

## the best day-walks in **BRILLIANT BULLER**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The walkway rated as one of NZ's best (Charming Creek)
- The magnificent arches and caves of Oparara
- Impressive gold and coal-mining relics from our extractive past (including Waiuta)
- The spectacular tussock tops and tarns of Lewis Pass
- The unique limestone landscape of Paparoa National Park
- The largest rock overhang in NZ – big enough to house an army (Fox River)
- The silent, sobering atmosphere where one of our worst tragedies occurred (Cave Creek)

DATES		7-13 February 2027	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		7 December 2026	
STARTING POINT		Greymouth	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Greymouth	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1600, 5pax\$1700, 4pax\$1800	
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS	OVERNIGHT	
<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> <p>Participants need to be in Greymouth by Saturday evening. Van transport from Christchurch is available.</p>			
Day 1 Sun	<p><b>Meet and greet. Initial briefing.</b></p> <p><b>Paparoa National Park</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>  <b>Bullock Creek-Cave Creek-Pororari Gorge (5-6h)</b>  <b>Pororari-Punakaiki Loop (3-4h)</b>  <i>Shorter Options:</i>                      Point Elizabeth Lookout (1h30m)                      Motukiekie Coast (if tide allows, 30m-1h)  <b>Bullock Creek/Cave Creek (2h)</b>, Pororari Gorge Lookout (40m), <b>Pancake Rocks (30m)</b>, Punakaiki Cavern (10m)</p>	Punakaiki or Barrytown	
Day 2 Mon	<p><b>Paparoa National Park</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>  <b>Fox River and Ballroom Overhang (3-4h)</b>                      Four Mile/Tiropahi River Mill (3h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>                      Fox River Caves (2-3h), Truman Track (30m), Woodpecker Bay (20m), Kawatiri Coastal Trail (parts)  <i>Charleston Short Walks:</i> Flaxfields (15m), Headland (15m), Constant/Joyce/Doctor Bays (45m), Nile River (2-4h), Hole in the Wall (1-2h).</p>	Westport	
Day 3 Tues	<p><b>Denniston Plateau</b>  <b>Denniston Incline (2-3h down)</b>                      Brittania Battery (3h) (currently closed)  <i>Shorter Options:</i></p>	Karamea	

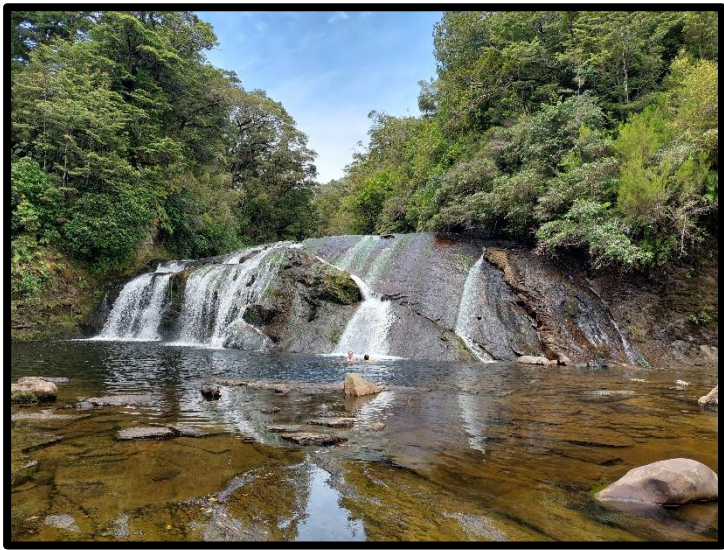
	Coalbrookdale Walk (1h), <b>Brakehead Walk (45m)</b> , Lake Hanlon (40m), Giant Rimu (45m)	
<b>Day 4 Wed</b>	<p><b>Karamea Kaleidoscope</b>  <i>Longer Option:</i>  <i>Heaphy Track:</i> Kohaihai-Katipo Creek (5-6h)  Oparara Valley Track (5h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  Nikau Loop (40m), Zigzag Lookout (25m), <i>Heaphy Track:</i> Kohaihai-Scotts Beach (1h30m),  <b>Oparara Archways</b> (Oparara Arch 40m, Moria Gate and Mirror Tarn 1h30m, Box Canyon and Crazy Paving Stones 20m), <i>Fenian Basin:</i> Top Caves 2h, Cavern Creek Caves 3h, Adam's Flat 4h).</p>	Karamea
<b>Day 5 Thurs</b>	<p><b>Wonderful Walkways</b>  <i>Longer Option:</i>  Wangapeka Track to Belltown (4-6h return)  <b>Charming Creek North Walkway (5h)</b>  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  Chasm Creek Walkway (20m)  Gentle Annie Beach (30-40m)  <b>Cape Foulwind Walkway (1h30m)</b>  Cape Foulwind Seal Colony (40m)</p>	Westport
<b>Day 6 Frid</b>	<p><b>Lewis Pass Scenic Reserve/Victoria Forest Park</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>  Nina Valley and Hut (4-5h)  Lewis Pass Tops (3-5h)  <b>Lake Daniells (5h)</b>  Lake Stream Hut (6-8h)  Mueller Tarn (4-5h)  St James Walkway: Cannibal Gorge Hut (6h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  The Sluice Box (15m), Alpine Nature/Tarn Walk (20m), Cannibal Gorge (2h), Waterfall Track (20m)</p>	Reefton
<b>Day 7 Sat</b>	<p><b>The Attraction of Extraction</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>  Murray Creek Track (5h loop), Golden Lead Battery (6h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  <i>Reefton Area:</i> Tawhai Walk (15 min loop), <b>Golden Fleece Walk (15 min)</b>, Alborns Coal Mine Track (1h30m), <b>Waiuta Historic Township and Snowy Battery Track (2h30m)</b>, Lankey Creek (2h30m), Progress Water Race (2h), Larrys Creek (1.5h)  <i>Grey Valley:</i> Coal River Heritage Walk (20m), <b>Brunner Mine Site (1h)</b>, <b>Coal Creek Falls (1h)</b>, <i>Nelson Creek:</i> Colls Dam (30m), Tailrace Walk (20m), Gow Creek Tunnel (2h30m).</p> <p><b>Travel to Greymouth. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.</b></p>	



Charming Creek Walkway



Ballroom Overhang



Coal Creek Falls



Truman Track



Oparara River

## 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 and aspirations.
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 Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (*Footsteps*: PJ Donnell/Katrina Tulip). 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/Katrina Tulip 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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