



Great Walks

TUATAPERE
Humpridge track

Care for the Humpridge Track



Protect nature
Keep your distance and don't feed wildlife. Follow any rules restricting fires, vehicles or boats. No dogs or unpermitted drones allowed.



Keep New Zealand clean
Take all rubbish with you.. Use toilets where provided. You can find them at all huts and shelters.



Be prepared
Stay safe in the outdoors by planning and preparing for your trip. Share your plans and take a distress beacon.



Show respect
Respect others, respect culture. Respect others by keeping common areas in the hut clean and tidy.



1000	800	600	400	200	0
0	10km	20km	30km	40km	50km
Day 1: 21km Hump Ridge	Day 2: 21km Alpine to Ocean	Day 3: 20km Casual Walk			
RARAKAU TO OKAKA LODGE	OKAKA LODGE TO PORT CRAIG LODGE	PORT CRAIG LODGE TO RARAKAU			
Rarakau Car Park	Flat Creek	Water Bridge	Stag Point	Okaka Lodge	Loop Track
					Lunchneon Rock
					Edwin Burn
					Percy Burn
					Port Craig Village
					Blowholes Beach
					Flat Creek
					Rarakau Car Park



Day 1 - Rarakau Car Park to Okaka Lodge

6-8 hours: 21km

From the track entrance (sign posted 200m before **Rarakau Car Park**), the trail meanders gently through native bush & across cliff tops for 30 min to a steep descent down to the shoreline - caution: steps can be slippery. Continue along the track & cross the **Waikoau River** swing-bridge & pass the fishermen's huts before heading out along the magnificent sweep of **Bluecliffs Beach**. 3km down the beach is **Stoney Creek** which, at high tide or during flood, can be crossed by footbridge 20metres inland from the beach. Continue along the coast & rejoin the 4 wheel drive road above the beach, at the DOC markers, for the last stretch up to **Track Burn River**. Cross the swing-bridge over Track Burn. From here the sign posted track enters **Fiordland National Park** & follows the coast for about 1 hour before arriving at **Flat Creek** where a high swing-bridge crosses the stream. 50m beyond this bridge is a track junction - turn inland on the signposted track to **Okaka Lodge**.

The track begins to climb gently through the bush & over boardwalk, crossing another wire swing-bridge and then 2 wooden bridges. The second of these is **Water Bridge** where you will find a billy for refilling your drinking water. This is the last opportunity to fill water bottles before the 3-4 hour climb to the lodge. There is also a toilet & lunch shelter sign posted 50m before the bridge. Beyond here the track begins a steep & steady climb toward **Stag Point**. Kaka & Kakariki can often be heard & sometimes seen in the forest here.

Stag Point provides trampers with a stunning view out across **Te Wae Wae Bay** to Stewart Island & also a reassuring glimpse of **Okaka Lodge**, 1 hr walk away. From here the track sidles around the spur to reach the junction on the summit ridge. Turn right here & continue along boardwalk to the junction of the scenic loop track & the lodge. The loop track which circles around the tors & tarns further up the ridge takes about 45mins, is fully boardwalked & offers sweeping views of southern Fiordland. The entertaining alpine parrots, Kea, are often present in this area.

Day 2 - Okaka Lodge to Port Craig

6-8 hours: 21km

Head back along the boardwalk track to the summit ridge junction & follow the sign posted track to **Port Craig**. The track traverses the undulating Hump Ridge through stunted beech forest for 2/3hrs until **Luncheon Rock** is reached. Sections of this track are quite exposed & caution is needed in high winds. Luncheon Rock provides spectacular views & is a great place to take a breather. A toilet, lunch shelter & drinking water are available here.

The track re-enters the bush & descends down the ridge. The terrain is steep & can be muddy at times, care is advised. Towering rimu, rata & totara trees provide a good example of the mixed beech/podocarp forest typical of the **Waitutu** area. Near the coast the track passes through privately owned Maori land: please respect the area & remain on the marked track at all times. 2-3hrs after leaving Luncheon Rock the track emerges at **Edwin Burn Viaduct** & onto the old tramline which once served the **Port Craig Sawmill**. After following the tramline for 30min you will arrive at the second viaduct, the Percy Burn Viaduct. Percy Burn the largest wooden viaduct in the southern hemisphere. A toilet is available for use behind the hut after crossing the viaduct. From here it is the final 2hr walk along the tramline before reaching the Port Craig village. Continue past the old school hut and follow the signpost for 100m to the **Port Craig Lodge**.

An interpretive pamphlet is available from the lodge for the sign posted short heritage walk nearby. The track also descends for 10mins down to Mussel Beach where there are further reminders of the area's sawmilling history. Hector's dolphins are frequent visitors here & occasionally a seal or penguin can be spotted basking on the breakwater.

Day 3 - Port Craig to Rarakau Car Park

5-6 hours: 20km

After about 3 hrs the track emerges onto the coastline at **Breakneck Creek**. From here it climbs up & over the headland before dropping back down to the coast again at **Blowholes Beach**. At the end of the beach a post marked with a fishing buoy indicates the track over another headland to the next beach. The track leaves this beach & enters one final small cove before climbing back up onto the coastal terrace & past the junction of the track to Okaka. Continue to the **Flat Creek swing-bridge** & retrace your steps from Day 1 back to **Track Burn** & on to **Rarakau Car Park**. (Track burn to Rarakau - 2 hours)

We hope you enjoyed the **Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track**. **Leave a comment/photo in our visitors book or on our Facebook page!**

Please remember to call back into our office & sign out/drop yellow booking card off.

There is limited cell phone coverage on the track & at both Lodges, but sorry nowhere to recharge.

Office Hours 7.30am to 5.30pm Ph 03 2266739
We also have 24hr contact between the office and Lodges.

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