

the best day-walks in

NOTEWORTHY NELSON and GOB-SMACKING GOLDEN BAY

HIGHLIGHTS

- The geographical centre of New Zealand and unique boulder bank (Nelson)
- The pristine golden sands and sparkling waters of Abel Tasman National Park
- An intriguing story of romance and isolation in the backcountry (Asbestos Cottage)
- NZ's clearest and most beautiful natural spring (Te Waikoropupu)
- Spectacular cliffs, arches, caves, pillars, stacks and spits in Golden Bay
- The ingenious rock shelters of the Flora Valley and Mount Arthur
- The Tolkien-like scenery of weathered marble on the Mount Owen massif

DATES		22-28 March 2026 / March 2030	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		22 January 2026 / January 2030	
STARTING POINT		Nelson	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Nelson	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1600, 5pax\$1700, 4pax\$1800	
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS		OVERNIGHT
Participants should reach Nelson by Saturday evening 21 March. Accommodation (at additional cost) can be arranged for you for that night. Walks that are highly recommended are printed in red. All times given are for a return (out and back) walk, a loop walk, or a linear walk with transport to/from each end.			
Day 1 Sunday 22 March	Meet and greet. Initial briefing. Tahunanui Beach (1h) Maitai River Walkway (30m) Geographical Centre of NZ (1h) Grampians Viewpoint (1h30m) Tantragee Loop: Dun Mtn Historic Railway (2h) Cable Bay to The Glen Walkway(3h) The Boulder Bank (30m to 6h)		Nelson or Motueka
Day 2 Monday 23 March	Abel Tasman National Park Walks selected from: Tinline, Coquille and Apple Tree Bay (3h) Coquille Bay (2h) Split Apple Rock (30m) Mt. Richards (1h30m) Canaan Downs, Harwoods Hole and Gorge Creek Lookout (1h30m) Takaka Hill Walkway (2-3h)		Takaka
Day 3 Tuesday 24 March	Kahurangi National Park: Cobb Valley Walks selected from: Asbestos Cottage (2-3h), Chaffeys Hut (2h30m) Lake Sylvester (4h), Lake Peel (4h30m) Cobb Ridge (2-3h) Myttons Nature Walk (45m)		Takaka

Day 4 Wednesday 25 March	A Spring In Your Step (a.m.) Te Waikoropupu Springs 30m to the springs 40m for the loop walk Hydro Walkway (2h) 	Puponga Farm Park (p.m.) <i>Walks selected from:</i> Carpark-Wharariki Beach-Hilltop Track-Pillar Point (3h30m) Wharariki Beach direct (1h) Wharariki-Dune Lake (2-3h) Green Hills Track (2-3h) Pillar Point Lighthouse (1h) Puponga Point (30m) Fossil Point direct (1h) Farewell Spit Loop (1h30m) Knuckle Hill (1h20m)	Takaka
Day 5 Thursday 26 March	Abel Tasman National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Totaranui to Separation Point and return same way (4-5h) Totaranui-Separation Point-Whariwharangi-Wainui (5-6h) Totaranui-Whariwharangi-Gibbs Hill Loop (5-6h) Wainui to Whariwharangi Hut and return (4h) Totaranui to Awaroa Bay (3h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Grove Scenic Reserve (30m), Puketea Walk (30m), Headlands Track (1h), Anapai Bay (1h45m), Lookout Rock (Pigeon Saddle, 1h), Skinners Point (30m), Goat Bay (45m), Waiharakeke Bay (2h), Takapou Bay to Taupo Point (2h30m-3h), Wainui Falls (1h), Waiharakeke Track (1-2h).		Takaka
Day 6 Friday 27 March	Kahurangi National Park: Mount Arthur Tablelands <i>Longer Options:</i> Flora Carpark-Mt.Arthur Hut-Flora Hut Loop (3-4h) Flora Hut-Gridiron and Growler Shelters (4h30m) Lodestone round trip (4h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Flora Hut (1h30m), Hawke's Lookout (15m), Riwaka Resurgence (30m), Mt. Arthur Hut Loop (2h30m).		Motueka
Day 7 Saturday 28 March	Kahurangi National Park: Wangapeka Valley and Mount Owen Massif <i>Longer Options:</i> Cecil Kings Historic Hut (Wangapeka Track) (5-6h) Billies Knob (5-6h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Mini Mountain (15m), Lutine pool (30m), Nuggety Creek (1h30m), Blue Creek (1h30m), Granity Creek (2h) Return to Nelson. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.		

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 (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:

(“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:

Date:
