



Catlins Scenic and Wildlife Tours

Your guide to the ultimate Clutha get away

Day One: Lawrence and Gabriel's Gully

You haven't seen the South until you've seen Lawrence. Lawrence is the site of one of the world's largest and fastest ever gold rushes.

Additional Itinerary: Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail

The best way to truly soak up the rich heritage is to get out and about on the Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail. You can start (or finish) the trail in Lawrence.

Day Two: Tuapeka Mouth, Kaka Point and Nugget Point

Don't miss a trip on Clutha's free ferry, the Tuapeka Punt powered by the flow of the mighty Clutha River. Kaka Point and Nugget Point - a picturesque seaside village - at the Northern edge of The Catlins, famous for its surfing and spectacular scenery.

Day Three: The Catlins - Owaka and Surrounds

Cannibal and Surat Bay are renowned as some of the best places to see sea lions in The Catlins. Lush rainforest, spectacular valleys, white sandy beaches and a large tidal lake surround Catlins biggest town, Owaka.

Day Four: The Catlins - Papatowai to Curio Bay

Papatowai - enjoy the small settlement where forest meets the sea. En route to Curio Bay, don't miss Florence Hill Lookout, Cathedral Caves (seasonal), and McLean Falls.

View the full itinerary at CluthaNZ.com/Stayawhile



Tracks and Trails

Gabriels Gully, Lawrence

Balclutha

- 01 Blair Athol Walkway** - Walk the banks of the Clutha River | 1 hr 30 return | Easy
- 02 Sesquicentennial Track, Inch Clutha** - Coastal walk | 1 hr 30 return | Easy

Lawrence

- 03 Gabriels Gully Interpretation Walk** - Gold heritage | 40 mins - 1 hr loop | Easy
- 04 Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail** - see below

Top 10 - Must Do!

1	Cross the mighty Clutha River on the Punt at Tuapeka Mouth , Clutha's free ferry	6	Go on a waterfall hunt through The Catlins - highlights include Purakaunui Falls and McLean Falls
2	Cycle or walk the Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail , on of New Zealand's Great Rides	7	Visit one of the world's largest sea cave complexes - Cathedral Caves , The Catlins
3	Soak in the panoramic views from Nugget Point Lighthouse for sunrise or sunset	8	Fish in the Clutha River, one of the lakes or try your luck surf casting
4	Take a walk around Sinclair Wetlands , internationally recognised as a nature haven	9	Visit a local museum , and soak up the local history from across the Clutha District - see map
5	Learn about the gold mining history, and walk the interperative track at Gabriels Gully , Lawrence	10	Tee off at one of Clutha's many golf courses - see map

There are so many wonderful activities in Clutha; we have picked a select few to feature. For more information about other available activities, or to find out if walks are open due to weather conditions or tides, contact one of our information centres or visit CluthaNZ.com

The Catlins

- 05 Nugget Point Lighthouse** - Dramatic coastal views | 40 min return | Easy
- 06 Roaring Bay** - Yellow-eyed penguins viewing hide | 20 min return | Easy
- 07 Tunnel Hill** - World's southernmost railway tunnel | 20 min return | Easy
- 08 Pūrakaunui Falls** - Most photographed waterfall | 20 min return | Easy
- 09 Lake Wilkie** - Reflective and peaceful peat lake | 30 min return | Easy
- 10 Matai Falls and Rail Trail** - Follow the old railway line | 30 min return and Rail Trail 1 hr return | Easy
- 11 Cathedral Caves** - Descent through forest to sea caves | 1 hr return | Moderate | Seasonal restrictions | \$ | Visit cathedralcaves.co.nz
- 12 McLean Falls** - 22m waterfall | 40 min return | Easy
- 13 Catlins River-Wisp Loop Track** - Forest lined river walk | Two 12km routes | Advanced | 1-2 days (no huts)

Tapanui | West Otago

- 14 Whisky Gully** - Walk through ferns and beech trees | 15 min loop | Easy | Suitable for all ages
- 15 Black Gully Track** - To the tops of Blue Mountains | 5 hr return | Advanced | Marked route to tops
- 16 Blue Mountain Walk** - Black Gully to Whisky Gully | 6-8 hr | Advanced | Camping available at Black Gully

Milton, Waihola and Surrounds

- 17 Bull Creek** - Bush walk to a scenic reserve | 40 min return | Easy - moderate
- 18 McNally Track** - Open country hike | 3 hr return | Moderate
- 19 Taieri Millenium Track** - Follow the Taieri River | 4-5 hr return | Moderate
- 20 Sinclair Wetlands** - Wildlife haven | Several kilometres of easy well-maintained tracks

The Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail, one of New Zealand's Great Rides takes you on a journey of discovery within a landscape of outstanding natural beauty

Ride or walk alongside the powerful Clutha (Mata-au) River through a fertile valley, secluded gorge and into lush green farmland.

Open all year round, this 73 kilometre Grade 2 (easy) trail passes through four settlements along the way - Roxburgh, Millers Flat, Beaumont and Lawrence.

The extension of the trail from Lawrence to Waihola is well underway. The new section of the Great Ride will expand the current 73km track to a total of 136km, from Lawrence to Waihola, via Milton.

For more information, visit cluthagold.co.nz



Welcome to Clutha

Take a journey off the beaten track to this amazing area, which celebrates nature and history!

The Catlins is home to spectacular waterfalls, beautiful beaches, wonderful wildlife and lush rainforest.

Visit our natural wonders such as the iconic **Nugget Point** or **Cathedral Caves**. Watch sea lions bathing in the sun.

Soak up the rich heritage in the lovely town of **Lawrence**, where one of The World's largest gold rushes took place.

The **Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail**, one of New Zealand's Great Rides takes you through rolling hills and along the Clutha River.

There are wonderful walks with panoramic views in the **Blue Mountains** near **Tapanui**.

New Zealand's most inland tidal lake at **Waihola** can be found in Clutha, with **Sinclair Wetlands** and **Taieri Mouth** nearby.

Lying between Dunedin and Invercargill on the popular **Southern Scenic Route**, we welcome you to the Clutha District.

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IT'S THE REAL DEAL.

Pūrakaunui Bay, The Catlins

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See map for list of information centres



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Clutha Stay a while

Nugget Point Lighthouse

Take a breath and stop in spectacular Clutha

Book your visit at CluthaNZ.com



Wildlife



Surat Bay, The Catlins

Clutha is home to the world's rarest penguins the "yellow eyed", and the world's smallest the "little blue", the planet's most endangered sea lions and the smallest dolphins!

- Sea Lions and Fur Seals**
Talk quietly and move slowly when nearby - do not disturb them, give them space of at least 20m
Best viewing sites: Nugget Point, Surat Bay, Cannibal Bay and Curio Bay
- Yellow-Eyed Penguins**
They are shy and easily stressed - do not disturb them, stay out of sight, at least 50m away.
Best viewing site: Roaring Bay
- Always respect signage regarding dogs



Bellview Wetlands, Lawrence



Cascade Creek Retreat

Accommodation

From eco cottages and farm stays to holiday homes and coastal camping - Clutha accommodation has it all!

Book your accommodation online at CluthaNZ.com

Camping in Clutha? There are some great places to stay in Clutha and we welcome responsible campers who are prepared to look after our unique and natural environment. Camping is permitted in any designated camping ground for all types of camping.

Waste disposal in The Catlins - Please take all rubbish away with you, carry out what you carry in. Rubbish disposal points are at Kaka Point, Owaka and Papatowai. Recycling is available at Owaka.



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CLUTHA GOLD Cycling & Walking Trail

