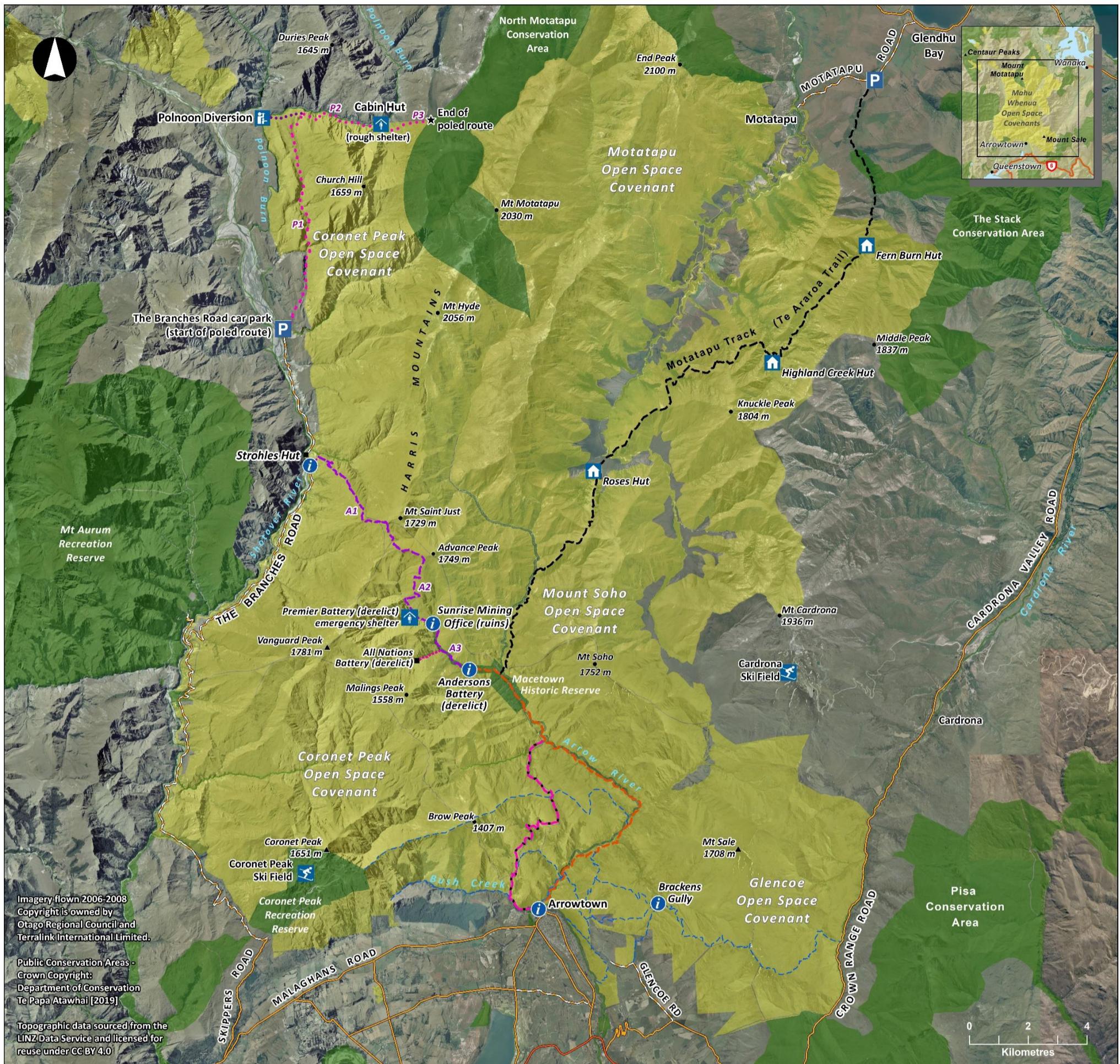


# Mahu Whenua Covenant Tracks

The Polnoon Trail and Advance Peak Track to Macetown Historic Reserve and Arrowtown



Track sections, estimated walking times along marked routes and grade

| Track Name                                       | Track Section  | Time (Reverse Direction)  | Grade                          | Uses |
|--|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Polnoon Trail                                    | P1 - The Branches Road carpark to Polnoon Diversion junction                     | 3 hr 30 min (3 hr)        | Advanced                       |      |
|  | P2 - Polnoon Diversion junction to Cabin Hut                                     | 2 hr (2 hr)               | Advanced                       |      |
|  | P3 Cabin Hut to North Motatapu Conservation Area boundary (Upper Polnoon Valley) | 2 hr (1 hr 15 min)        | Advanced                       |      |
| Polnoon Diversion                                | - Polnoon Trail junction to Polnoon Diversion lookout                            | 30 min (30 min)           | Advanced                       |      |
| Advance Peak Track                               | A1 - Strohles Hut to Advance Peak  | 4 hr (2 hr 30 min)        | Advanced                       |      |
|  | A2 - Advance Peak to Andersons Battery   | 2 hr 20 min (3 hr 20 min) | Advanced                       |      |
|  | A3 - Andersons Battery to Macetown   | 10 min (10 min)           | Easy                           |      |
| United and All Nations Goldfields Batteries Walk | - Advance Peak Track junction to All Nations Battery                             | 1 hr return               | Intermediate                   |      |
| Macetown Road                                    | - Macetown to Arrowtown via Macetown Road  | 2 hr 50 min (2 hr 50 min) | Intermediate (river crossings) |      |
| Big Hill Walkway                                 | - Macetown to Arrowtown via Big Hill Walkway                                     | 4 hr (3 hr 40 min)        | Advanced                       |      |

For details on Motatapu Track, refer to Department of Conservation visitor information. It is recommended that users of the Mahu Whenua Covenant tracks carry with them a copy of the topographical maps NZ Topo50 CB11 Arrowtown and CB12 Cardrona.

| LEGEND                                      | TRACKS / ROUTES                                    | ROADS (selected roads only) |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Interpretation/info. site                   | ••• Polnoon Trail                                  |                             |
| Shelter                                     | ••• Polnoon Diversion                              |                             |
| Ski field                                   | — Advance Peak                                     |                             |
| (Managed by the Department of Conservation) | — United and All Nations Goldfields Batteries Walk |                             |
| Parking                                     | — Big Hill Walkway (Te Araroa Trail)               |                             |
|   | — Motatapu Track (Te Araroa Trail)                 |                             |
|   | — Macetown Road (4WD track)                        |                             |
|   | — other tracks/routes                              |                             |

TRACK GRADES (See Department of Conservation for full definitions of track grades)

#### WALKING

- Easy: Walking Track
- Intermediate: Easier Tramping Track
- Advanced: Tramping Track

#### Mountain Biking

- Mountain Bike Track (Grade 3 - Intermediate)
- Mountain Bike Track (Grade 4 - Advanced)

The mountain bike track grades are derived from the Department of Conservation and are based on the Kennett Brothers grading system:

#### Grade 3: Intermediate

Steep slopes and/or avoidable obstacles possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure at the track's outside edge.

#### Grade 4: Advanced

A mixture of long, steep climbs, narrow track, poor traction and obstacles that are difficult to avoid or jump over.

Generally exposed at the outside edge of the track.

Most riders will find some sections easier to walk.

Mountain bikers: note that Advance Peak Track is a Grade 4 trail.

It is recommended that the route is started from the Macetown end. Parts of the tracks are dual use for mountain bikers and

walkers - bikers must show consideration and give way to walkers.

**WARNING!** Polnoon Trail is a lightly marked route subject to harsh alpine weather. Back country skills, suitable clothing, a map and compass/GPS are required. There is no marked route into the North Motatapu Conservation Area which comprises alpine terrain subject to significant avalanche hazard from May to November and during un-seasonal snow events.

