

DOC visitor sites data

Year ended 29 February 2020



About the data

This document reflects trends in visitor activity (covering both domestic and international visitors) across a selection of popular public conservation sites before COVID-19 restrictions. This includes a period in which Chinese visitors were denied access into the country (from 3 February 2020). The data is for the year ended 29 February 2020 and compares this 2019/20 time period to 2016/17 (3 years ago) and 2018/19 (1 year ago). Visit estimates are based on activity data with assumptions made to estimate visits to that particular site. Visitor activity to specific sites can fluctuate depending on multiple factors including weather, access and track conditions which results in uncertainty in the visit estimate.

Selected popular sites Tāne Mahuta Walk (Waipoua Forest) Visit estimates over Degree of change since Year-on-year percentage Rangitoto Summit Track the last year (March 2019 2016/17 (YE February). change since 2018/19 to February 2020). (YE February). % change since % change since visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 18% 106,500+ 30% 32% 25,000+ Visits to Tāne Mahuta for the year ending Feb 2019 were higher than previous years, which could explain the decline in the year ending Feb 2020. Speculation that Kauri Dieback might impact Tāne Cathedral Cove Walk Te Henga Walkway % change since % change since % change since | % change since visit estimates visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 2016/17 2018/19 266,000+ n/a 5% 15% 17,000+ 52% The Timber Trail % change since % change since visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 n/a 17% 5,000+ Mangorei Track Trends in visitor activity from Feb 2019 to Jan 2020. At least 5,000 % change since - % change since Tongariro Alpine Crossing bicycles between Feb 2019 to Jan 2020 visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 % change since % change since visit estimates 24,000+ 152% 19% 2016/17 2018/19 131,500+ Te Waikoropupū Springs Walk % change since % change since visit estimates Lighthouse Walk (Castlepoint) 2016/17 2018/19 % change since % change since 94,500+ 5% visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 38,500+ 6% Franz Josef Glacier/ Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere Visit trends from Feb 2019 to Jan 2020 % change since | % change since Hokitika Gorge Walk visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 % change since % change since visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 n/a 24% 522,000+ 4% The access road was washed out between March to May 2019 71,500+ 93% Awaroa/Godley Head: Hooker Valley Track Pilgrims Way Coastal Track % change since | % change since visit estimates % change since | % change since 2016/17 2018/19 visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 16% 101,500+ 31% 29,000+ 2% 33% Blue Pools Track % change since | % change since Aoraki/Mt Cook Village (via road) visit estimates 2016/17 % change since % change since visit estimates 110,500+ 153% 10% 2016/17 1.08m+ 33% 4% Roys Peak Track % change since % change since visit estimates 2018/19 Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi (via cruise)¹ Tunnel Beach Track n/a 12% 86,000+ % change since % change since % change since | % change since visit estimates visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 2016/17 2018/19 676,000+ 0.3% 88,500+ 58% 1% The Southern flooding emergency in Feb 2020 contributed to the Otago Central Rail Trail Ulva Island / Te Wharawhara % change since | % change since visit estimates 2016/17 2018/19 (Post Office Walk) 3% 14,500+ 6% % change since | % change since 2018/19

79%

18,000+