

FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND  
**the best day-walks in OUTSTANDING OTAGO**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The special character of New Zealand’s “Edinburgh of the South” (Dunedin)
- The amazing seascapes of the Otago Peninsula
- The unique tussock and tors landscape of central Otago
- The geological wonders of the Old Man/Rock and Pillar Ranges
- The most spectacular sections of the Otago Rail Trail
- Ice-skating rinks and curling ponds in a pristine landscape
- A stunning lake created from a goldmine, alongside a “haunted” hotel (St. Bathans)
- One of the longest water races in the country (Ida)
- New Zealand’s hottest and coldest town (Alexandra)
- The site of NZ’s first gold strike and ensuing gold rush (Lawrence)
- Awesome autumn colours throughout the entire region

DATES		13-19 April 2025 / April 2029	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		13 February 2025 / February 2029	
STARTING POINT		Dunedin	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Dunedin	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1500pp, 5pax\$1600pp, 4pax\$1700pp	
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS	OVERNIGHT	
<p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in <b>red</b>.                      All times given are for a return (out and back) walk, a loop walk, or a linear walk with transport to/from each end.</p>			
<b>Day 1</b>	<p><b>Meet and greet. Initial briefing.</b>  <b>North of Dunedin</b>  <i>Walks selected from:</i>                      Mount Cargill and the Organ Pipes (2-3h), Waikouaiti Beach and Hawkebury Reserve Lagoon Walk (1h), Heywood Point (2h), Karitane-Huiawa Pa (1h), <b>Mapoutahi Pa and Doctor’s Point (1h15m)</b>, Purakaunui Inlet (1h30m), Matanaka (30m), Long Beach (1h30m), <b>Puketapu Summit (1h)</b>, Trotter’s Gorge (1h).</p>	Dunedin	
<b>Day 2</b>	<p><b>Otago Peninsula</b>  <b>Sandyfont Rd to Sandyfont via The Chasm &amp; Lovers Leap-Sandfly Bay-Seal Point Rd (3h)</b>, Sandfly Bay (1h), Highcliff (30m), Portobello Peninsula (1h), Paradise-Buskin Loop (1h30m), Boulder Beach (1h), Harbour Cone (1-2h), Mt. Charles (2h30m), <b>Taiaroa Head short walks (30m)</b>.</p>	Dunedin	
<b>Day 3</b>	<p><b>Dunedin Delights (a.m.)</b>  <i>Walks selected from:</i>                      City Heritage Buildings (2h), Historic Dunedin (1h), Harbour Basin (2h30m), <b>Tunnel Beach (1h)</b>, Tomahawk Track/41 Peg (2h), Tomahawk/Smaills Bch (2h), Flagstaff Hill (1h), Tomakawk Lagoon-Karetai Road (3-4h), Karetai Rd-Boulder Beach-Paradise Track (2-3h).  <b>South of Dunedin: Taieri Mouth and Waihola (p.m.)</b>                      Taieri Millennium Track (2-3h), Waipori Falls (20m).</p>	Dunedin	

<p><b>Day 4</b></p>	<p><b>Rock and Pillar Range / Oteake Conservation Park</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>          Glencreag Track to Big Hut (4-6h)  <b>Kinvara Road-Leaning Lodge (4-5h)</b>  <i>Shorter Options:</i>          Rocklands Gorge (1h), <b>Sutton Salt Lake (1-2h)</b>, Last Creek Track (2-3h), March Creek Track (3h), Brookdale Track (3h), Dansey's Pass.  <b>Little Kyeburn Track to Buster Hut and Diggings (10km,3h).</b>  <i>Otago Rail Trail:</i> Kokonga to Tiroiti (8km – Taieri Gorge), Tiroiti to Hyde (6.5km – Cap Burn Bridge, Prices Viaduct).</p>	<p>Naseby or Ranfurly</p>
<p><b>Day 5</b></p>	<p><b>Oteake Conservation Park / Hawkdun and St Bathans Ranges / Naseby Forest</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>          Danseys Pass: Mt. Alexander (4-5h), Mt. Buster Diggings (4-5h), Mt. Kyeburn (5-6h), Boundary Ck Hut Loop (5-6h), Mt. Ida Water Race: Shepherd's Ck-Pierces Gorge (4-5h).  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  <b>Naseby Forest:</b> Swimming Dam to Hoffmans Dam (1h30m), Hoffmans Dam to Coalpit Dam (1h).  <b>Around Blue Lake Track at St. Bathans (1h30m).</b>  <i>Otago Rail Trail:</i> Oturehua to Wedderburn (12km), <b>Lauder to Auripo</b> (10.5 - features the Poolburn Tunnels/Viaduct).</p>	<p>Naseby or Ranfurly</p>
<p><b>Day 6</b></p>	<p><b>Around and About Alexandra</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>          Old Man Range/Fraser Basin (3-5h).  <i>Otago Rail Trail:</i> Alexandra to Chatto Creek (4-5h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  <b>Golden Progress Mine (45m), Historic Ophir (1h), 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk Clyde to Alexandra (3-4h)</b>          Lake Roxburgh Walkway to Butcher's Point (2-3h), Earncleugh Tailings Historic Reserve (2-3h), <b>Conroys Gully (2h)</b>, Shek Harn-Fraser Dam (1-2h), Tucker Hill-Alexandra Clock(1-2h).  <i>Otago Rail Trail:</i> Alexandra to Galloway (7km), Galloway to Chatto Creek (10km), Chatto Creek to Omakau (12km), Omakau to Lauder (7km).</p>	<p>Alexandra</p>
<p><b>Day 7</b></p>	<p>Further walks near Alexandra: <b>Flat Top Hill/Butcher's Dam (1-2h), Mitchells Cottage (15m).</b>  <b>Towards Dunedin</b>  <b>Gabriel's Gully (1h)</b>, Lonely Graves (5m), Horseshoe Bend (20m)  <b>Travel to Dunedin. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.</b></p>	

