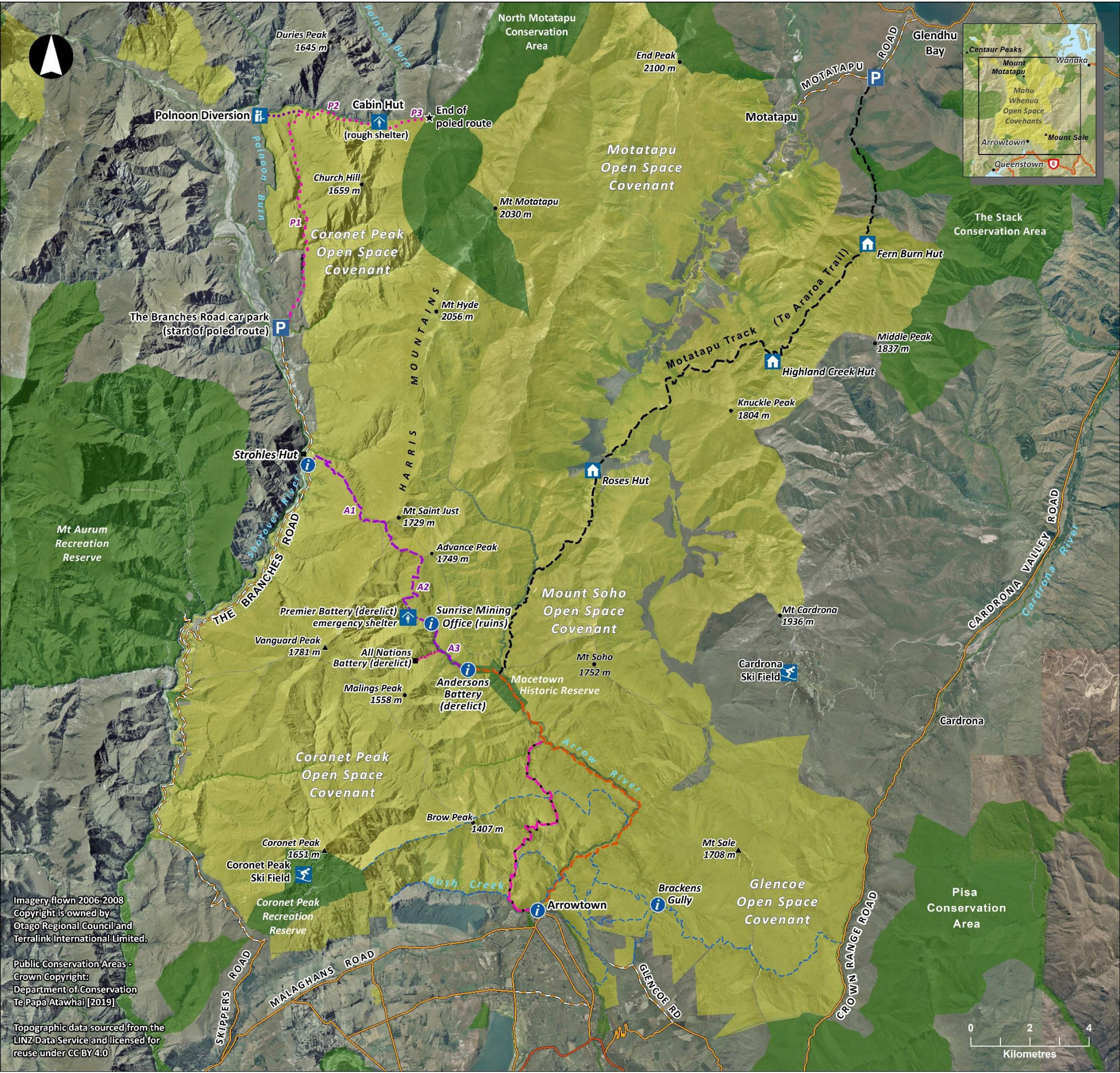


Mahu Whenua Covenant Tracks

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.

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.

LEGEND

- Interpretation/info. site
- Shelter
- Ski field
- Hut (Managed by the Department of Conservation)
- Parking

TRACKS / ROUTES

- Polnoon Trail
- Polnoon Diversion
- Advance Peak
- United and All Nations Goldfields Batteries Walk
- Big Hill Walkway (Te Araroa Trail)
- Motatapu Track (Te Araroa Trail)
- Macetown Road (4WD track)
- other tracks/routes

ROADS (selected roads only)

- metalled
- sealed
- state highway

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Public Conservation Areas

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

WALKING

- Easy: Walking Track
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MOUNTAIN BIKING

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

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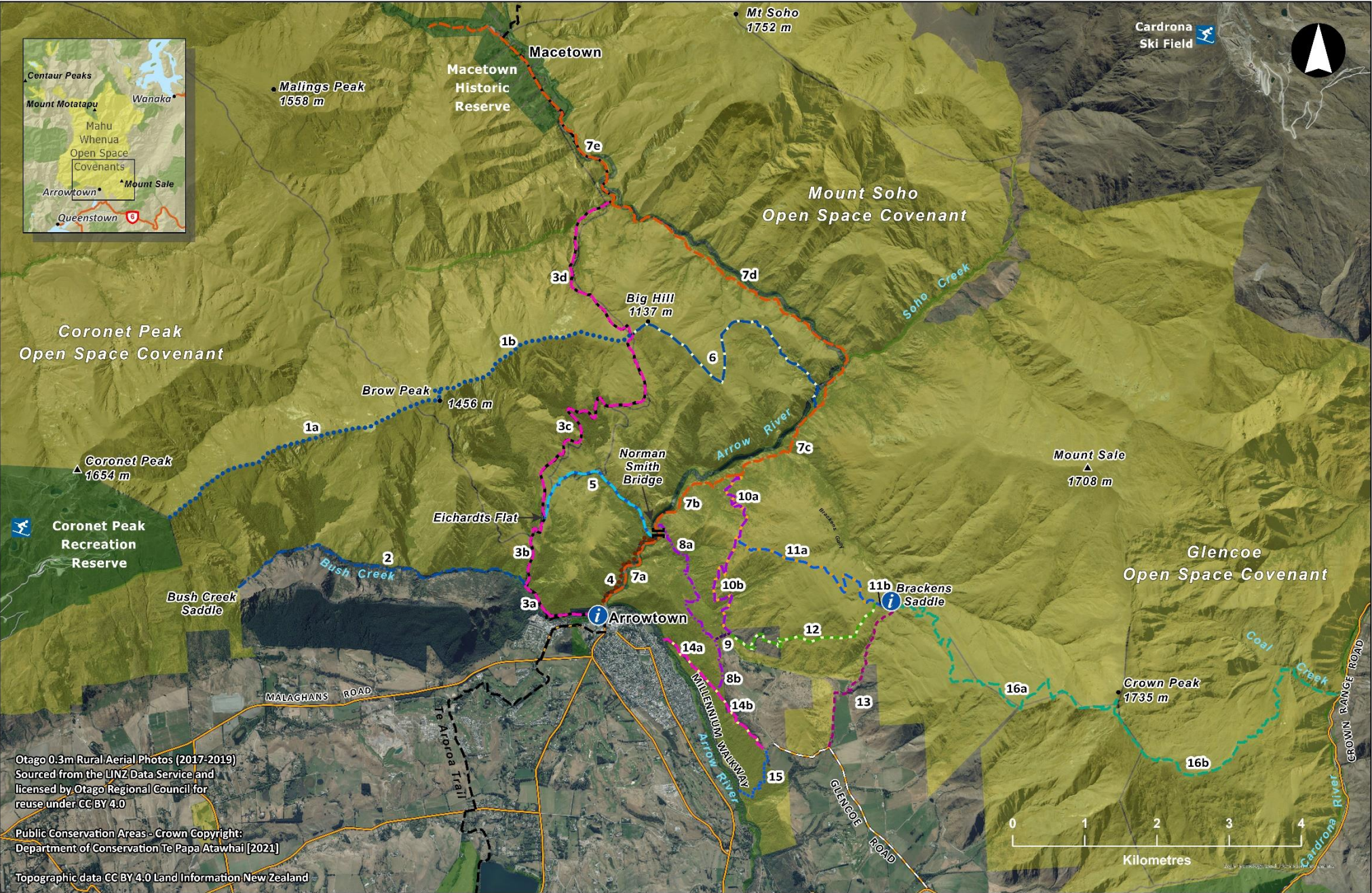
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Mountain bikers: note that Advance Peak Track is a Grade 4 trail. It is recommended that the route is started from the Macetown end. Parts of the tracks are dual use for mountain bikers and walkers - bikers must show consideration and give way to walkers.

Mahu Whenua Covenant Tracks

Arrowtown Tracks



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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)	2 hours (1 hr 30 min)	Advanced	
	b. Brow Peak to Big Hill Saddle (poled route only)	1 hr 30 min (2 hrs)	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	15 min (15 min)	Easy	
	b. Bush Creek junction to Eichardts Flat (Sawpit Gully Walkway junction)	30 min (25min)	Intermediate	
	c. Eichardts Flat (Sawpit Gully Walkway junction) to Big Hill Saddle	1 hr 30 min (1 hr)	Intermediate/Advanced	
	d. Big Hill Saddle to Macetown Road	1 hr (2 hrs)	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)	20 min (20 min)	Intermediate (river crossings)	
	b. Norman Spencer Bridge to New Chum Ridge Track junction	25 min (25min)		
	c. New Chum Ridge Track junction to Hayes Creek Walkway junction	25 min (25 min)		
	d. Hayes Creek Walkway junction to Big Hill Walkway junction	1 hr 15 min (1 hr 15 min)		
	e. Big Hill Track Junction to Macetown	25 min (25 min)		
8. New Chum Gully Track	a. Macetown Road to New Chum Gully	1hr (45 min)	Intermediate	
	b. New Chum Gully to Tobins Track junction	20 min (30 min)	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	35 min (25 min)	Intermediate/Advanced	
	b. Junction with Miners Track to junction with Peters Way	30 min (45 min)	Intermediate/Advanced	
11. Miners Track	a. New Chum Ridge Track junction to Peters Way junction	1 hr 15 min (1 hr)	Intermediate/Advanced	
	b. Peters Way junction to Brackens Saddle	10 min (10 min)	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	15 min (15 min)	Easy/Intermediate	
	b. New Chum Gully Track junction to Tobins Drop junction	15 min (15 min)	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	2 hours (1 hr 30 min)	Advanced	
	b. Cardrona Road to Crown Peak	2 hr 30 min (2 hrs)	Advanced	

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Public Conservation Land

Horse riding

Four wheel drive

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

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