

Toitū Te Whenua (Care for the land)

Safety Checklist

- Choose a circuit that suits your level of fitness, experience and the time available.
- Monitor your progress. Carry food and water for energy.
- Only use these tracks if you have suitable clothing and footwear.
- Stay on designated tracks.
- Do not try to cross streams when water is discoloured.
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Beware of slippery rocks and track surfaces.
- Let someone know where you are going, what you intend to do, when you will return and when you have returned.
- It is best to explore the area with at least two other people, one of whom should be experienced in the bush.
- Cell phones may not work.
- During periods of strong winds falling trees and branches make areas dangerous.

Walking—being prepared

- Take plenty of snacks and fluid (water).
- In summer take sunscreen and wear a hat.
- Remember that weather can change quickly – always take warm clothing.
- Hide valuable items from view in your vehicle or take them with you.

Environmental Care

The tracks are provided for you to enjoy the area. Many tracks cross private property. Please remember that access through private property is a privilege, not a right. A few simple rules must be observed:

- No dogs allowed on all tracks unless otherwise mentioned.
- Use gates or stiles and leave gates as you find them.
- Respect restrictions on dogs and keep them under control.
- Please respect all stock and wildlife – give animals a chance to get out of your way.
- Some tracks may be closed for the lambing season each Spring.
- Don't light any fires.
- Take all your rubbish away with you.
- Do not take any firearms.
- Give way to other track users.
- Park vehicles with care and courtesy.
- Remember all land is owned or administered by someone, please respect it.
- Report any obstructions or hazards to us on 477 4000.

Keep Safe

- Lock your vehicle when unattended.
- Make sure you haven't left any items visible on your vehicle dashboard, seats, or floor when you leave the car.
- Keep all valuables with you, and don't leave any property unattended.
- When tramping/hiking, let someone know where you are going and when you are due back.
- Report suspicious activity promptly.
- The emergency telephone number in New Zealand for Police, Fire and Ambulance is 111. This can be dialled free from any phone. In non-emergency situations contact the nearest police station. Information can also be provided anonymously to the organisation Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

More Information

For more advice or information, please contact us on 477 4000.

Disclaimer

This brochure is intended as a general guide only. While we have worked to ensure all information was accurate at the time of printing (February 2015), the changing nature of the physical environment means the information contained in this brochure may not always be completely accurate.

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- Rough Tracks
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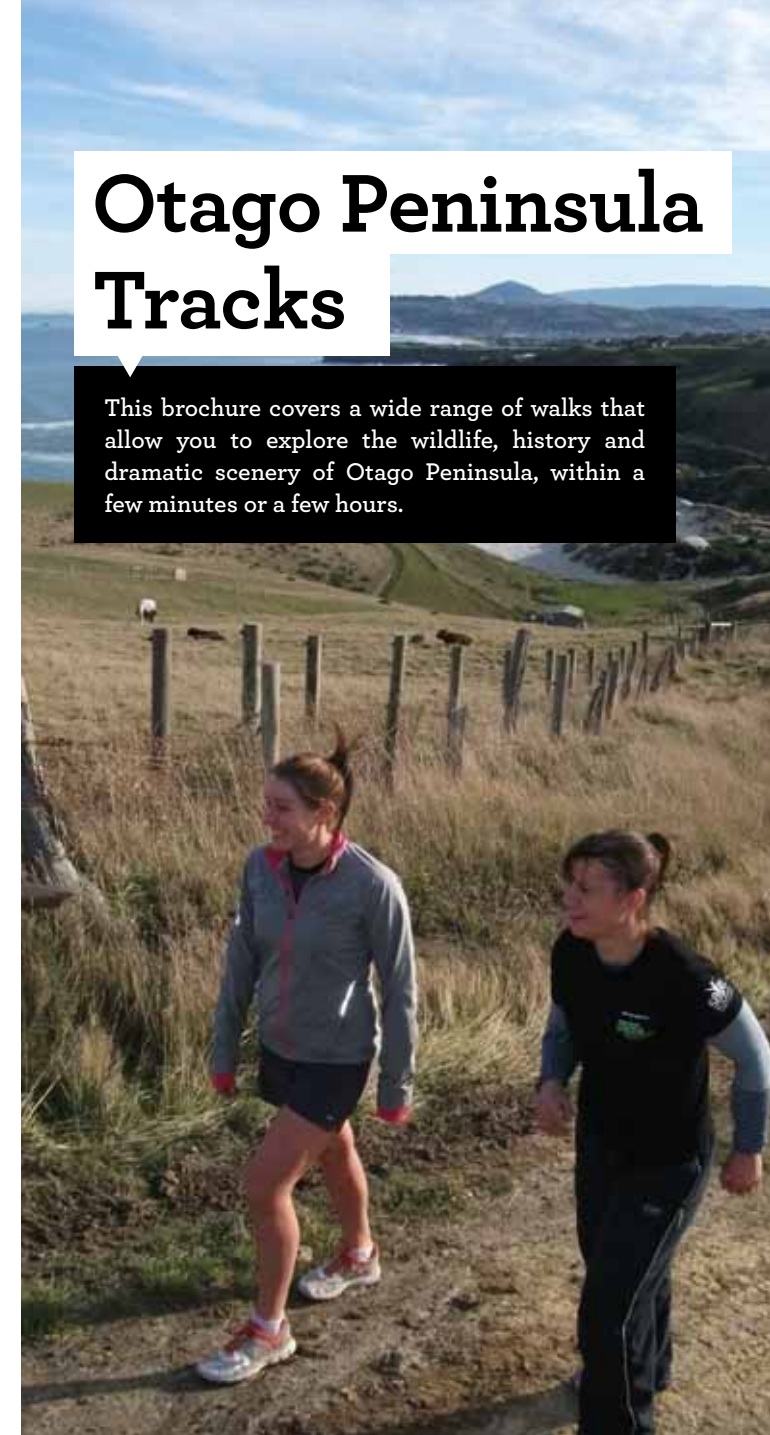
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Otago Peninsula Tracks

