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Information Centres

Call into one of our local Visitor Information Centres - they have a wealth of knowledge on local activities throughout the Clutha District, as well as accommodation bookings, dining options and more.

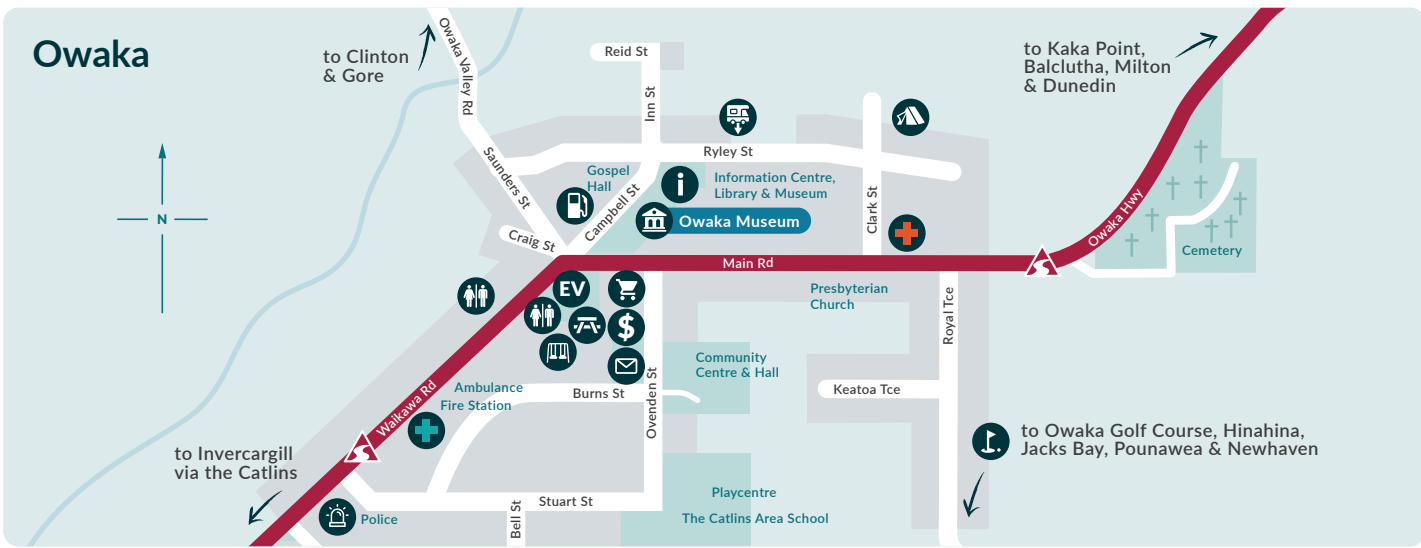
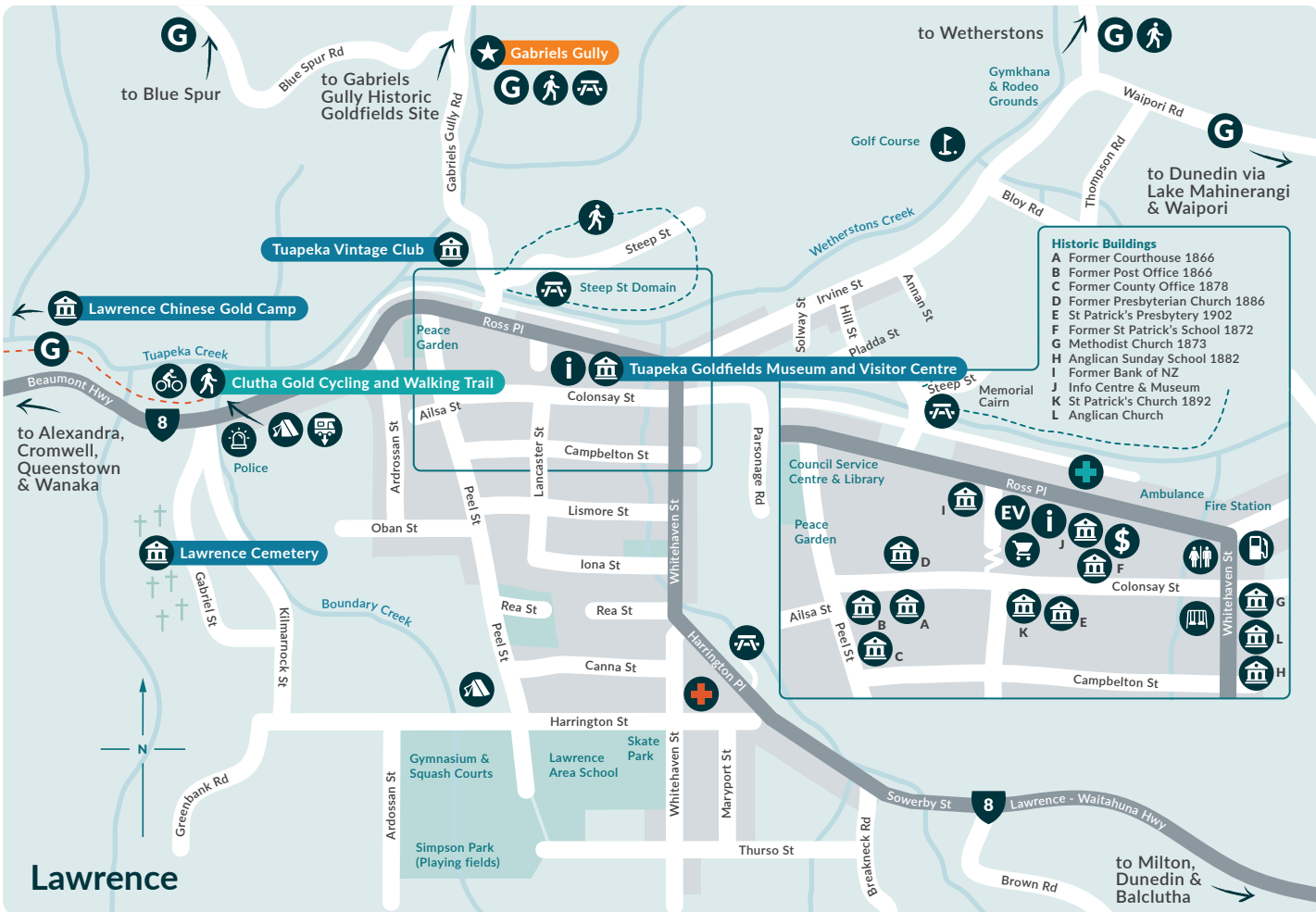
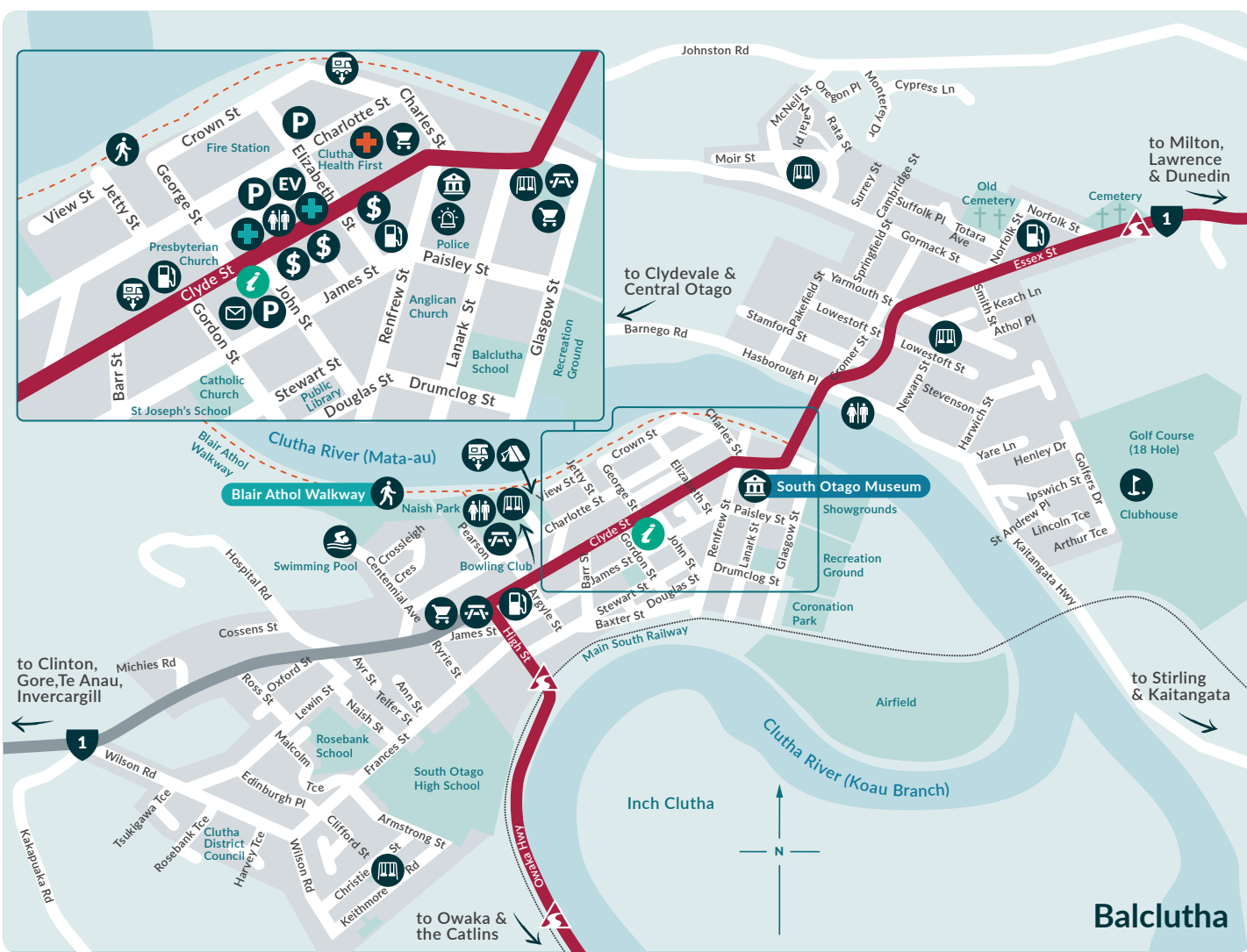
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Catlins Information Centre
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Milton Information Centre
53 Union Street, Milton
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Tuapeka Goldfields Museum and Visitor Centre
17 Ross Place, Lawrence
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info@lawrence.nz

