



Take a journey off the beaten track to experience this stunning area in the South. Visit iconic Nugget Point, enchanting waterfalls and walks in The Catlins, rich gold mining heritage and the Clutha Gold Trail in Lawrence, or Tapanui AKA Millhaven in the movie "Pete's Dragon".

Clutha is the southernmost district in the Otago region located on the east coast of the South Island of New Zealand. An ideal location for travellers, Clutha is a part of the Southern Scenic Route and has many treasures to share.

Come and enjoy a quintessentially Kiwi experience!

There are so many wonderful activities in Clutha; we have only picked a small selection to feature. For more information about other available activities, commercial guided walks or to find out if walks are open due to weather conditions or tides, please visit one of our information centres or see

www.cluthanz.com



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The Catlins

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OWAKA MUSEUM
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1 NUGGET POINT

Revered by locals, visitors and photographers alike, Nugget Point is considered to be one of the “10 Great Lookouts in New Zealand” by Lonely Planet. The well-maintained pathway suits all ages and leads to a viewing platform beside the Nugget Point Lighthouse – 10 – 20 min return. Keep a look out for New Zealand fur seal, sea lions and elephant seals, and also Yellow Eyed Penguins next door at Roaring Bay.



2 CATLINS RIVER – WISP LOOP TRACK

The Catlins River – Wisp Loop Track is a 24km two day or a very long one day tramp. Catlins River walk is a 5-6 hour walk following The Catlins River between Tawanui and The Wisp. Wisp Loop Track is a 4-5 hour higher altitude walk which forms the loop via forestry roads, this walk has Rocky Knoll which is a great lookout point.



3 PURAKAUNUI FALLS

This easy track is approximately 20 minutes return to one of the most photographed waterfalls in New Zealand.



4 LAKE WILKIE

Lake Wilkie is a small scenic lake, on the edge of which is a 30 minute return walk and features a variety of plant life. This track is beautiful, especially on a clear blue sky day as the peat mirror lake makes for stunning photos.

5 MATAI FALLS AND RAIL TRAIL

The Matai Rail Trail is a 1-2 hour walk accessible from the Matai Falls. The trail follows the old railway formation where it winds around the south-western slopes of Table Hill through the native forest. The trail was opened in 2015, one hundred years after the opening of the last section of the railway from Houipapa to Tahakopa.

6 CATHEDRAL CAVES

Cathedral Caves are a highlight for visitors to The Catlins. Located in cliffs at the northern end of pristine Waipati Beach, they have attracted international interest for their length - the two sea-formed passages together measure just on 200 metres - and their impressive height, up to 30 metres. There is a small charge for the use of the car park and access to the bush track, beach and caves. The Caves are open for visiting between late October and May. Access is limited to two hours either side of low tide. Please refer to the tide timetables at the Information Centre or online.



Balclutha, Kaitangata & Surrounds

CLUTHA I-SITE VISITOR CENTRE
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7 LAKE TUAKITOTO

This easy loop track is 15km return around the edge of the lake, approximately 3 hours, and bikes are allowed to use the track. You will see a selection of native birds on this lakeside track.



8 BLAIR ATHOL WALKWAY

This relaxing return walk alongside the Clutha River will take you approximately 1.5 hours to complete. You will follow the mighty Clutha River/Mata-Au and take in the fabulous array of flora and fauna, including an amazing display of rhododendrons. You are able to bike this track.



9 SESQUICENTENNIAL TRACK, INCH CLUTHA

The Sesquicentennial Track is an easy 90 minute return track which takes you down to the beach with wonderful views of the coastline and Pacific Ocean.



Tapanui & West Otago

TAPANUI SERVICE CENTRE, INFO CENTRE & LIBRARY
1 Suffolk Street, Tapanui
Ph: 03 204 8306, tapanui.info@cluthadc.govt.nz

10 WHISKY GULLY

At the southern end of The Blue Mountain Walk and a short driving distance from Tapanui is Whisky Gully, an easy going 15 minute loop track with beautiful native bush scenery.



11 BLACK GULLY TRACK

This easy, short walk begins at the northern end of the Blue Mountains. It has great picnic spots and children will love the historic play park.



12 BLUE MOUNTAIN WALK

This medium to difficult 6-8 hour walk will take you along the ridge tops of The Blue Mountains. The walk can be started at either Whisky Gully or Black Gully. Ensure you are prepared for sudden changes in the weather conditions; huts are available for hunters and trampers.



Milton, Waihola, Taieri Mouth & Surrounds

MILTON INFORMATION CENTRE
53 Union Street, Milton
Phone: 03 417 7480, Email: miltoninfo@extra.co.nz

13 BULL CREEK BUSH WALK

This easy to moderate 40 minute return walk will take you along Bull Creek where you are able to swim and picnic.



14 CHRYSTALLS BEACH TO BULL CREEK

This easy to moderate coastal walk will take you approximately 2 hours return.



