

the best day-walks in the **SOUL-BUILDING SOUTHERN LAKES**

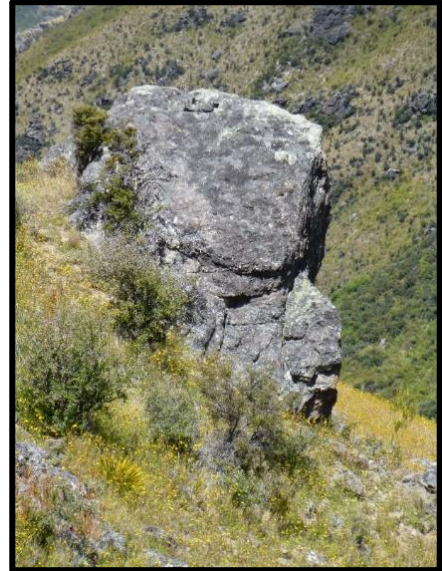
HIGHLIGHTS

- The spectacular trails around the edge of Lake Wakatipu
- Picturesque Queenstown, the alpine jewel of the South Island
- Picture-perfect reflections in Moke Lake
- The glorious autumn colours of Lake Hayes
- The scenic wonders at the start of one of our most popular Great Walks (Routeburn)
- The relatively unknown scheelite mines which contributed to the Allied war effort
- Historic Arrowtown: gold mining relics and *Lord of the Rings* locations
- The grandeur of Mount Aspiring National Park – graced by our 2nd highest peak.
- Wonderful lakeside and riverside trails in the Wanaka and Hawea district
- The cheeky kea at the Rob Roy Glacier lookout
- Fascinating geography, geology and gold-mining relics around Lake Dunstan

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| DATES | | 21-27 February 2027 | |
| DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE | | 21 December 2026 | |
| STARTING POINT | | Queenstown | 8.00 a.m. |
| FINISHING POINT | | Queenstown | 8.00 p.m. |
| COST | | 6pax\$1800, 5pax\$1900, 4pax\$2000 Note: This excursion is more expensive than our other trips because this region commands premium rates for accommodation. | |
| 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> <p>Participants should be in Queenstown by Saturday evening, 20 February.</p> | | | |
| Day 1 Sun | <p>Meet and greet. Initial briefing.</p> <p>Queenstown Highlights</p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Queenstown Hill (2h15m)</p> <p>Sunshine Bay Walk (1h30m) Arawhata Bridle Track (1h)</p> <p>Frankton Arm Walk (1-2h)</p> <p>Kelvin Grove/Peninsula Walk (1-2h)</p> <p>Jack's Point (1h30m)</p> | | Queenstown |
| Day 2 Mon | <p>Lake Wakatipu Area</p> <p><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p>Ben Lomond - Moonlight Track to Arthur's Point (5h + 2h return for side-trip to summit)</p> <p>Ben Lomond Summit and return (5-7h).</p> <p>Ben Lomond-Moke Lake (7h)</p> <p>Arthur's Point-Moonlight-Moke Lake (4-5h)</p> <p><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Ben Lomond Saddle (3-4h), Fernhill-One Mile Track (3-4h), One Mile Creek (1-2h).</p> <p>Twelve Mile Bay to Bob's Cove (1h30m-2h)</p> <p>Twelve Mile Loop Track and Mt. Creighton (2-4h)</p> <p>Seven Mile to Wilsons Bay (1-2h)</p> | | Queenstown |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Moke Lake Circuit (2-3h) Moke Lake to Lake Dispute (3-4h) <i>Note: Taking the gondola can shorten Ben Lomond walks.</i></p> | |
| <p>Day 3 Tues</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Glenorchy - Kinloch Area <i>Longer Options:</i> Mount Alfred (6-8h), Routeburn Flats (5h + 2h for side-trip to Routeburn Falls), Lake Rere Loop (4-6h), Lake Sylvan-Rockburn Hut site (4-6h), Sugarloaf Saddle Loop (6-8h). <i>Whakaari Conservation Area Scheelite Huts:</i> Mt. Judah and Heather Jock Tracks (4-5h). <i>Shorter Options:</i> Glenorchy Wetlands (1h), Greenstone Carpark to Caples Junction (2h), Invincible Mine (2-3h), Glacier Burn (3-4h), Lake Sylvan (1h), Diamond Creek (1h), Double Barrel Falls (40m), Lake Diamond (2-3h).</p> | Glenorchy |
| <p>Day 4 Wed</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Arrowtown - Lake Hayes – Gibbston - Kingston Area <i>Longer Options:</i> Macetown Rd (6-8h), Big Hill Track (6-8h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Chinese Settlement Walk (30m), Oxenbridge Tunnel Walkway (30m), Arrowtown Anniversary Walk (1h), Tobin's Track (1h30m), Sawpit Gully (2-3h, add 1 h for Big Hill), Lake Hayes Loop (2-3h), Gibbston River Trails (1-3h), Wye Creek (4h). Kingston: Lakefront (30m), Shirt Tail Track I(1h30m).</p> | Wanaka |
| <p>Day 5 Thurs</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Lake Wanaka Area <i>Longer Options:</i> Roy's Peak (5-6h), Clutha River Trail (5h), Isthmus Peak (5-6h), Colquhouns Bay (4-5h). <i>Shorter Options:</i> Mount Iron (1h30m), Millenium Track (Glendhu Bay to Wanaka) (up to 3h30m), Diamond Lake-Rocky Mountain (2h), Lake Outlet Walk (1h), Lakeside Walk (3h).</p> | Wanaka |
| <p>Day 6 Frid</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Towards Matukituki or Makarora <i>Longer Options:</i> Aspiring Hut (4-5h), Glacier Burn (4-5h), Breast Hill/Pakituhi Hut (7-8h), Sawyer Burn to hut (5h), Grandview Mountain Track (4-6h), Isthmus Peak (5-6h). <i>Shorter Options:</i> Rob Roy Valley and Glacier (3h30m-4h) Lake Hawea Track (2h30m), Sawyer Burn to bushline (2h), Kidd's Bush Nature Walk (30m), Davis Flat Bridle Track (3h), Makarora Bush (15m).</p> | Cromwell |

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| <p>Day 7 Sat</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Lake Dunstan Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roaring Meg Pack Track (6-8h), Duffer's Saddle-Quartzville via Carricktown (5-6h), Duffer's Saddle-Old Woman Hut (4-5h), Roaring Meg Hut (4-5h).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cromwell Old Reservoir and Firewood Creek (1h), Cromwell to Bannockburn (2h), North Lakeside (1h30m), South Lakeside (3h), Bannockburn Sluicings and Stewart Town (2h) , Bannockburn to Pisa Moorings (2h), 45th Parallel Track (1h), Quartz Reef Tailings (45m), Northburn Tailings (1h), Aurora Creek (1h30m), Cairnmuir Hill (2h30m), Bendigo Historic Reserve (2h), Cromwell Historic Town (2h).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Travel to Queenstown. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.</p> | |
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Spaceship Rock and Old Man Rock on the Roaring Meg Pack Track

Clutha River Trail



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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.

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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 (scanned forms are acceptable).

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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
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Signed by the Participant:

Date:
