Listen out for the two chicks.

In late 2018, the takahē raised
Fulton Hogan, released 30 takahē in
in partnership with local iwi and

Keep an eye out for the
covered beech forest set in a limestone
'enchanted forest', moss-

giant northern rātā in the lowland forest,
See huge podocarps and
Fantastic flora!

K EPLER TR A C K
Milford Sound

Rakiura

TR A C K
Te Anau

M I L F O R D
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Powelliphanta
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Mataura

Balclutha

Franz Josef/Waiau

Westland Tai Poutini

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Kaikoura

The Heaphy Track will take 4–6 days

November. Bikes must give way to
hikers, horses and pack animals. 

Safety on the Heaphy Track

• Weather on the Heaphy Track
• Changes quickly and can change
• Know the weather forecast and keep it
• with you. Keep an eye out for
• strong winds,
• high rainfall,
• and when you'll be back. Ask them to
• Tell someone where you are going
• and when you'll be back. Ask them to
• Tell someone your plans.
• Take extra clothes.
• Take extra food.
• Take extra water.
• Take a personal locator beacon, as there is no

Information, and 'What to take'
on Great Walks website.

Great Walks season
Walking all year

Mountain biking: 2–3 days Distance: 76.4 km [one way]

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Walking 4–6 days Duration: 76.4 km [one way] Distance: 76.4 km [one way]
Elevation profile & track guide

Day 1: Brown Hut to Kōhaihai.
• Start your day walking through tussock clearings and Lewis Hut, where you’ll encounter sections of the coastal track between Heaphy Hut and Kōhaihai River mouth.
• On your final day, the track south to Kōhaihai follows the rugged coastline of the West Coast, and passes through an area of mossy beech forest covering limestone.

Day 2: Perry Saddle Hut to Aorere Shelter.
• The track follows the bank of the Kōhaihai River for 400 metres to Scotts Beach Campsite.
• Good spot to rest before climbing over Kōhaihai Bluff.
• The campsite offers views of the Tasman Sea and Heaphy River mouth.

Day 3: James Mackay Hut to Heaphy Hut.
• The track then takes you through a forest of kahikatea, rimu and rātā – be aware as you descend to the Heaphy River mouth may experience flooding when the river mouth can flood quickly.

Day 4: Heaphy Hut to Kōhaihai River mouth.
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Brown Hill

Camping

Aorere Shelter

Great Walks hut

Heaphy Bluff

Hilton Shelter

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Kōhaihai River Mouth

Lakes Beach

Scotts Beach Campsite

Scotts Beach

40 campers

870m Three Pointer

Gouland Downs

1000 m

250 m

750 m

0 m

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• 5 hours, 17km
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Day 2: Perry Saddle Hut to Aorere Shelter.
• 6 hours, 20.5 km
• Beach forest gives way to Nordic peaks as you descend the Heaphy River and Lewis Hut, where you’ll encounter sections of the coastal track between Heaphy Hut and Kōhaihai River mouth.

Day 3: James Mackay Hut to Heaphy Hut.
• 6 hours, 30 minutes, 24 km
• As you wind your way through bush to Aorere Shelter, which affords views of the Tasman Sea and Heaphy River mouth, offers views of the Tasman Sea and Heaphy River mouth.

Day 4: Heaphy Hut to Kōhaihai River mouth.
• 5 hours, 18.2 km
• On your final day, the track south to Kōhaihai follows the rugged coastline of the West Coast, and passes through an area of mossy beech forest covering limestone.

Places to stay
DSC. Great Walks campsites and campers along the Heaphy Track, which must be booked in advance all year round. Campers are not permitted to use hut facilities.

Waves and tides

DOC.govt.nz/heaphytides

DOC.govt.nz/whakapo

Marine Reserve

Great Walks campsites

Great Walks hut

Mountain biking:

1 May – 30 November

78.4 km (one way)

Distance:

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