

the best day-walks in the **AMAZING ALPS TO OCEAN** CENTRAL AND SOUTH CANTERBURY

HIGHLIGHTS

- NZ's largest Dark Sky Reserve and the only one in the southern hemisphere (Tekapo)
- The best of the central south tussock-lands and alpine lakes (MacKenzie Country)
- NZ's longest and largest glacier, calving into its terminus lake (Tasman)
- The unrivalled scenery around NZ's highest mountain (Mount Cook National Park)
- The power of the mighty Clutha River, harnessed at NZ's largest earth dam (Benmore)
- Film locations for *Lord of the Rings*, and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
- The unique braided rivers flowing across the patchwork plains

DATES		4-10 February 2024	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		4 December 2024	
STARTING POINT		Christchurch	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Christchurch	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1100,5pax\$1200,4pax\$1300,3pax\$1400	
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS	OVERNIGHT	
<p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in red.</p> <p>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>			
Day 1	<p>Meet and greet. Initial briefing. Travel south to Tekapo via Geraldine and Fairlie.</p> <p>Around Tekapo <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mt John Summit direct (2h) or lakeside circuit (3-4h) Peninsula Walkway (1h30m), Cowans Hill Walk (1h30m) Tasman River Track (3h), Jollie Hut (2h), Richmond Track (3-4h)</p>	Tekapo	
Days 2 and 3	<p>Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Mueller Hut (6-8h) Red Tarns and Mount Sebastopol (5h) Ball Hut Route in Tasman Valley (4-6h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Governor's Bush (50m), Hooker Valley and Lake (3-4h), Red Tarns (2h), Kea Point Lookout (1h), Sealy Tarns (2-3h) Blue Lakes & Tasman Glacier View (1h, (add 30m for Tasman Lake)), Governor's Bush (1h), Glencoe Walk (30m).</p>	Glentanner or Pukaki	
Day 4	<p>Ruataniwha and Lake Ohau <i>Longer Options:</i> Ben Ohau Summit (Greta Track) (4-7h) Ram Hill Carpark to Monument Hut (4-6h) Lake Ohau Lodge to Qualiburn (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Parsons Creek to Freehold Creek Bushline (2-3h), Glen Mary Huts to Freehold Creek Bushline (45m), Freehold</p>	Twizel	

	Creek Bushline to Dumb-bell lake (4h), Lake Ohau Track: Ohau Weir to Lake Ohau Road (3h), Dorcy Stream to Flanagan Pass (4h) , Pyramid Saddle Viewpoint (1h30m)	
Day 5	MacKenzie Basin/ Ahuriri Conservation Park <i>Longer Option:</i> Ohau Lodge to Quailburn (5-6h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Quailburn bushline (1h), Wairepo Kettleholes (2h), Omarama Clay Cliffs (1h) , Wether Range (2h), Ewe Range (3h), Ahuriri Valley: Hideaway Hut (4h)	Omarama
Day 6	Kurow/Waitaki Valley <i>Longer Option:</i> Sailors Cutting to Benmore Dam (5-6h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Benmore Dam/Lake Benmore Peninsula (1h30m) , Deep Stream (1h), Gunn's Bush (1h30m), Kurow Hill (1h15m), Kurow Heritage Trail (1-2h), Vanished World Trails (Duntroon, 1-2h) , Graves Walkway (1-2h) Historic Thames Street and Harbour Street (Oamaru, 1h)	Oamaru or Waimate
Day 7	North Across the Plains <i>Walks selected from:</i> <i>Studholmes Bush:</i> Whitehorse Walkway (2h) Waimate Historical Walks Waihao River (1h) Mount Nimrod Scenic Reserve (2-3h) Kakahu Escarpment (30m) Travel to Christchurch. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.	



Dorcy Track above Lake Ohau



Sealy Tarns