***Footsteps Walking and Travel Club of Aotearoa/New Zealand***  
***Booking Conditions for excursions within New Zealand***

1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. Phillip Donnell and *Footsteps Walking and Travel Club* are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip. Everyone participates entirely at their own risk. The separate waiver form must be completed.
3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be refunded. The minimum number for any given trip is four participants.
4. *Footsteps* reserves the right to make any modifications to the trip that may be necessary. The walks undertaken each day are determined by group consensus, but as far as possible we endeavour to meet your personal preferences.
5. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration Form. A deposit of \$250 per person is paid at the time of registration. The balance is paid *one month* prior to the trip's commencement date.
6. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Footsteps, Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03. Please write your surname and the name of the trip (=geographical area) in the reference box.
7. The final decision on whether a trip will proceed is made *two months* prior to its projected commencement date, or *earlier if the minimum number is met*. If booking transport/flights to and from the trip, it is recommended that you wait until after the trip is confirmed to proceed, or have travel insurance cover, or are able to change flight bookings to another timeframe. All participants will be informed *immediately* if a trip becomes viable *ahead of time*.
8. Cancellations. If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise *Footsteps* in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. It will be appreciated that any trip requires bookings to be made on behalf of each participant, and the closer we get to a trip's commencement, the more difficult it becomes to alter these and thereby recover costs, usually because the availability of alternatives shrinks, or because of the policies imposed by our suppliers. That is why we need a buffer, but we endeavour to keep cancellation fees to a bare minimum. Under "normal" conditions, cancellations up to 60 days prior incur a \$50 cancellation fee. For 59-30 days prior, \$100 is deducted. For 29-15 days prior, \$150 is deducted. After 14 days prior, you lose your deposit of \$250. However, every case is determined on its merits and these fees may be modified or waived. If you find a suitable replacement person, the cancellation fees will be waived.
9. Personal travel insurance is recommended, including Covid cover.
10. If you contract Covid, you will immediately let the group leader know in order to discuss options. If you are very sick you may need to withdraw from the tour. If you have mild symptoms, the entire group will be consulted as to what should happen. Normally you would continue but everyone would wear masks.

***Registration and waiver forms are below...***

***Footsteps Walking and Travel Club of Aotearoa/New Zealand***  
***Trip Registration Form (for excursions within New Zealand)***

Complete and send this (and the Waiver form) to our postal address (see base of page) or scan and email. The deposit required is \$250 per person. Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (with covering email please, or your surname/name of trip in reference column).

Trip(s) for which you are registering:

Trip Dates:

Your full name(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s)

Postal address

Day phone

Night phone

Mobile

Email

Date(s) of birth

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the trip information and booking conditions. I / We enclose the deposit of \$250pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due date (one month before the trip commences).

Signed and dated by each person registering:

Send to : Footsteps Walking and Travel Club, 3/B Te Arawa Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga 3112.  
Email: [footstepsanz@gmail.com](mailto:footstepsanz@gmail.com)

**FOOTSTEPS WALKING and TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM**

**PROVIDER:** Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)(“Footsteps”)

**PARTICIPANT:**

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(“the Participant”)

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant:

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Date:

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