Tapanui Information Centre
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Southern Scenic Route



This journey is a 610 kilometres touring route through Southern New Zealand. An array of natural and cultural attractions laid out one after the other - wildlife viewing, short walks, biking, fishing, hunting, boating, camping, tramping and caving - making it an ideal drive for those with time to explore.

Alternative inland roads provide a more direct path between the main centres, however the Southern Scenic Route is a journey that allows access to deserted beaches, lush rainforest, pristine lakes and stunning mountain vistas.



Baldclutha
Lawrence
The Catlins
West Otago
Milton & Surrounds

Blair Athol Walkway - Walk the banks of the Clutha River | 1 hr 30 return | Easy
Clutha Mouth Anniversary Walk, Inch Clutha
Coastal walk | 1 hr 30 return | Easy

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

Nugget Point Lighthouse - Dramatic coastal views
40 min return | Easy
Roaring Bay - Yellow-eyed penguins viewing hide
20 min return | Easy
Tunnel Hill - World's southernmost railway tunnel
20 min return | Easy
Purakaunui Falls - Iconic triple-tiered waterfall
20 min return | Easy
Lake Wilkie - Reflective and peaceful peat lake
30 min return | Easy
Matai Falls & Rail Trail - Follow the old railway line
30 min return & Rail Trail 1 hr return | Easy
Cathedral Caves - Descend through forest to sea caves | 1 hr return | Moderate | Seasonal restrictions | \$ | Visit cathedralcaves.co.nz
McLean Falls - Catlins' highest waterfall at 22m
40 min return | Easy
Catlins River-Wisp Loop - Forest lined river walk
Two 12km routes | Advanced | 1-2 days (no huts)

Whisky Gully - Walk through ferns and beech trees
15 min loop or 2 hr return to waterfall
Black Gully Track - To the tops of Blue Mountains
5 hr return | Advanced | Marked route to tops
Blue Mountain Walk - Black Gully to Whisky Gully
6-8 hr | Advanced | Camping available at Black Gully

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

Tracks and Trails

Unplug and traverse one of our district's scenic walking tracks.

Clutha has a range of track and trail options for your next adventure. From family-friendly loop tracks that are push-chair friendly, to overnight hikes to backcountry cabins, there are options to suit all levels of fitness and experience.

Discover all of our district's tracks and trails at CluthaNZ.com/visit/tracks-and-trails/



Cycling

Thousands of visitors every year experience the 73-kilometre bike trail, the Clutha Gold.

Soak up the history of early Otago and witness the region's stunning scenery as you wind along the Clutha Mata-au River. Explore the stunning riverside scenes of the Teviot Valley between Lake Roxburgh and Lawrence.

The trail is set to get even bigger and better, with the route being extended to 136 kilometres all the way to Lake Waiholā from March 2023.

Afterwards, rest up in Lawrence, Otago's original gold town. Stroll around this quaint spot with its proud history and wonderful architecture and follow in the steps of Chinese gold miners and pioneer settlers.

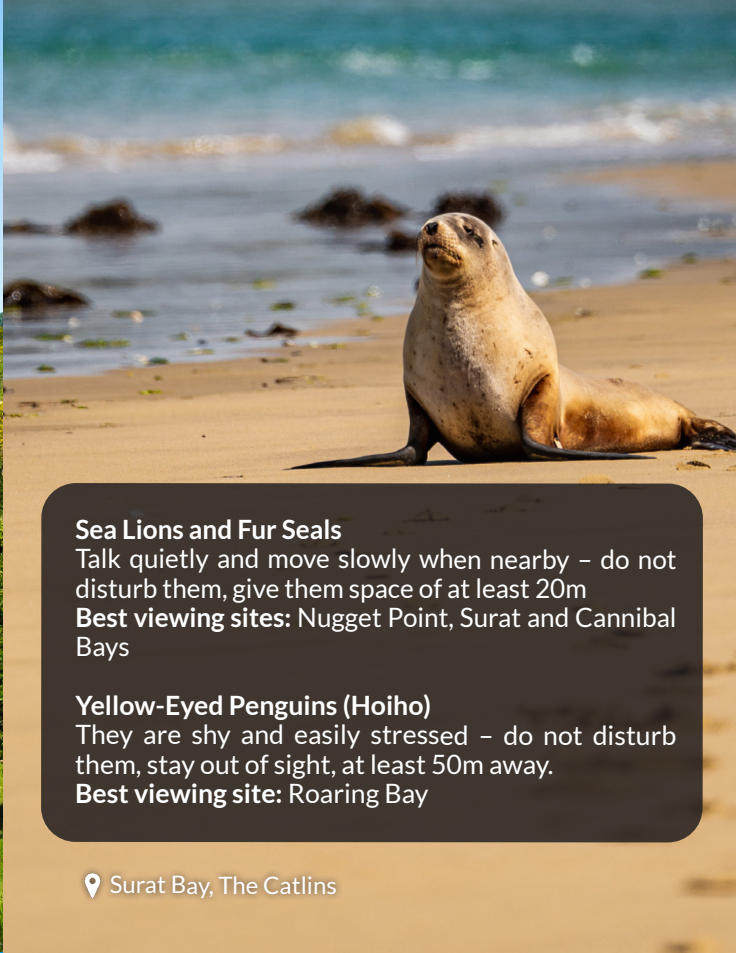
For more information on the trail, visit cluthagold.co.nz.