This brochure covers a wide range of walks that allow you to explore the wildlife, history and dramatic scenery of Otago Peninsula, within a few minutes or a few hours.



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The Chasm



Harbour Cone



Allans Beach

The Tracks

The Otago Peninsula Tracks provide access to special areas of coastline, historic sites, high points and other areas of interest. Access ways which cross private and public land were sign-posted by the DCC, working with the Otago Peninsula Track Working Party, in 1992.

Remember that Dunedin's weather is quite changeable. Carry a water-proof jacket and wear sound footwear. After rain, parts of the tracks become boggy and may be slippery.

The tracks are generally well-defined and well-formed, although not all are maintained. The tracks cater for people with varying degrees of fitness and abilities and most are suitable for people of average fitness. Some tracks are quite steep and require specific skills and these areas are noted in the track description.

Many tracks have steep uphill or downhill sections, and only a few are of relatively even gradient. The suggested times represent an average, and are rough estimates only. With some planning, you can do round trips using a combination of roads and tracks. Remember to tell someone where you have gone and when you are due back. Some of the Peninsula tracks are also recognised mountain bike rides as they are unformed legal roads.

Classification

You can expect to encounter the following conditions on tracks with these classifications:

Moderate: Uneven surface with most vegetation cleared from the track. Tracks should be easy to follow with a steady gradient. Suitable for most users.

Hard: Rough surface with some vegetation cleared, some markers to indicate the way, short periods where the tracks are steep. Suitable for moderately experienced users.

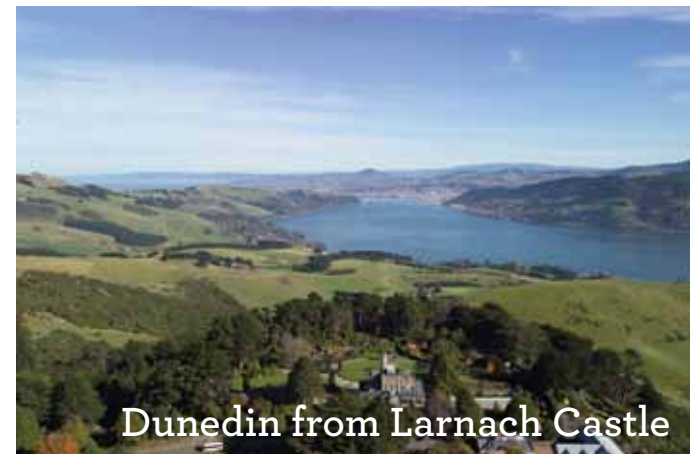
Route: Rough surface with minimal vegetation clearance, few markers to indicate the way. Tracks will be steep for some distance. Suitable for experienced users.



Portobello Bay



Papanui Inlet



Dunedin from Larnach Castle

1 41-Peg Road

From the picnic area beside the Top Tomahawk Lagoon you'll see the sign posted start of the Tomahawk/41-Peg track. The monument commemorates 49 soldiers from the Peninsula who were killed in WW1. After taking in the commanding view of both coasts of the Peninsula descend to Highcliff Road, turn right, then right again onto Centre Road and return to the start

Classification: Hard. **Time:** Approximately 2 hours.

2 Karetai Road

Provides access from Smaills Beach to Karetai Road. This popular mountain bike track through farmland is rutted in some places and muddy when wet. Stupendous views along the coastline and across to Saddle Hill. Dogs allowed.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 30 minutes.

3 Boulder Beach Track

This short track provides access to the beach. The start of the track can itself be accessed from the next three tracks described below. For wildlife conservation, the beach and track are closed from 1 December - 28 February, contact DOC for information.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 10 minutes.

4 Highcliff Track

Links Karetai Road to Boulder Beach. The track provides a feeling of history with the dry stone walls, as well as a sense of exposure on days when a strong southerly is blowing. After the lookout, the track swings inland, descending steeply in places, before joining Buskin Road.

Classification: Hard. **Time:** Approximately 1 hour.

5 Buskin Road, Paradise Road, Highcliff

Park on Highcliff Road and head down Buskin Road, an unformed legal road over farm land. Turn left on the Highcliff track, follow this along and then ascend Paradise track up to Highcliff Road and back to the start. These tracks are also used by fit mountain bikers. Please respect other track users.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 1.5 hours.

