

Mount Te Kinga Track – Ara O Te Kinga

3 hr, 5.4 km (return) to second lookout

8 hr, 12.4 km (return) to Mt Te Kinga –
take Topo50 map BU20



The track to the two lookouts climbs 300 m, so you need to be reasonably fit. The forest contains fine specimens of kahikatea, rimu and mataī, and a variety of native birds. It takes about an hour to reach the first lookout and another 10 min to the second. There are scenic views across the lake. After the lookouts there is a steeper marked route (for fit and experienced trampers only) leading to the tops.

Access: At the end of Cashmere Bay Road, signposted from Lake Brunner Road, 5 km south east of Moana.

Jacks Mill School



Visit this quirky site to see a miniature bungalow designed, built and furnished entirely by schoolchildren in the 1940s. The school site is managed by Kotuku Heritage Society. Arrange a tour with the society on kotukuheritage@gmail.com

Access: Follow SH7 from Greymouth to Stillwater. Turn right onto Arnold Valley Road and continue for 17 km, then turn left onto Blair Road and continue for 12 km to Kotuku.

Your safety is your responsibility

These walks are recommended for day visitors. Weather and track conditions can change rapidly on the West Coast – for track conditions, check the DOC website, or the Greymouth DOC Office or i-SITE. Be prepared for rain at any time of the year.

Wear strong shoes or boots if you plan a walk longer than a few minutes. For longer walks, pack a small first aid kit and take some food and drink. Take insect repellent to ward off sandflies.

Follow the Outdoor Safety Code

- Plan your trip
- Tell someone your plans
- Be aware of the weather
- Know your limits
- Take sufficient supplies

Visit www.mountainsafety.org.nz for more information.

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable ground
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimise the effects of fire
Check before you light a fire – a ban may be in place
- Respect wildlife and farm animals
- Be considerate of others



Check, Clean, Dry
Stop the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests. Remember to Check, Clean, Dry all items before entering, and when moving between, waterways.

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Greymouth tracks

Walking and tramping in
the Greymouth area



 Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Nau mai, haere mai

Welcome to Greymouth

This brochure describes walks and places to visit managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC) in the Greymouth district, including in the popular Lake Brunner (Kotuku Whakaoho) area. It also lists walks managed by the Grey District Council and the West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust.

The central West Coast has a long history of settlement, development, farming and extractive industries. Coal and gold mining are still active industries, as are forestry and tourism. The remaining natural ecosystems are confined to a few lowland reserves and larger high-country areas.

The areas covered in this brochure offer many recreational opportunities: camping, swimming, boating, bird watching, gold panning, picnicking, historic interest areas and short walks.

You will probably come across native birds such as the pīwakawaka/fantail, tūi, korimako/bellbird and kereru/New Zealand pigeon, and possibly the rarer weka, mātātā/fernbird and kākā.

Areas such as the Croesus Track, Nelson Creek, and Brunner Mine site are rich in historic remnants and offer glimpses of our mining history.

Walk times are average times and do not include resting or viewing stops.

Look after the environment

All native plants, wildlife, natural features and historic sites are strictly protected. Take your rubbish away and do **not light any fires**, except where facilities are provided at designated campsites. See the **Leave No Trace** code below.



Dogs and other domestic animals are **not permitted** in National Parks, reserves or on DOC-managed tracks in this brochure.

Coal Creek Falls. Photo: Trevor Johnston



Things to see and do

There are many great backcountry huts and tracks for more experienced trampers and hunters. Check the DOC website for more information.

Arnold River bridge at Lake Brunner. Photo: Lauren Kelley



Cobden Aromahana Lagoon Track

20 min (loop)

Managed by the Grey District Council



This short walk around the lagoon is popular with families and birdwatchers. Nearby Cobden Island offers an alternative walk through a restored whitebait-spawning area.

Download the child-friendly Toyota Kiwi Guardians adventure map from doc.govt.nz/kiwiguardians before you go.

Access: At the end of Nelson Quay in Cobden.

West Coast Wilderness Trail

From 20 min (walk) to 3–4 days (cycle whole trail)

Managed by the West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust



This cycling and walking trail starts in Greymouth near the railway station. It meanders down the coast to the Taramakau River with many access points on the way. It then loops inland via Kumara and the Kawhaka valley before heading back to Hokitika via Lake Kaniere. The final leg takes you to Ross.

For more information check www.westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz or contact the Greymouth i-SITE.

Greymouth town walks

There are a number of other short walks in Greymouth maintained by the Grey District Council. For more information, visit greydc.govt.nz, or contact them on 03 769 8600 or info@greydc.govt.nz

Greymouth tracks

Coal Creek Walking Track

1 hr, 3.6 km (return)



Taking you into the Coal Creek valley, the track wanders through a mixed beech-podocarp forest ending at Coal Creek Falls.

Access: Follow SH6 to Runanga. Follow the yellow AA signs from the highway to the car park at the end of Ballance Street.

Aorangi Nature Walk

5 min, 200 m (loop)



A short loop-walk through mixed podocarp forest.

Access: Off Marsden Road, about 2 km south of central Greymouth in Arorangi Scenic Reserve.

Greymouth tracks

Woods Creek Track

45 min, 1.1 km (return)

Tunnels dug by 19th century gold miners lend mystery to this walk through native bush. The walk is suitable for people with moderate fitness.

Access: Follow SH6 to Paroa and take Rutherglen road towards Shantytown. Continue for 22 km past Marsden and Dunganville. The final 10 km is gravel Road (not recommended for campervans).

Point Elizabeth Walkway

1 hr 45 min, 5.5 km (one way)

Cobden to lookout: 45 min; lookout to Rapahoe: 1 hr

A coastal/bush walk with great views that follows the historic gold-mining trail between Cobden and Rapahoe, with an old water race alongside parts of the track. Return the way you came or arrange transport back to your vehicle.

Mountain biking on the track is only permitted during the hours of darkness, and only between 1 April and 30 September. No mountain biking is allowed in daylight hours (1 hr before sunrise to 1 hr after sunset). Bikers must use adequate night lights.

Access: via Cobden on Bright Street, Domett Esplanade and North Beach Road (about 6 km), or via SH6 to the car park at the mouth of Seven Mile Creek/Waimatuku at Rapahoe.

Toyota Kiwi Guardians

Get kids involved in conservation with Toyota Kiwi Guardians. Discover awesome family adventures in the region and earn cool rewards! Download the child-friendly Toyota Kiwi Guardians adventure map from www.doc.govt.nz/kiwiguardians before you go.



Brunner Mine site

Allow at least 1 hr to explore this historic site.

One of New Zealand's earliest industrial sites. Coal was mined here and coke, firebricks and other products were made from the 1860s until the 1940s. Interactive displays around the historic coke ovens, brick factory and remains of tunnel entrances bring the site's story to life.

Access: The site is 11 km east of Greymouth and can be accessed from either SH7 just east of Dobson by the old Tyneside Chimney, or across the river on Taylorville Road by the Brunner commemorations statue. The Brunner suspension footbridge spans the Grey River/Māwheranui, linking both sides of the site.

Davidson Locomotive

A nice picnic spot. Learn about the last remaining Davidson steam locomotive, used in the native logging industry from 1920 to 1942. It has been restored and is displayed here, its last working location.

Access: Next to SH7, 7 km from Stillwater or 3 km from Ngahere.

Southern Paparoa Range

Croesus Track

9–11 hr, 22.1 km (one way)

Take Topo50 maps BT19 and BT20

Choose from short walks to a full-day tramp over the range from Blackball to Barrytown. Ces Clark Hut is a 16-bunk Great Walk category hut, with mattresses, gas cooktops, water supply and heating – book in advance at www.doc.govt.nz. The hut is 4–5 hr from the Blackball end of the Croesus Track, so you can split the walk over 2 days. You may hear the endangered roeroa/great spotted kiwi calling at night.

Access: The Croesus Track is part of the Paparoa Great Walk. From Blackball, continue for about 1 km toward Roa to the turnoff to the Croesus Track and the Paparoa Great Walk (signposted to the right). The narrow gravel road winds through forest for 5 km to Smoke Ho car park, where the track begins. The road is not recommended for campervans.

Garden Gully Track

30 min, 1.1 km (one way) from Croesus

Track junction; 6 hr, 8.2 km (one way) from Smoke Ho car park

This track leaves the main Croesus Track 2 hr from Smoke Ho car park. It takes you through an area of 1930s miners camps to Garden Gully Battery and an old mine site (the track to the mine site is not maintained). Garden Gully Hut has been restored to historic specifications. You cannot stay in the hut but you can camp on the grassy flats next to it.

Moonlight Track

2 hr 30 min, 6.5 km (one way) from Andersons Flat

car park to Meikles Hut

1 hr, 2 km (one way) from Meikles Hut to

Paparoa Track Junction

A historic mining track passing through large tailing stacks in the upper Moonlight valley. The track begins at Andersons Flat at the end of Moonlight Road. You can reach the Moonlight tops in 3–4 hr, where the Moonlight Track joins the Paparoa Track. Travel the Paparoa Track south to Moonlight Tops Hut and Ces Clark Hut, or north to Pororari Hut (not shown). These huts are all Great Walk-category accommodation, with mattresses, gas cooktops, a water supply and heating. Book these huts in advance.

Note: Meikles Hut is derelict and is not suitable accommodation.

Gold fossicking

You can pan for gold in the gold fossicking area. Check signs for the boundary and rules of this area.

Access: 9 km north of the Blackball turn-off, turn from Atarau Road onto Moonlight Road (a narrow gravel road).

Paparoa Track and Pike29 Memorial Track

2–3 days walking, 1–2 days mountain biking, 55 km (one way)

Experience our new Great Walk – a purpose-built, shared-use hiking and mountain biking track. It crosses the Paparoa Range, taking you through alpine tops, limestone karst landscapes and thriving rainforests.

The Pike29 Memorial Track (under construction) will lead from the Paparoa Track to the former Pike River Mine.

For more information and to book huts

Visit www.doc.govt.nz/paparoatrack or the Visitor Centre.

Nelson Creek area

Access: From Greymouth, follow SH7 for 25 km. Turn right just after Ngahere onto Nelson Creek Road, then continue for 7 km to the Nelson Creek settlement. Turn left opposite the Nelson Creek Hotel to the Nelson Creek Recreation Area. All tracks start here, through an old hand-picked tunnel and across a suspension bridge. You can also reach the tracks via the Gows Creek road bridge car park.

Keep small children under close supervision as there are deep tailraces crossing this historic area. The local community manages the recreation area, which includes a playground and camping area.

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Callaghans Track

30–45 min; 1.3 km to lookout point; 2 km to Prices Creek Road (one way)

This track climbs steadily to a mossy knoll lookout point that gives views into the valleys on either side of the ridge. The track then levels out and eventually links with Prices Creek Road.

Colls Dam Walk

40 min, 1.1 km (loop)

This walk presents good examples of tailraces and tailings, and provides a pleasant lookout point and picnic area above Colls Dam. Wheelchair access is via Gows Creek car park.

Tailrace Walk

20 min, 900 m (loop)

This easy track crosses four impressive tailraces and passes many piles of tailings.

Lake Brunner (Kotuku Whakaoho) area

Arnold River Dam Walk

1 hr, 1.7 km (loop)

This forest walk passes through a stand of grand kahikatea-miro-rimu forest in the Arnold River Scenic Reserve, and offers views of the Arnold River Power Station.

Access: Follow SH7 from Greymouth to Stillwater. Turn right onto Arnold Valley Road and continue for 10 km to a signposted turnoff on the left leading to the Arnold River Power Station. The track starts just to the right over the pipeline bridge.

Rakaitane Walk

30 min, 1.2 km (return)

This partial loop walk meanders through magnificent podocarp forest to a viewing point. It then follows the river upstream, passing through large tree ferns to rejoin the original track.

Access: From Moana car park, turn right after crossing the suspension bridge.

Bain Bay Track

2 hr 30 min, 7.2 km (return)

This track follows a boardwalk through wetlands and podocarp forest around the lake shore to a secluded camping/picnic area at Bain Bay. Parts of the track are impassable when the lake level is high.

Access: From Kumara Junction, head towards Kumara and turn left. Follow the road to Mitchells (25 km from Kumara Junction). At Lake Brunner Lodge, turn down a short road leading to the lake.

Carew Falls Track

1 hr, 2 km (return)

Climbing gently on a well-formed track you travel through mixed podocarp forest. The track climbs more steeply as it leads you onto the rocks below the impressive Carew Falls.

Access: From Mitchells, drive past the lodge across the bridge towards Inchbonnie. The track starts 50 m past the bridge.

Velenski Walk

20 min, 600 m (one way)

Passing through a scenic reserve of mixed podocarp forest, this track offers lovely views over Lake Brunner. Either return the way you came or walk back via the road (10–15 min).

Access: Behind Moana township. There are two entrances: Taku Street in Moana, and 200 m west of Lake Brunner Motor Camp on Ahau Street.



Track grades

- Easy access short walk** – wheelchair accessible.
- Short walk** – easy walking for up to an hour.
- Walking track** – gentle walking from a few minutes to a day.
- Easy tramping track** – well-formed track for comfortable overnight tramping/hiking.
- Tramping track** – mostly unformed but with track directional markers, poles or cairns. Backcountry skills and experience needed.
- Route** – navigation and high-level backcountry skills and experience needed.
- Mountain biking Grade 2 (easy)** – mostly flat with some gentle climbs on smooth track, with easily avoidable obstacles such as rocks and potholes.
- Mountain biking Grade 4 (advanced)** – long, steep climbs, narrow track, poor traction and difficult obstacles. Generally exposed at the track outside edge. Some sections easier to walk.
- Mountain biking Grade 5 (expert)** – technically challenging. Giant climbs, narrow track and numerous hazards, including dangerous drop-offs, sharp corners and difficult obstacles. Expect to walk and possibly to carry your bike in places.