

FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

# the best day-walks in **MARVELLOUS MARLBOROUGH**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Picturesque Picton, the gateway to the Sounds and to the Sout Island
- The stunning seascapes and walkways of the Marlborough Sounds
- The unrivalled juxtaposition of mountains and valleys in Nelson Lakes
- The magnificent tussock and tarns of Rainbow Station
- The relaxing hot springs and gentle forest walks of a true spa town (Hanmer)
- The grandeur of the Kaikoura mountain ranges plunging down to the coast

DATES		15-21 March 2026 / March 2030
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		15 January 2026 / January 2026
STARTING POINT	Picton	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT	Picton	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1600, 5pax\$1700, 4pax\$1800
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS	OVERNIGHT
<p>Participants should reach Picton by Saturday evening 14 March. Accommodation (at additional cost) can be arranged for you for that night.</p> <p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in <b>red</b>.</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>		
<b>Day 1</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>15 March</b>	<b>Picton Area</b> <i>Longer Option:</i> Waikakaho Track to Cullensville (5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Bill's Lookout (5m), Picton Foreshore (10m), Bob's Bay Loop (1h), Harbour View Track (45m), Picton-Waikawa (1h), Scout Track (40m), Queen Charlotte View (1h20m), The Snout (2h30m), Tirohanga Track (1h30m), Esson Valley Tracks (1h or 1h30m), Karaka Point Historic Reserve (20m), Humphries Dam Walk (1h20m).	Picton
<b>Day 2</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>16 March</b>	<b>Marlborough Sounds</b> <i>Longer Options:</i> <b>Tennyson Inlet: Penzance Bay to Elaine Bay (3h)</b> <b>(can be linked to Piwakawaka Track below)</b> Mount Stokes (4-5h) <i>Queen Charlotte Walkway:</i> Te Mahia Saddle to Anakiwa (4h) or Torea Saddle to Te Mahia Saddle (3-4h). <i>Shorter Options:</i> Cullen Point (lookout 20m, +base walk 45m), Motuweka Pathway (Havelock, 40m), Waterfall Track (Havelock, 1h), Piwakawaka Track (1h30m), <i>Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve:</i> Tawa Path (30m), Totara Path (30m), Circle Walk (30m), Elvy Falls (1h30m).	Havelock or Blenheim
<b>Day 3</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>17 March</b>	<b>Mt. Richmond Forest Park and Northbank</b> <i>Walks selected from:</i> Doom Creek Walkway (2h) <i>Pine Valley Road Walks:</i> Carpark to Mill Flat (20m, Nature Walk (15m), Mill Flat to Pine Valley Hut (15m). <i>Top Valley Walks:</i> Riverside (2h30m), Forks Walk (1h30m).	St Arnaud

	<b>Lake Chalice Hut (2h)</b> and optional loop of lake (2h30m) Red Hills and Hut (3-4h)	
<b>Day 4 Wednesday 18 March</b>	<p><b>Nelson Lakes National Park</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>  <b>Mount Robert and Bushline Hut Loop (4-5h)</b>  Lake Rotoiti Loop (7-8h)  St Arnaud Range and Pinnacle Lookout (3-4h)  <b>Speargrass Hut (4h)</b>  Whisky Falls (4-5h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  Brunner Peninsula (1h30m-2h30m), Mainland Island Loop (1h30m), Bellbird Walk (10m), Honeydew Walk (30m), Loop Track (1h30m), Black Valley (30m), Black Hill (1h30m), Moraine Walk (1h30m), Angler's Walk (2h).</p>	St Arnaud
<b>Day 5 Thursday 19 March</b>	<p><b>Somewhere Over The Rainbow</b>  We travel to Hanmer Springs through the magnificent Rainbow Station  <i>Walks selected from:</i>  Waterfall Track (2h30m), Dog Stream/Tarndale Reserve (1h), Camp Track (45m), Majuba Walk (1h), Upper Dog Stream (1h), Conical Hill and Woodland Walk (1h30m), Forest Journey (1h30m), Forest Walk (1h), Forest Amble (30m), Joliffe Saddle (1h), Jacks Pass to Mt. Isobel (3-4h), Chatterton River Track (2h30m).</p>	Hanmer Springs
<b>Day 6 Friday 20 March</b>	<p><b>South Kaikoura Coast and Kaikoura</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>  Mount Fyffe Hut (4-5h),  Mount Fyffe summit (6-7h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  <b>Cathedral Cliffs (Gore Bay, 5m), Manuka Bay Track (1h30m)</b>, St. Annes Lagoon (30m), Lookout Point (10m), Whalers Baty Lookout (45m), South Bay Lookout (1h15m), South Bay (1h45m), Omihi Lookout Track (45m)  <b>Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway (2h30m-3h)</b>  <b>Mount Fyffe Lookout (2h)</b></p>	Kaikoura
<b>Day 7 Saturday 21 March</b>	<p><b>Between Kaikoura and Picton</b>  <i>Longer Option:</i>  Marfells Beach &amp; Cape Campbell (3h30m, if tides allow)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  Wairau Lagoons (2-3h), Ohau Stream and Waterfall (20m), <b>Sawcut Gorge (3h – if open)</b>, Ward Beach to Chancel Rocks (1h30m)  <i>Whites Bay Reserve and Port Underwood:</i> Port Underwood Lookout (1h), Monkey Bay (10m or 50m), White's Bay-Rarangi Track (1h), Puketea Loop (25m), Black Jack Loop (1h15m)  <b>Travel to Picton. 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 should be made *as early as possible* in order to obtain optimal outcomes. Once we reach "critical mass" the trip moves from "orange light" status to "green light" status and the earlier that happens the better because people can then book flights and make arrangements with confidence.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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*.
9. 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.
10. Personal travel insurance is highly recommended.

***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 Footsteps P J Donnell 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) (scanned forms are acceptable).

**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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