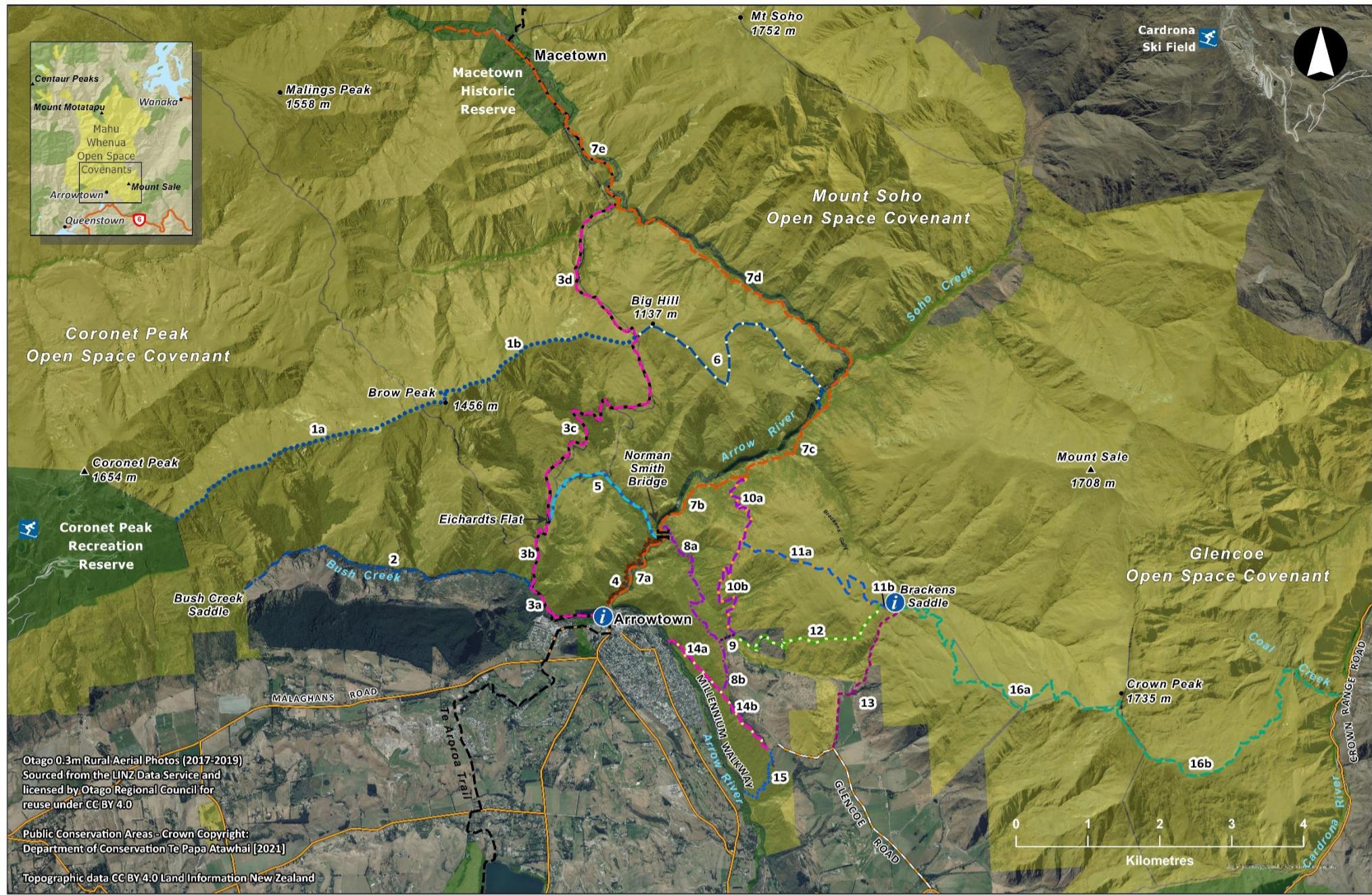
Advance Peak Track requires a high level of fitness and backcountry experience. Be prepared for changeable alpine conditions, with snow possible at any time of year. Parts of the route are exposed to an avalanche hazard in winter and spring months.

Macetown Road requires numerous river crossings and should be avoided when the Arrow River is high or there is a risk of flooding.

Navigation and survival skills required. Track is mostly unformed, may be rough and steep. Track has markers, poles or rock cairns.

