Duration: 3–4 days
Distance: 46 km (one way)

Great Walks season: All year

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Day 1: Onepoto to Panekire Hut
4–6 hours, 9 km
This is the most strenuous part of the trip, but the views from Panekiri make it worthwhile. The track starts from the Onepoto Shelter and leads you through the former Armed Constabulary Redoubt Parade Ground before climbing steadily up to the top of Panekiri Bluff. You’ll enjoy spectacular views across the lake as you follow the undulating ridgeline before reaching Puketapu Trig (1180 metres) and onto Panekire Hut.

Day 2: Panekire Hut to Waiopaoa Hut
3–4 hours, 8 km
From Panekire Hut, the track heads southwest down the range to the top of the Panekiri descent. From here the track drops steeply off the range into rolling valleys of beech, podocarp and kāmahi forest and the lake.
### Day 3: Waiopaoa Hut to Marauiti Hut

- **Duration:** 5 hours, 12 km
- **Activity:** Head up the Waiopaoa Stream a short distance before crossing grassy flats and heading through kānuka forest on the lakeshore. The track, while undulating, weaves its way through rimu wooded areas and along the lake edge to Marauiti Hut. A worthwhile side trip on this day is a 1-hour return trip to the amazing Korokoro Falls.

### Day 4: Marauiti Hut to Hopuruahine Landing

- **Duration:** 4–6 hours, 17 km
- **Activity:** This is another moderate day of walking with plenty of fantastic photo opportunities and chances to relax beside the lake’s edge. From Waiharuru Hut, the track climbs over the Pukehou ridge following the kiwi enclosure fence line all the way down to Tapuaenui Campsite, and leads on to Hopuruahine Landing.

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**Additional Information:**

- **Cover:** Panekiri Bluff, Daniel Deans
- **Above Left to Right:** Day 1: Daniel Deans, Days 2 and 3: Chris McLennan, Day 4: Kathrin and Stefan Marks (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0)
- **Main Photo:** View from Panekiri Bluff, Daniel Deans
1 Take a dip in the cool, crystal-clear water after a long day’s hike. There are plenty of spots along the track, and at most of the huts and campsites.

2 Soak up the rich spiritual history of the area, which is home to Nā Tūhoe, the local Māori people, who are also known as Nā Tamariki o te Kohu—‘the children of the mist’.

3 Take a short walk (1 hour return) up the side track from Korokoro Campsite to the beautiful Korokoro Falls. This is a must-see!

4 Climb to the top of the Panekiri Bluff to enjoy the breath-taking panoramic views of Lake Waikaremoana.

5 Be served up an auditory treat as native birdsong echoes across the forest—those staying at Waiharuru Hut may hear kiwi calling at night.
GETTING THERE
Waikaremoana can be approached from two directions. Te Urewera Route (SH38) links Wairoa and the East Coast with the central North Island, and passes the lake and Waikaremoana Visitor Centre.

- **Onepoto**, 64 km from Wairoa.
- **Hopuruahine Landing**, 155 km from Rotorua.

The route has long sections of unsealed gravel road. There is free public parking at the Waikaremoana Holiday Park and the nearby Waikaremoana Visitor Centre. There are water taxi services available between various points on the lake. We recommend booking transport services in advance, especially in the quieter season, as they operate on demand.

*Refer over the page for transport options and services.*

PLACES TO STAY
5 huts and 5 campsites operate along Lake Waikaremoana, which **must be booked in advance all year round**. Campers are not permitted to use hut facilities.

### Great Walks huts
$32 per adult per night; 17 years and under stay free.

The huts have bunks, mattresses, a water supply, sinks, toilets, hand-washing facilities and heating with fuel (firebox and wood). A hut ranger may be present. Gas cooking, toilet paper and lighting is not provided so please ensure you carry your own gas cooker, toilet paper and torch.

### Great Walks campsites
$14 per adult per night; 17 years and under free (booking required).

These offer basic facilities including toilets, sinks and a water supply. Some also have picnic tables and cooking shelters. Great Walks campsites can only be accessed on foot and are not accessible by vehicle or by boat. Bookings are essential all year round. Great Walks huts and campsites must be booked in advance.
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**Kepler Track**
*Duration: 3 – 4 days | Distance: 60 km*

An adventure above the clouds! The Kepler Track takes you from the gentle, beech-forested shores of Lakes Te Anau and Manapouri to the exposed tussock lands and the summit of Mount Luxmore for spectacular alpine views.

Location: Fiordland National Park, south-west South Island
Nearest towns: Queenstown, Te Anau and Invercargill

**Heaphy Track**
*Duration: 4 – 6 days | Distance: 78.4 km*

From forest to coast, the Heaphy Track combines all of New Zealand’s scenic beauty into one Great Walk. Travel through expansive tussock downs, lush forests and nikau palms to the roaring seas of the wild West Coast.