6 Braidwood Road

Access from Braidwood Road to Boulder Beach down a four-wheel drive track that is very rough in places. Please heed the sign indicating where to park.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 20 minutes.

7 Seal Point Road to Sandfly Bay

The track begins at the Sandfly Bay car park at the end of Seal Point Road. A path crosses farmland to the top of the sand dunes. Go down the sand hill - which can be rather testing on the return - and walk about a kilometre along the beach. Near the southern end a marked track leads up to a hide to view the locals - yellow-eyed penguins/hoiho.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 40 minutes.

8 Ridge Road

Connects Sandfly Bay and Ridge Road. This is a longer but flatter access than the track from Seal Point Road. It crosses farm paddocks and dunes to Sandfly Bay, with very limited parking at the beginning of the track. Please park with consideration about 200m before the start of the track, and keep to the marked route. Closed for lambing 1 August - 31 October.

Classification: Hard. **Time:** Approximately 40 minutes.

9 Sandymount to Sandfly Bay

Access from Sandymount Track to Sandfly Bay via the sand hills. Closed for lambing 1 September - 15 October.

Classification: Route. **Time:** Approximately 45 minutes.

10 Sandymount Track Network

The track begins at the car park at the end of Sandymount Road. After a short diversion via the Chasm, continue on to Lovers Leap. The track to Sandymount summit gives spectacular views of Otago Peninsula's coastline and cliff tops. Another marked route provides alternative access to Sandfly Bay.

Closed for lambing 1 September - 15 October.

Classification: Route. **Time:** Approximately 1 hour for loop. 20 minutes to the Chasm and Lovers Leap.

11 Nyhon Road

Links Sandymount Road to Hoopers Inlet Road. Please keep to the marked track. Closed for lambing 1 August - 31 October.

Classification: Hard. **Time:** Approximately 45 minutes.

12 Highcliff Road to Hoopers Inlet

A very steep track to Hoopers Inlet, suitable for experienced and agile parties only.

Classification: Route. **Time:** Approximately 1 hour.

13 Allans Beach

Access is from the car park at the end of Allans Beach Road. Special wildlife such as NZ sea lions and penguins frequent this wild ocean beach. Dogs are not permitted on the eastern end of the beach, but are allowed on leads at the western end.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 5 minutes.

14 Okia

From the end of Dick Road, park under the large macrocarpa trees and follow the farm track called Riddle Road out to the distinctly shaped Pyramids and Okia Reserve. Past the Pyramids follow the road as it turns into a walking track to the beach. Victory Beach is a yellow-eyed penguin/hoiho breeding site and popular with NZ sea lions.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 1 hour to beach.

15 Quoin Cliff

This track crosses private land and access is by permission of the McGrouthers, phone 03 478 0286. From the gate at the end of Pipikaretu Road, follow the farm track east, around the contours of the hills to a gate. Cross the paddocks and a gully until you reach a fence. Climb, following the fence line to the trig at the top of the cliff (121m). Respect all stock and wildlife and stick to the track. Access may be limited during the penguin breeding season October - April. Closed for lambing 1 September - 30 November.

Classification: Hard. **Time:** Approximately 1¼ hours return.

16 Bacon Street to Highcliff Road and Harbour Cone

Provides access from Bacon Street to Highcliff Road. A steep walk among trees then alongside a stand of native bush to Highcliff Road. From here you can cross the road and climb directly up the ridge to the summit of Harbour Cone. For a shorter walk, start 500m back along Highcliff Road towards Dunedin, where parking is easier and a poled route leads up the south west slope to the summit.

Classification: Hard. **Time:** Approximately 2 hours.

17 Camp Road

Connects Larnach Castle and Broad Bay with lovely views of Broad Bay and the Harbour. Park on Portobello Road and walk uphill past the houses onto the clay track. This levels off onto pasture before joining Camp Road. It is another 20 minutes along Camp Road to the entrance of Larnach Castle. Dogs allowed.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** 40 minutes to the formed Camp Rd.

18 McTaggart Street

Provides access from McTaggart Street, Company Bay to Camp Road, Broad Bay. Track crosses private land on a well-defined farm road. Please leave the gates as you found them.

Closed for lambing 1 August - 31 October.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 15 minutes.

19 Lime Kilns

This track provides access from Sandymount Road to three historic lime kilns. The kilns were used from the 1860s until 1938, when kilns in other areas became more economically viable.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 5 minutes.

20 Greenacres Street

Start at either Greenacres Street in Macandrew Bay, or Highcliff Road. This short walk takes in expansive views of Otago Harbour and links with many other tracks via roads. Dogs allowed.

Classification: Moderate. **Time:** Approximately 40 minutes.

21 District Road

A steep track linking Portobello and Highcliff Roads. Limited parking is available on Portobello Road, 100m along road towards Portobello.

Classification: Hard. **Time:** Approximately 40 minutes.

Otago Peninsula

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Key

Tracks 

Roads 

Gravel Roads 

Water 

City 

