



# OTAGO PENINSULA TRACKS

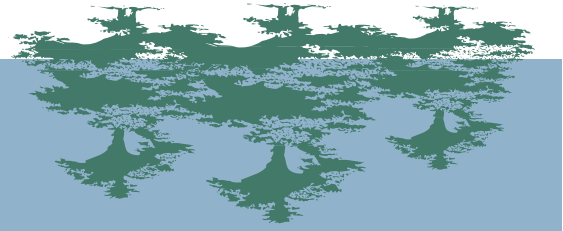


Disclaimer: This brochure is intended as a general guide only. While the Dunedin City Council has worked to ensure all information was accurate at time of printing, the changing nature of the physical environment means the information contained in this brochure may not always be completely accurate.



Published by  
Community and Recreation Services May 1997  
Reprinted March 2000, November 2001  
and August 2002.

For more information contact  
Community Development - Team leader  
or Reserves Officer, Dunedin City Council  
Telephone 477 4000.



**Route**  
Rough surface with minimal vegetation clearance, few markers to indicate the way. Tracks will be steep for some distance. Suitable for experienced users.

**Hard**  
Rough surface with some vegetation cleared, some markers to indicate the way, short periods where the tracks are steep. Suitable for moderately experienced users.

**Moderate**  
Uneven surface with most vegetation cleared from the track. Tracks should be easy to follow with a steady gradient. Suitable for most users.

**CLASSIFICATION**  
You can expect to encounter the following conditions on tracks with these classifications:

# OTAGO PENINSULA TRACKS

## THE TRACKS

The Otago Peninsula Tracks provide access to special areas of coastline, historic sites, high points and other areas of interest. Access ways which cross private and public land were sign-posted by the Dunedin City Council, working with the Otago Peninsula Track Working Party in 1992.

The tracks cater for people with varying degrees of fitness and abilities. Remember that Dunedin's weather is quite changeable. Carry a water-proof jacket and wear sound footwear. After rain, parts of the tracks become boggy and may be slippery.

The tracks are generally well-defined and well-formed, although not all of the tracks are maintained. Most tracks are suitable for people of average fitness. However, some tracks are quite steep and require specific skills. These areas are noted in the track description.

Many tracks have either uphill or downhill sections. Few are of relatively even gradient. The suggested times represent an average of the uphill and downhill times and they are rough estimates only. Remember to tell someone where you have gone and when you are due back.

Some of the Peninsula tracks are recognised mountain bike rides as they are unformed legal roads. With some planning, you can do round trips using a combination of roads and tracks.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

The tracks are provided for you to enjoy the area. Many tracks cross private property. **Please remember that access through private property is a privilege not a right.** A few simple rules must be observed:

- Keep to the marked tracks.
- Use gates or stiles, leave gates as you find them.
- Respect restrictions on dogs, and keep them under control at all times.
- Please respect all stock and wildlife encountered - give animals a chance to get out of your way.
- Some tracks may be closed for the lambing season in September and October each year.
- Lighting fires is prohibited.
- All litter must be carried home.
- No firearms to be taken on walks.
- Give way to other track users.
- Park vehicles with care, respecting other road users.
- Remember all land is owned or administered by someone, please respect it.
- Report any obstructions or hazards to the Dunedin City Council (Ph 477 4000).

# OTAGO PENINSULA TRACKS

## THE TRACKS

### 1. 41 PEG ROAD

This track provides a link between Ocean Grove and Highcliff Road. Access to the track in Ocean Grove is off Oregon Street. An attractive walk around Tomahawk Lagoon, then climbs through gorse and native bush. Turn right towards Soldiers Memorial through paddocks with gorse that sometimes obscures the rock walls. Access to Soldiers Memorial via stile on the brow of the hill. Limited parking is available at the Highcliff Road end of the track.

No dogs.  
CLASSIFICATION: Hard  
TIME: Approximately 45 minutes.

### 2. KARETAI ROAD

Provides access from Smalls Beach to Karetai Road. This four wheel drive track through farmland is deeply rutted in some places and muddy when wet. Stupendous views along the coastline and across to Saddle Hill.

Dogs allowed.  
CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 30 minutes.

### 3. BOULDER BEACH TRACK SYSTEM

There are a range of roads and tracks, listed below, that provide access to and from the Boulder Beach Conservation Area. The following tracks provide a series of good loop walks.

#### 3.1. HIGHCLIFF TRACK

Links Karetai Road to Boulder Beach. The track provides a feeling of history with the dry stone walls as well as a sense of exposure on days with a strong southerly blowing. After the lookout the track swings inland, descending steeply in places before joining Buskin Road. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Hard  
TIME: Approximately 1 hour.



