

the best day-walks in the **TREMENDOUS TRANS-ALPINE** HIGHLIGHTS

- The beautiful parks and walkways of the Garden City (Christchurch)
- The best vistas of the Banks Peninsula volcanic landscapes/seascapes
- The spectacular rock formations of Castle Hill and scree slopes of Craigieburn
- Classic vistas of the central Southern Alps along the famous TranzAlpine train route
- The awesome mountain scenery of Arthur's Park National Park: kea country!
- The world-class wetlands around beautiful Lake Brunner
- The best of the Canterbury foothill forests, gorges, tussocklands and lakes

DATES		28 January - 3 February 2024	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		28 November 2023	
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.</p> <p>Christchurch Environs/Banks Peninsula Highlights <i>Longer Options:</i> Mount Herbert/Te Ahu Patiki (6-7h), Pigeon Bay Walkway (4-5h), Mount Vernon (4-5h), Godley Head Loop (4-5h), Godley Head Direct (3h). <i>Shorter Options:</i> Botanic Gardens/Hagley Park (up to 3h) Sign of the Kiwi (1h30m-2h) Gondola & Bridle Path (3h) Bridle Path and Castle Rock (2-3h) Sign of the Packhorse (3-4h), Adderley head (3-4h), Governor's Bay Coast (2h), Taylors Mistake to Boulder Bay (1h45m), Scarborough Head to Taylors Mistake (1h), Onawe Peninsula Pa (1h). <i>Crater Rim Walkway:</i> Mt.Sugar Loaf Loop (1h), Kennedy Bush (1h), Gibraltar Rock (40m), Omahu Bush (40m)</p>		Christchurch
Day 2	<p>Kura Tawhiti Conservation Area (a.m.) Castle Hill (1-2h) Cave Stream (45m-1h)</p>	<p>Craigieburn Forest Park (p.m.) <i>Walk selected from:</i> Lyndon Saddle and Helicopter Hill (2-3h) Hogs Back Trail (2h)</p>	Arthur's Pass
Day 3	<p>Arthur's Pass National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Avalanche Peak Loop (5-6h), Cora Lynn to Lagoon Saddle (4-5h), Mt. Bruce (5-7h), Purple Hill (5h), Temple Basin</p>		Arthur's Pass

	<p>Skifield (4h), Rome Ridge (4-5h), Anti-Crow Hut (4h), Hawdon Hut and Valley (6h), The Pyramid (5-6h).</p> <p><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Devil's Punchbowl Falls (1h), Otira Valley (1-3h), Bealey Spur Top Hut (3-4h), Bealey Chasm and Valley (1-2h), Dobson Nature Walk (45m).</p>	
Day 4	<p>Beautiful Brunner</p> <p><i>Longer Option:</i></p> <p>Mt. French (8 Hours Return)</p> <p><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Lake Side Walk (1h return), Carew Falls Track (1h return), Velenski Track (20m one way), Rakitane Track (45m loop), Michells-Bain Bay Track (2-3h return), Arnold Dam Walkway (45m loop), Ara O Te Kinga Track (1h return to First Lookout).</p>	Arthur's Pass
Day 5	<p>River Deep Mountain High</p> <p>Travel east and south via Lake Coleridge</p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Peak Hill (up to 3-4h), Rakaia River Gorge Bridge Walk (1h), Rakaia Gorge Walkway (3h), Glentunnel Millenium Walk (1h15m), Methven Walkway (3-4h).</p>	Methven
Day 6	<p>Hakatere Conservation Park</p> <p><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p>Mount Somers Summit via Hookey Knob and Staveley Hill (5-7h), Woolshed Creek Canyon (4-5h).</p> <p><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Blackburn Coal Mine (2h), Sharplin Falls (1h10m), Mt. Barossa (3h), Lake Emma carpark to Lake Camp (3h), Lake Clearwater circuit (3h), Lake Emily to Manuka Hut (3h), Lake Heron to Lake Hill (1h30m) or Double Hill (3h), Mt. Sunday (1h), Woolshed Creek Nature Trail (40m), Sidewinder Track (2h), Rocky Lookout and Black Beech Track (30-40m).</p>	Mount Somers
Day 7	<p>Peel Forest Park Scenic Reserve</p> <p><i>Longer Option:</i></p> <p>Deep Spur Track and Little Mt Peel (4-6h)</p> <p><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Big Tree Walk (30m), Emily & Rata Falls Circuit (1-2h), Fern Walk (2-3h), Dennistoun Bush Loop (45m), Clarke Flat and Te Wanahau Flat Tracks (up to 3h), Acland Falls (1h20m), Kahikatea Walk (1h), Allan's Track (2-3h), Kaikawaka Track (20m).</p> <p>Travel to Christchurch. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.</p>	