. Some rock scrambling is required.

**Note:** If planning to use this route, prior permission must be gained from Brooksdale Station.

**Hut information**

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