#### 3.2. BUSKIN ROAD

Access track from Highcliff Road to Boulder Beach. A track down an unformed legal road, over farm land, to connect with Highcliff track, Paradise Road or Braidwood Road providing loop walks. One of the recognised Mountain Bike Rides in Dunedin. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 45 minute

#### 3.3. PARADISE ROAD

A fenced farm track from Highcliff Road to Boulder Beach with good views of the coast. One of the recognised Mountain Bike Rides in Dunedin. There is a good representation of Peninsula native shrubs on the right as you go down. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 45 minutes.

#### 3.4. BRAIDWOOD ROAD

Access from Braidwood Road to Boulder Beach down a four wheel drive track that is very rough in places. Please heed the sign indicating where to park. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 20 minutes.

### 4. SEAL POINT ROAD TO SANDFLY BAY

Accesses a Department of Conservation observation hide at Sandfly Bay Wildlife Refuge. Great sand dunes down to the beach, a long trudge back up but its well worth it. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 40 minutes.

### 5. RIDGE ROAD

Connects Sandfly Bay and Ridge Road. A longer but flatter access than the track from Seal Point Road. Crosses farm paddocks and dunes to Sandfly Bay. Very limited parking at the beginning of the track. Please park with consideration about 200m before the start of the track, and keep to the marked route. Closed for lambing Sept-Oct. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Hard  
TIME: Approximately 40 minutes.

### 6. SANDYMOUNT TO SANDFLY BAY

Access from Sandymount Track to Sandfly Bay via sandhills. Closed for lambing Sept-Oct. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Route  
TIME: Approximately 45 minutes.

### 7. SANDYMOUNT TRACK NETWORK

Provides loop access to the Chasm and Lovers Leap from Sandymount Road. Access also for Sandymount Summit. Closed for lambing Sept-Oct. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Route  
TIME: Approximately 1 hour for loop.  
20 minutes to the Chasm and Lovers Leap.

### 8. NYHON ROAD

Links Sandymount Road to Hoopers Inlet Road. Please keep to the marked track. Closed for lambing Sept-Oct. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Hard  
TIME: Approximately 45 minutes.

### 9. HIGHCLIFF ROAD TO HOOPERS INLET

Very steep track to Hoopers Inlet. Suitable for experienced and agile parties only. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Route  
TIME: Approximately 1 hour.

### 10. ALLANS BEACH

Access from Allans Beach Road to Allans Beach. Dogs under control allowed on beach.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 5 minutes.

### 11. MT CHARLES

Access over private land from Allans Beach Road to Mt Charles Summit. Mt Charles is the highest point on Otago Peninsula. Permission must be sought from the landowner: Mr J. Clearwater, Cape Saunders Road, RD 2, Portobello. Telephone 478 0274. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Hard  
TIME: Approximately 3 hours return.

### 12. OKIA

Connects Dicks Road via Riddell Road to the Pyramids and Victory Beach. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 1 hour to beach.

### 13. QUOIN CLIFF

Track on private land from Pipikaretu Road to Quoin Cliff. There is a 20 minute walk along the road to start of track, cross the stile and follow marker pegs to the trig at top of cliff (121m). Views of Pipikaretu and Ryans Beaches. With caution, follow the markers to link with the Pipikaretu road then back to the car. Please stay on marked route. Access to Pipikaretu Beach is via private property, for permission please contact McGrouther Tel 03 478 0286. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Hard  
TIME: Approximately 1 hour 15 minutes return.