Location: Kahurangi National Park, north-west South Island
Nearest towns: Nelson, Westport, Collingwood

**Routeburn Track**
*Duration: 2 – 4 days | Distance: 32 km | Season: 25 Oct 2016 – 3 May 2017*

The Routeburn Track traverses the Southern Alps of New Zealand and passes through ice-carved valleys and beech forest. Walk alongside pristine rivers and glinting alpine lakes offering breathtaking views and mountain scenery.

Location: Mount Aspiring & Fiordland Nat. Parks, South Island
Nearest towns: Queenstown, Glenorchy, Te Anau and Invercargill

**Milford Track**
*Duration: 4 days | Distance: 53.5 km | Season: 25 Oct 2016 – 3 May 2017*

Experience the stunning grandeur of the Milford Track including rugged mountain peaks, breathtaking sheer canyons and majestic waterfalls. Walk beside pristine rivers and amongst lush, green rainforest before crossing Mackinnon Pass and reaching spectacular Milford Sound.

Location: Fiordland National Park, south-west South Island
Nearest towns: Queenstown, Te Anau and Invercargill

**Abel Tasman Coast Track**
*Duration: 3 – 5 days | Distance: 60 km |

Blessed with a mild climate, golden beaches and coastal forest, the Abel Tasman Coast Track has it all. Choose to walk the whole track or water taxi or kayak between different locations at any time of the year.

Location: Abel Tasman National Park, north-west South Island
Nearest towns: Nelson, Motueka, Takaka

**Whanganui Journey**
*Duration: 3 – 5 days | Distance: 145 km |

The Whanganui River winds its way from the mountains to the Tasman Sea through countless hills and valleys. This journey lets you take a multi-day canoe or kayak trip to experience its most remote scenic beauty, history and cultural significance.

Location: Whanganui National Park, south-west North Island
Nearest towns: Whanganui, Taumarunui, Ohakune

**Tongariro Northern Circuit**
*Duration: 3 – 4 days | Distance: 43 km |

Winding its way past Mount Tongariro and Mount Ngauruhoe, this Great Walk lets you explore dramatic volcanic landscapes including craters, glacial valleys, native beech forest, alpine meadows and emerald-coloured lakes in this World Heritage area.

Location: Tongariro National Park, central North Island
Nearest towns: Taupo, Turangi, Ohakune, Waiouru

**Rakiura Track**
*Duration: 3 days | Distance: 32 km | Season: All year*

Escape on an island adventure and exchange the hustle and bustle of mainland life for the tranquility of the Rakiura Track. Revel in the peacefulness and idyllic surroundings, with the bush, birds and beach at your side.

Location: Stewart Island/Rakiura
Nearest towns: Invercargill (20 min flight) or Bluff (1 hr ferry)

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Know before you go

It is important to plan your trip thoroughly to ensure you stay safe, and have a great time. Before you go, know the Outdoor Safety Code - 5 Simple rules to help you #makeithome.

1. **Plan your trip.** Travel times vary greatly in New Zealand, so carefully planning your route is essential. Seek local information about what to take, and allow enough time for the journey. Book accommodation, transport and transfers to the start/end of track early.

2. **Tell someone your plans.** Safety is your responsibility. Leave your intentions – including your trip details and emergency contact information – with a trusted contact. It could save your life if things go wrong. Head to [adventuresmart.org.nz](http://adventuresmart.org.nz) for more information.

3. **Be aware of the weather.** New Zealand weather is very changeable. Plan for the worst, expect the best. Check [metservice.com](http://metservice.com) for the most up to date info.

4. **Know your limits.** Always follow the track markers and signposted tracks. Off-track navigation is not recommended for novice walkers in New Zealand. A good level of fitness is required to walk the track. You can expect to walk up to 6 hours a day depending on your fitness level. If you get into trouble don’t make a bad situation worse. Think STAR – Stop / Think / Assess / React.

5. **Take sufficient supplies.** With NZ’s changeable conditions many hikers are frequently caught out by isolated local conditions. Carry – and expect to use – rain jackets all year round. Take an extra day’s supply of food and an emergency shelter. Don’t rely on cellphone signal alone for communication. Food and drinks are not available to purchase at Great Walks huts or campsites. Plan to be self-sufficient.

Remember – your safety is your responsibility

**Lake Waikaremoana safety**

- This track is not recommended for children under age 10, due to the exposed mountainous environment and often adverse weather conditions.

- Lake Waikaremoana lies between altitudes of 600 and 1200 metres. Cold temperatures, snow, strong winds and heavy rain can occur at any time of the year.

- Go to [greatwalks.co.nz/waikaremoana](http://greatwalks.co.nz/waikaremoana) ‘Know before you go’ section for detailed safety information, and ‘What to take’ section for a comprehensive gear list.