

OUR BACK YARD EVENTS

Discover a wide variety of events with picture-perfect backdrops all year round!

February

- ▶ Te Anau Waitangi Festival
- ▶ Milford Mountain Classic

March

- ▶ Street Dine Fiordland

Easter Weekend

- ▶ Te Anau Tartan Festival

April

- ▶ Routeburn Classic

June

- ▶ Men's Muster Fiordland
- ▶ Fiordland Big 3

June/July

- ▶ Matariki in Fiordland

August

- ▶ Meridian Hydro Half Marathon

September

- ▶ Flavours of Fiordland

October

- ▶ Stabicraft Te Anau Manapouri Fishing Classic

December

- ▶ Kepler Challenge
- ▶ Distinction Hotels Te Anau Tennis Invitational

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PLAN YOUR TRIP VISIT:



5 SIMPLE RULES TO HELP YOU STAY SAFE:

- Choose the right trip for you**
Learn about the route and make sure you have the skills for it.
- Understand the weather**
It can change fast. Check the forecast and change your plans if needed.
- Pack warm clothes and extra food**
Prepare for bad weather and an unexpected night out.
- Share your plans and take ways to get help**
Telling a trusted person your trip details and taking a distress beacon can save your life. Leave a date and time to raise the alarm if you haven't returned. Send it to a trusted person directly or via the Plan My Walk app.
- Take care of yourself and each other**
Eat, drink and rest, stick with your group and make decisions together.

Always remember to ensure shuttle, water taxi or helicopter transfers are prebooked and be on time.



Visit adventuresmart.nz for more information on the Land Safety Code and to download in other languages

FIORDLAND HISTORY

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According to Māori legend, demi-god Tu-te-raki-whanao carved the magnificent fiords, improving with every fiord he created, making Piopiotahi/Milford Sound his masterpiece. In fear that people would stay in Milford Sound forever, the goddess Hine-nui-te-po created the sandfly to keep people at bay. Early Māori began to collect takiwai from Anita Bay, a prized translucent greenstone, over 800 years ago. In 1773, during Captain Cook's second voyage Astronomer's Point was established, making Aotearoa, at that time, the most accurately mapped location in the world. Rudyard Kipling named Milford Sound the Eighth Wonder of the World. Fiordland has captivated hearts for years with its outstanding natural beauty, pristine waters, majestic lands, and sparkling dark skies – a place worth protecting.

Initially released for game in 1910, the mighty moose soon found themselves outnumbered by the introduction of red deer that competed for the same food. The infamous "deer wars" of the 1970s, involving helicopters, resulted in a thriving Fiordland venison industry and the regeneration of native forest and flora. While not photographed since 1952, some believe the elusive moose still exist in the park, so keep your eyes open and camera ready.

Once a chorus of native birds, the introduction of various pests impacted wildlife across Aotearoa. Long believed to be extinct, the takahē and kakāpō were rediscovered in Fiordland, leading the way for their recovery. Perhaps you will be the one to rediscover the South Island Kokako. Keep your ears open for its unique and haunting call. Prove its existence, and claim the bounty that awaits the successful finder.



Base yourself in Te Anau and use this passport to guide you to some of the best day walks around, experiencing a taste of the Great Walks nearby. Stay a week and complete them all or tick off a few more with each visit.

Record your adventures with the date, weather and your rating so you can recommend them to friends. Ensure you keep your Hike Fiordland Passport in a safe place so you can return with it time and time again.

Relax in the evenings in the comfort of your Te Anau lodgings, experiencing the best of Southland's food and hospitality. Chat to the locals and uncover even more of Te Anau's best-kept secrets and why people just keep coming back to this special place!

Create your own itinerary or visit the Beyond Belief website for more suggestions to make the most of your stay.

GUIDE TO ICONS:

- Easy
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Shuttle
- Water Taxi
- Helicopter
- Dogs on Leash

This guide provides general information which was correct at the time of printing. Visit Te Rua-o-te-moko/Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre for more accurate and up-to-date weather and track information, maps and the best advice and guidance to make your visit a safe one.

1 **Milford Track SANDIFY POINT TO GIANT GATE FALLS** **GREAT WALK**

Water taxi across Deepwater Basin to Sandify Point before embarking on this flat rainforest walk, following the Arthur River and passing Lake Ada. Cross the famous swing bridge with spectacular views of the Giant Gate Falls.

3 hours RETURN
+ Water Taxi (10 min EACH WAY)

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2 **The Chasm**

Created by thousands of years of high rainfall, water forced down the Cleddau River has sculpted its way through rock creating this powerful chasm and thunderous waterfall system. This must stop on the way to Milford, is in the process of reopening after a 2020 storm.

20 mins RETURN

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3 **Routeburn Track LAKE HOWDEN** **GREAT WALK**

From The Divide car park follow the Routeburn Track through silver beech forest with plenty of mountain and valley views. Just past the Key Summit turn off you will start a short descent to the pretty Lake Howden.

3 hours RETURN

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4 **Routeburn Track KEY SUMMIT**

Worth the effort, the view from the Key Summit rewards you with breathtaking views of alpine tarns, glacier-carved valleys, and surrounding peaks, including the Earl Mountains and Mount Tutoko. Look out for tomatis, kererū, robins and bellbirds.

3 hours RETURN

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5 **Milford Track TE ANAU DOWNS TO CLINTON HUT** **GREAT WALK**

From Te Anau Downs to Glade Wharf by water taxi, this easy walk to Clinton Hut along the emerald waters of the Clinton River is a treat. Have lunch at the hut and leave time for a swim in the lake.

3 hours RETURN
+ Water Taxi (50 min EACH WAY)

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6 **Lake Marian FALLS**

This easy graded track rewards you with boardwalks alongside cascading waterfalls that travel down from Lake Marian further up the valley. On Milford Road, turn at Marian Corner onto Hollyford Road and drive 1km to the car park.

20 mins RETURN

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7 **Lake Marian**

After crossing the swing bridge and viewing the waterfall, adventurous families can continue on this often steep and hand-over-foot track that rewards you with a magnificent alpine lake in a hanging valley. Best in summer due to avalanching risk in winter and spring.

3 hours RETURN

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8 **Mirror Lakes**

Created by bends on the Eglinton River, these two 'oxbow' lakes create stunning reflections of the Earl Mountains. Spot the eels and NZ's smallest duck, the papango. It is the perfect stopover for a quick, easy photo opportunity and a stretch of the legs.

10 mins

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13 **Humboldt Falls**

At the end of the unsealed Hollyford Road and located in the Serpentine Range you will find the impressive 275m high, tiered Humboldt Falls. An easy track, with best views from the platform. Allow two hours drive from Te Anau to the Hollyford Road end. Hollyford Road starts at Marian Corner.

30 mins RETURN

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9 **Lake Gunn**

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14 **Te Anau to Upukerora River Mouth**

A popular, easy walk or bike along the lake waterfront to the Upukerora river mouth. Return the same way or complete the loop via the riverside bike trail back into town. Dogs welcome on leash.

3 hours RETURN

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11 **Circle Track**

Water taxi from Pearl Harbour across to the jetty before following the riverside track to the start of the Circle Loop. The steep track up to the viewpoint rewards you with views of Lake Manapouri before descending the ridgeline and looping back to the jetty.

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15 **Ivon Wilson Park**

An urban park, suitable for biking and walking, explore through 35ha of native and exotic trees. Along with a playground, disc golf and mountain bike trails, it includes Lake Henry, a children's fishery with trout so grab a fishing license from the Visitor Centre. Dogs welcome on leash.

10 mins ONE WAY

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16 **Te Anau to Control Gate**

Family and dog friendly – walk, run, bike or take the pram. A 15 minute walk will get you to **Punanga Manu o Te Anau**. There, view our rare takahē, cheeky kākā, and the hero of our \$10 note, the who before carrying on to the Control Gate or returning to town.

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18 **Kepler Track BROD BAY** **GREAT WALK**

With picturesque picnic and swimming spots, you have two options – a one hour walk from the Control Gate to Dock Bay or continue to Brod Bay. Splash out and book a water taxi to return you to town, and soak in the views from the lake itself.

3 hours RETURN

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21 **Kepler Track RAINBOW REACH SHALLOW BAY/MOTURAU** **GREAT WALK**

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12 **Pearl Harbour to Hope Arm**

Cross by boat to the jetty. Walk along the Waiau River with views of Pearl Harbour, pass by the lake and head up the spur through diverse flora. Boardwalks cross swampland before reaching the beach with a small hut at the end – perfect for lunch before your return trip.

4-6 hours RETURN

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19 **Kepler Track LUXMORE HUT** **GREAT WALK**

Challenging, but rewarding, with popular Mt Luxmore you have options: **Walk** from the Control Gate (8-10 hours return). **Water taxi** to start at Brod Bay (6-8 hours return). **Helicopter** to the hut and allow a few hours to explore the summit and cave.

8-10 hours RETURN

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22 **Borland Valley**

Whether it is the family-friendly treelined feel of the Borland Nature Walk, the short Lake Monowai Peninsula Lookout, or the more advanced alpine views of the Mt Burns Tarn track, Borland Valley is for you. Check in at the Te Anau Visitor Centre for vehicle suitability and road conditions before departing Te Anau.

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23 **Mavora Lakes Trails**

A 1.5-hour drive from Te Anau, Lord of The Rings fans may feel themselves in familiar territory as they arrive through beech forest eyeing the crystal blue waters for the first time. A two-hour walk alongside the North Mavora Lake will take you to rustic Carey's Hut. The South Mavora Lake walking track, with its swing bridge and trout-filled waters, will not disappoint. Remember your fishing license and rod. Dogs welcome on leash.

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