

Kiwi Wilderness Walks

Waitutu Track Fiordland National Park

Dr David Bellamy described the Waitutu Forest as "probably the most important forest in the world". This ancient terraced forest rises out of the sea with each level 100,000 years older than the last.

Coastal tracks provided access for early Maori on their way to find pounamo (greenstone) and the track today follows a similar path.

The Waitutu Track is a four day all inclusive guided walk starting in Tuatapere.

The Wairaurahiri River winds its way down from Lake Hauroko, where the remains of a Maori princess are said to rest in the clefts of a rock, to the South Coast.

Here you explore the stunning Waitutu Forest, the largest piece of untouched native bush in New Zealand, from the comfort of the Waitutu Bush Lodge.

Walking along the old forest tramline connected by a spectacular array of wooden viaducts, the next day takes us to Port Craig Village, once the site of New Zealand's most modern sawmill.

The final leg of the itinerary takes us around Te Waewaea Bay on the south coast track. Through bush and a long beach we reach the end of the road and a shuttle back to Tuatapere and civilisation.

After a good days walking recharge your batteries in our premium rooms at Port Craig and Waitutu Lodge, hot showers, clean sheets and sumptuous meals.... those creature comforts you needn't miss.



Itinerary

The Waitutu Track takes you from Lake Hauroko down the Wairaurahiri River by jetboat to the southern ocean. Then following the South Coast track across mighty viaducts, bush and beach tracks returning to Tuatapere. This is an all-inclusive 4 days / 3 nights guided walk.



Day 1: Tuatapere

Meet at the Waiau Hotel in Tuatapere. Enjoy dinner with the guide and discuss the trip ahead.

Day 2: Lake Hauroko, Waitutu Lodge

Drive 1 hour

Jet boating time: 1 1/2 hours

Drive from Tuatapere to Lake Hauroko then jetboat down the Wairaurahiri River, said to be New Zealand's steepest river with rock strewn rapids leading from Lake Hauroko to the southern ocean.

Stay at the Waitutu Bush Lodge set on the Wild side of the Wairaurahiri River in the Waitutu Forest.

Take a short walk in the Waitutu Forest with giant rimu and totara trees hundreds of years old.

Day 3: Viaducts, Port Craig Village

Walk 6 to 8 hours / 16km

Heading east along the South Coast track we cross the spectacular Percy Burn viaduct, the highest remaining wooden viaduct in the world on our way to Port Craig Village. Explore the remains of this once bustling milling town.



Day 4: Rarakau Carpark, Tuatapere

Walk 6 to 8 hours / 17 km

Drive 45 minutes

A chance to see Hector's dolphins and penguins as we follow bush and beach trails around the sweeping Te Waewae Bay to the Rarakau Carpark.

Shuttle to Tuatapere.

Fitness Level

A medium level of fitness is required for the Waitutu Track. The walking is generally flat. The tracks can be muddy and wet at times.

the most important forest in the world

Tuatapere

Tuatapere is 86km from Invercargill, 100km from Te Anau and 195 km from Queenstown on the Southern Scenic Route. Connections are available from Invercargill, Te Anau and Queenstown which are not included in the package. Feel free to contact us to help arrange transfers for you.

Accommodation

In Tuatapere we stay at the Waiiau Hotel, voted one of New Zealand's top country hotel. On the trail we stay in new back country huts with showers, flush toilets and heating. Accommodation is based on double or share twin. Linen is provided. Carry only your own personal items.

Weather

Is unpredictable. Extreme conditions can develop at any time. Be prepared for cold and wet weather and have warm waterproof equipment. It makes it even nicer when it is warm and sunny ☺

Equipment

We will provide all cooking equipment and eating utensils, sleeping bags and maps. You provide and carry a small pack, personal and hiking equipment. We have packs and wet weather gear available if required but please advise in advance. A suggested list of things to bring follows.

What to Bring

A good pair of comfortable walking boots is essential. Some people find gaiters and walks sticks helpful. The following list provides a guide for your packing.

Pair of shorts, trousers	Favourite boots or walking shoes
Thick woollen or fleece top	Pair of light shoes or sandals
Thermal long johns and shirt	Pack with waterproof liner
Socks, underwear and handkerchief	Torch or headlamp, water bottle
Small towel or flannel	Personal medicine, toilet bag
Warm hat and light gloves	Insect repellent, sunblock
Waterproof coat with hood	Camera and spare batteries

Prices

The package includes 3 nights accommodation, all meals, transport, jet boat, hut and guiding fees, all equipment and maps. The trips are usually 4 – 6 people with a maximum of six.

The cost per person is NZ\$1 995

Children 10 - 14 subtract NZ\$150. Single supplement NZ\$125.

Prices are per person, include GST and valid to 1 November 2018. Minimum of 2 people with a \$995 surcharge to operate for 1 person.

For bookings and information;
Kiwi Wilderness Walks
Box 2125
Wakatipu 9349
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Phone: +64 21 359 592
Email: kiwi@nzwalk.com
Web: nzwalk.com

Departure dates – Day 1

2016/2017	
Nov 2016	25
Dec 2016	9
Jan 2017	14
Feb 2017	17
Mar 2017	3, 17
Apr 2017	7

2017/2018	
Nov 2017	24
Dec 2017	15
Jan 2018	12
Feb 2018	23
Mar 2018	9
Apr 2018	13