15 MCNALLY TRACK

The McNally Walkway is an open country hike that begins on the outskirts of Milton and climbs to the crest of a nearby hilltop, 318 metres above sea level. This moderate to difficult walk is 7km return taking approximately 3 hours to complete.



16 MOUNT STUART RESERVE

Mount Stuart Reserve is an easy grade, 40 minute return track into native bush.



17 MT STUART TUNNEL TRACK

This easy going 40 minute return walk will take you to Mount Stuart Tunnel. Please note the tunnel itself is closed, however it is still possible to see glow worms at the side of the track.



18 TAIERI MILLENNIUM TRACK

This moderate 4—5 hour return walk follows the Taieri River through native bush to a picturesque area known as John Bull Gully. You can turn around and return to the start or carry on to Taieri Mouth.



19 JOHN BULL GULLY

This moderate walk will take you on a return walk of approximately 3 hours. You will venture through native bush and see beautiful views and scenery. This track is part of the Taieri Millennium Track, but can be completed as a separate 6km walk. You are able to bike this track.



20 SINCLAIR WETLANDS

Sinclair Wetlands has several kilometres of well-maintained walking tracks making access easy, and areas of interest are highlighted with clearly marked signs. From the visitor centre car park the main walking route extends 2 km, along a causeway through swampland, past Lonely Island, and both across and around Ram Island (Whakaraupuka), the site of Tukiauau's pa.



The Catlins

LAWRENCE INFORMATION CENTRE & MUSEUM
17 Ross Place, Lawrence
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21 GABRIEL'S GULLY INTERPRETIVE TRACK

The Gabriel's Gully walk is an easy to moderate 1 hour 20 minute loop walk. A number of interpretation panels explain the history of the site and how gold was extracted.



22 BEAUMONT MILLENNIUM TRACK

This walk leads to the swing bridge, the lonely graves and the old railway line, which is also used by vehicles and is a part of the Clutha Gold Cycle Trail Cycling and Walking Trail.



23 CLUTHA GOLD TRAIL WALKING AND CYCLING TRAIL ONE OF NEW ZEALAND'S GREAT RIDES

This 73km trail can be cycled or walked within 2-4 days, and runs from Lawrence to Lake Roxburgh Dam. It offers a unique heritage experience showcasing the area's history of early Maori moa hunters, Chinese gold miners, European pastoral farming, mining and rail. This wonderful trail follows the mighty Clutha Mata-Au River. It can be walked or cycled in easily accessible sections, visit www.cluthagold.co.nz



24 BEAUMONT TO LAWRENCE SECTION CLUTHA GOLD TRAIL

Follow Gabriel's Gully Road to Gabriel's Gully where you will be able to park your car. This easy to medium going track will take about 80 minutes to complete. It circumnavigates this historical area and it will take you past a number of interpretation panels, which explain the history of the site and how the gold was extracted.



Fishing

Trout and salmon are sure to be biting in the Clutha, Waipahi, Pomahaka, Tuapeka and Catlins Rivers. Other notable freshwater fishing spots include the Owaka, Waitahuna, Tokomairiro and Leithen Burn rivers. Fishing licences are available from your local information centre. Alternatively, try surf casting at the various beaches down the coast.

Surfing

Some of New Zealand's best kept surfing secrets lie off the coast of the Clutha District and The Catlins, including Toko Mouth, Kaka Point, and Cannibal Bay, Purakaunui Bay and Curio Bay.

Accommodation and Eating Out

Clutha has a wide variety of accommodation available. Likewise, there are a number of cafés and restaurants, grocery stores and service stations throughout the area. For more information please see www.cluthanz.com or talk to our friendly i-Site and Information Centre Staff

Camping

Clutha's many distinct and diverse areas, rich in natural and scenic landscapes, coastlines and wide-open spaces are well-suited to campers. We welcome responsible campers who are prepared to look after our unique natural environment and follow some simple rules. See www.cluthanz.com for more information on camping in Clutha, or visit our i-Site or Information Centres.

Southern Scenic Route

This journey between Queenstown and Dunedin is approximately 610 kilometres (km) of natural and cultural attractions laid out one after the other – wildlife viewing, short walks, mountain-biking, fishing, hunting, boating, camping, tramping and caving – making it an ideal drive for those with time to explore.

Wildlife

- Best viewing sites: Nugget Point, Roaring Bay, Long Point, Surat and Curio Bays, Waipapa Point
- Penguins are shy and easily stressed - stay out of sight
- Sea lions and seals need space - stay at least 12 metres away
- Protect nature - do not remove plants, animals or fossils
- Control dogs - they can kill penguins and threaten seals

KEY	P	Lookout
WheelChair accessible	Parking	Picnic Area
Easy	Interpretation Panel	Play Area
Moderate	Cabins	Toilets
Hard going	Camping	Disabled Access Toilets
Mountain bikes	Dogs on leash	
	No Dogs	