Wildlife

On the southern coast of our district is The Catlins, where you can meet hoiho, the world's rarest yellow-eyed penguin, and kororā, the world's smallest penguin. Visitors can view these amazing animals from many vantage points, enjoying their natural habitat. Plus you may get to see the planet's most endangered sea lions, fur seals, and the world's smallest dolphin.

Many of our district's wildlife are facing rapid decline, so please respect their natural habitat, do not approach them, and keep dogs on a lead.



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 and Cannibal Bays

Yellow-Eyed Penguins (Hoiho)

They are shy and easily stressed – do not disturb them, stay out of sight, at least 50m away.
Best viewing site: Roaring Bay

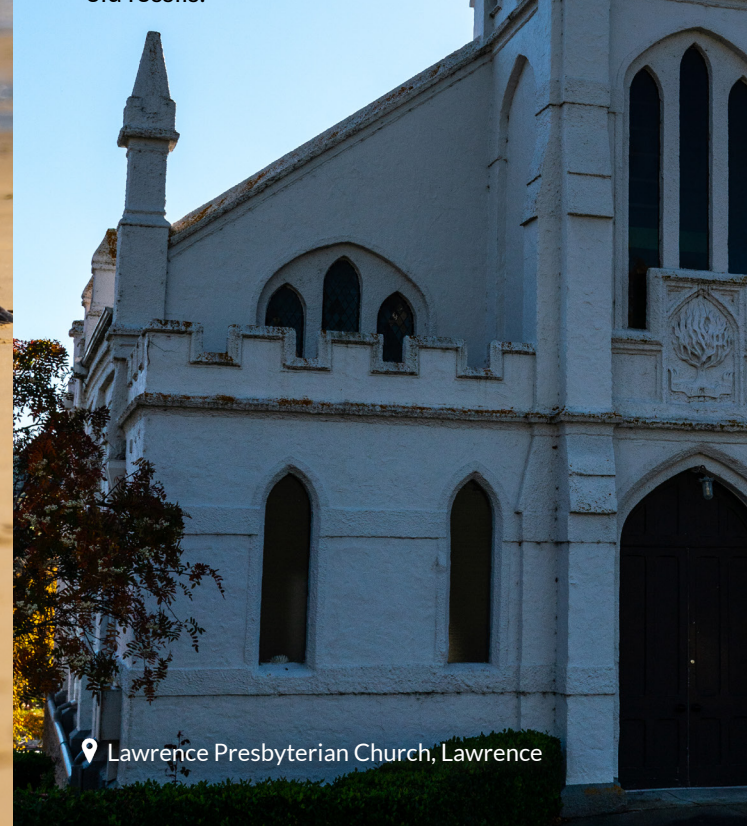
📍 Surat Bay, The Catlins

Heritage

Soak up the rich heritage in the lovely town of Lawrence where Otago's gold rush began. There are a number of key sites including Gabriels Gully.

You will find a variety of museums across the Clutha District, from the Tuapeka Goldfields Museum and Visitor Centre in Lawrence to the Owaka Museum a true reflection of The Catlins' rich history.

Hidden Gem: Milburn Whale and Dolphin Fossils Lookout in Milton has 24-34 million year old fossils.



📍 Lawrence Presbyterian Church, Lawrence

Accommodation

Beachside, lakeside, farm-side, or up a mountainside.

Clutha District offers a variety of accommodation options providing good old-fashioned southern hospitality. Discover boutique lodges, eco cottages, farm stays, holiday homes, and coastal camping. Explore all of our accommodation options now.

Book your accommodation online at CluthaNZ.com

Camping in Clutha - Immerse yourself in remote natural landscapes by camping in Clutha. Travel in your campervan or stay beach-side in one of our designated campgrounds. We welcome responsible campers who are willing to look after our unspoilt environment.

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.

📍 Cascade Creek Retreat, Milton

Clutha NZ - Official Visitor Map

Clutha
Stay a while

Visit Clutha Unique and Unspoilt!

Lying between Dunedin and Invercargill, the Clutha District is a true highlight along the world-class **Southern Scenic Route**.

For adventurous nature lovers, Clutha will reward you with wonders like the iconic **Nugget Point**, the famous **Cathedral Caves** and **Purakaunui Falls**, featuring an impressive triple tiered cascade.

Surf our pristine, untouched beaches, watch wildlife frolic in their natural habitat, or let us guide you to our local secret spots on an eco-tour.

For a dose of history, discover the story of **Gabriel's Gully** in the heritage town of Lawrence.

Leave your laptop at home and step onto one of our many walking tracks through coastal rainforest and dense native bush. Tick the mighty and majestic **McLean Falls** off your bucket list! From family-friendly one-hour loop tracks to advanced overnight trails and backcountry huts, you can truly disconnect here.

The **Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail**, one of the *Ngā Haereka Great Rides of New Zealand*, takes you on a scenic, historic journey alongside the country's largest and fastest river - the mighty Clutha Mata-au.

For a truly authentic taste of New Zealand's exceptional beauty and unique heritage, look no further than Clutha.



📍 Nugget Point Lighthouse

Say yes to adventure and beauty in spectacular Clutha

CluthaNZ.com



Lawrence

Soak up the district's heritage in idyllic Lawrence.

Stroll the streets and transport yourself back to the gold rush era. Boutique shops, quirky cafes, Victorian and Edwardian buildings, and an iconic museum line the town's main street. Once home to one of the world's largest gold rushes, Lawrence also boasted one of New Zealand's largest communities with a population double the size of Dunedin (around 250,000!).

Learn the story of the first person to discover gold in 1861 at Gabriel's Gully, or visit the Chinese Gold Camp.

Book a stay in Lawrence once you've finished the Clutha Gold Cycle and Walking Trail. Embracing Otago's rich heritage and stunning scenery, the easy grade trail covers 73-kilometres and takes two to four days to complete. From March 2023, a new trail extension to Lake Waiholā will be opened, extending the ride to 136-kilometres.



📍 Lawrence Township

The Catlins

One of the country's finest eco-destinations.

The 100-kilometre stretch of coastline is home to lush rainforest, golden beaches, and diverse wildlife.

You don't have to travel far to immerse yourself in dense virgin rainforest, abundant with native rākau (trees), triple-tiered waterfalls, and the soundtrack of the sweet song of the tui and korimako bird.

From the forest to the sea, the coastline boasts epic cliffs and famous sea caves, all part of the rugged splendour. Watching the world's rarest penguins and dolphins playing in the surf, or witnessing fur seals and endangered sea lions lounge in their natural habitat, complete the stunning and serene experience.



📍 Pūrakaunui Bay, The Catlins

Top 10 Must Do's



Cross the Clutha River on the **Punt at Tuapeka Mouth**

Go on a **waterfall** hunt through The Catlins

Cycle the **Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail**

Visit one of the world's largest sea cave complexes **Cathedral Caves**

Soak in the panoramic views from **Nugget Point Lighthouse**

Fish in the Clutha River, one of the lakes or try your luck surf casting

Take a walk around the nature haven of **Sinclair Wetlands**

Visit a local **museum**, and soak up Clutha District's local history

Learn about the gold mining history at **Gabriels Gully**

Spot a yellow-eyed (hoiho) penguin in The Catlins

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