### 14. BACON STREET TO HIGHCLIFF ROAD

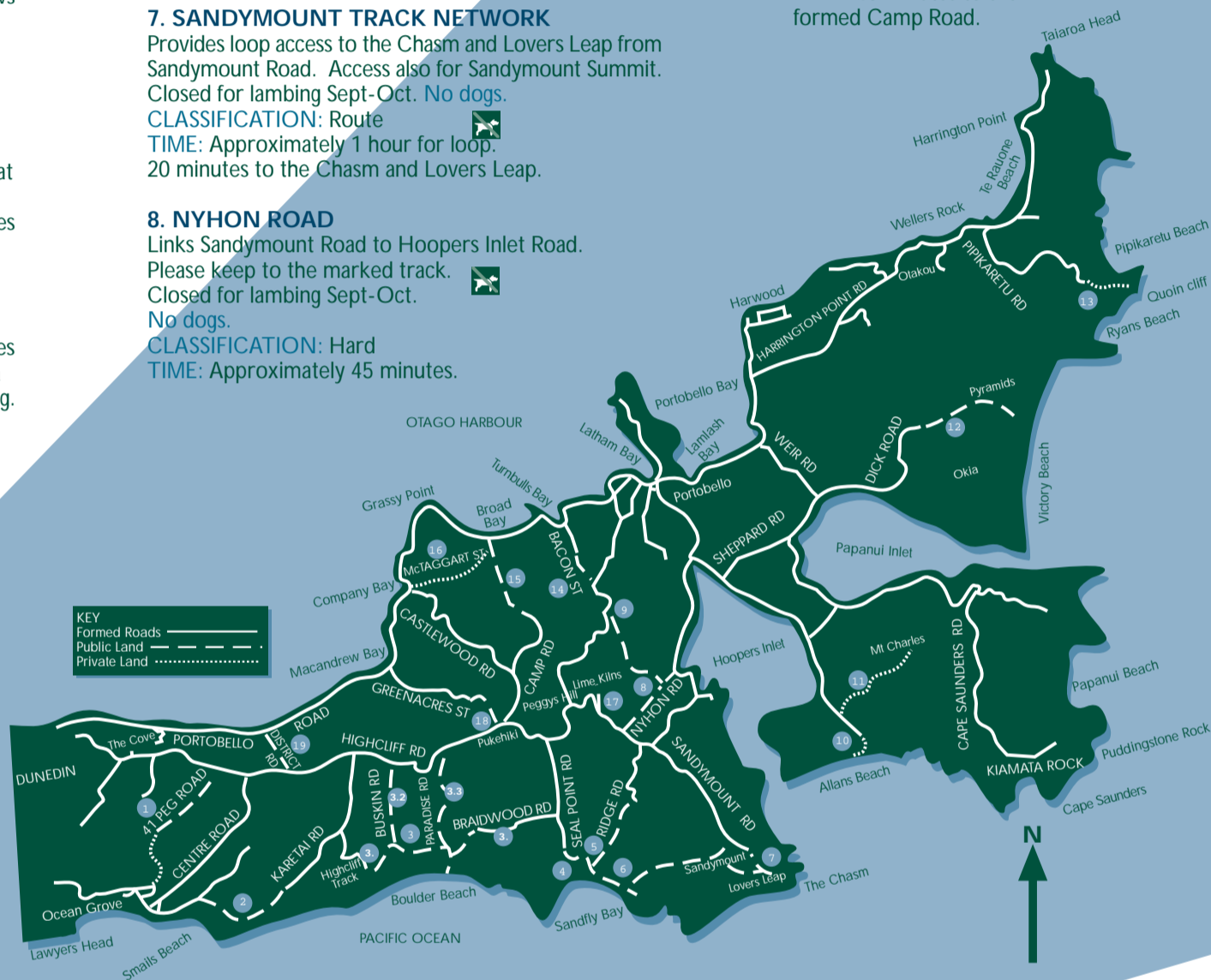
Provides access from Bacon Street to Highcliff Road. A steep walk through some trees then alongside a stand of native bush. Dogs allowed.

CLASSIFICATION: Hard  
TIME: Approximately 30 minutes.

### 15. CAMP ROAD

Connects Larnach Castle and Broad Bay with lovely views of Broad Bay and the harbour. Please leave cars on Portobello Road and walk up hill past the rural houses onto a clay track. This levels off onto pasture before joining Camp Road. It is a further 20 minutes along Camp Road to the entrance of Larnach Castle. Dogs allowed.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: 40 minutes to the formed Camp Road.



KEY  
Formed Roads  
Public Land  
Private Land

### 16. McTAGGART STREET

Provides access from McTaggart Street, Company Bay to Camp Road, Broad Bay. Track crosses private land on a well-defined farm road. Please leave the gates as you found them. Closed for lambing Sept-Oct. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 15 minutes.

### 17. LIME KILNS

This track provides access from Sandymount Road to three historic lime kilns. The kilns were used from the 1860's until 1938, when kilns in other areas became more economically viable. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 5 minutes.

### 18. GREENACRES STREET

Connects Greenacres Street in Macandrew Bay to Highcliff Road at Pukehiki. There is inadequate parking at either end of the track. We suggest parking in Macandrew Bay. Walk up Greenacres Street and turn right at the Dunedin City Council sign, following the track through some macrocarpas and alongside dry stone walls. Good views of the city. Dogs allowed.

CLASSIFICATION: Moderate  
TIME: Approximately 40 minutes.

### 19. DISTRICT ROAD

A steep track linking Portobello Road to Highcliff Road. Limited parking is available on Portobello Road, 100m along road towards Portobello. No dogs.

CLASSIFICATION: Hard  
TIME: Approximately 40 minutes.