# Mahu Whenua Covenant Tracks

## Arrowtown Tracks



### Track sections, estimated walking times along marked routes and grade

| Track Name                         | Section   | Time (Reverse Direction)   | Walking Grade  | Uses |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--|------|
| 1. Brow Peak Route                 | a. Coronet Peak Ski Area to Brow Peak (poled route only)<br>b. Brow Peak to Big Hill Saddle (poled route only)  | 2 hours (1 hr 30 min)<br>1 hr 30 min (2 hrs)   | Advanced<br>Advanced   |      |
| 2. Bush Creek Track                | - Bush Creek Track junction to Bush Creek Saddle  | 1 hr 40 min (1 hr 30 mins)   | Intermediate   |      |
| 3. Big Hill Walkway / Sawpit Gully | a. Arrowtown to Bush Creek junction<br>b. Bush Creek junction to Eichardts Flat (Sawpit Gully Walkway junction)<br>c. Eichardts Flat (Sawpit Gully Walkway junction) to Big Hill Saddle<br>d. Big Hill Saddle to Macetown Road  | 15 min (15 min)<br>30 min (25min)<br>1 hr 30 min (1 hr)<br>1 hr (2 hrs)                              | Easy<br>Intermediate<br>Intermediate/Advanced<br>Intermediate/Advanced |      |
| 4. Arrow Gorge Track               | - Arrowtown to Norman Spencer Bridge  | 30 min (30 min)  | Easy   |      |
| 5. Sawpit Gully Walkway            | - Eichardts Flat (Big Hill Track junction) to Arrow Gorge Track junction  | 1 hour (1 hr)  | Intermediate/Advanced  |      |
| 6. Hayes Creek Walkway             | - Big Hill Saddle to Macetown Road  | 1hr 30 min (2 hrs)   | Advanced   |      |
| 7. Macetown Road                   | a. Arrowtown to Norman Spencer Bridge (On 4WD Track)<br>b. Norman Spencer Bridge to New Chum Ridge Track junction<br>c. New Chum Ridge Track junction to Hayes Creek Walkway junction<br>d. Hayes Creek Walkway junction to Big Hill Walkway junction<br>e. Big Hill Track Junction to Macetown | 20 min (20 min)<br>25 min (25min)<br>25 min (25 min)<br>1 hr 15 min (1 hr 15 min)<br>25 min (25 min) | Intermediate<br>(river crossings)                                      |      |
| 8. New Chum Gully Track            | a. Macetown Road to New Chum Gully<br>b. New Chum Gully to Tobins Track junction  | 1hr (45 min)<br>20 min (30 min)  | Intermediate<br>Intermediate   |      |
| 9. New Chum Gully Link Track       | - New Chum Gully Track to New Chum Ridge Track linkage  | 5 min (5 min)  | Intermediate   |      |
| 10. New Chum Ridge Track           | a. Macetown Road to junction with Miners Track<br>b. Junction with Miners Track to junction with Peters Way   | 35 min (25 min)<br>30 min (45 min)   | Intermediate/Advanced<br>Intermediate/Advanced                         |      |
| 11. Miners Track                   | a. New Chum Ridge Track junction to Peters Way junction<br>b. Peters Way junction to Brackens Saddle  | 1 hr 15 min (1 hr)<br>10 min (10 min)  | Intermediate/Advanced<br>Intermediate/Advanced                         |      |
| 12. Peters Way                     | - Junction with New Chum Ridge Track to junction with Miners Track  | 1 hr (45 min)  | Intermediate/Advanced  |      |
| 13. Brackens Saddle Track          | - Glencoe Road to Brackens Saddle   | 45 min (30 min)  | Intermediate   |      |
| 14. Tobins Track                   | a. Arrowtown to New Chum Gully Track junction<br>b. New Chum Gully Track junction to Tobins Drop junction   | 15 min (15 min)<br>15 min (15 min)   | Easy/Intermediate<br>Easy/Intermediate                                 |      |
| 15. Tobins Drop                    | - Arrow River to Tobins Track   | 45 min (30 min)  | Advanced   |      |
| 16. Crown Peak Track               | a. Brackens Saddle to Crown Peak<br>b. Cardrona Road to Crown Peak  | 2 hours (1 hr 30 min)<br>2 hr 30 min (2 hrs)   | Advanced<br>Advanced   |      |

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| Advanced: Tramping Track   |  |
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| <b>Intermediate: Easier Tramping Track</b><br>Suitable for people with limited backcountry experience. Track is generally well formed, some sections may be rough, muddy or steep. Track has signs, poles or markers.  | <b>Grade 3: Intermediate</b><br>Steep slopes and/or avoidable obstacles possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure at the track's outside edge.   |
| <b>Advanced: Tramping Track</b><br>Suitable for people with moderate to high level backcountry (remote areas) skills and experience, navigation and survival skills required. Track is mostly unformed, may be rough and steep. Track has markers, poles or rock cairns. | <b>Grade 4: Advanced</b><br>A mixture of long, steep climbs, narrow track, poor traction and obstacles that are difficult to avoid or jump over. Generally exposed at the outside edge of the track. Most riders will find some sections easier to walk. |

### LEGEND

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|  | Interpretation / information site       |
|  | Ski field                               |
|  | QEII National Trust Open Space Covenant |
|  | Public Conservation Land                |

### TRACKS AND ROUTES

— Te Araroa Trail

**ROADS**  
(selected roads only)

— metalled

— sealed

### Coronet Peak Station tracks

- 1. Brow Peak Route (poled route only)
- 2. Bush Creek Track
- 3. Big Hill Walkway / Sawpit Gully
- 4. Arrow Gorge Track
- 5. Sawpit Gully Walkway
- 6. Hayes Creek Walkway
- 7. Macetown Road

### Glencoe Station tracks

- 8. New Chum Gully Track
- 9. New Chum Gully Link Track
- 10. New Chum Ridge Track
- 11. Miners Track
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