

West Coast Walks Fact Sheet

Franklin River Nature Trail

Be introduced to two Wild Rivers – The Franklin and The Surprise.

Basic Facts

Were:	Franklin River Nature Trail
Distance:	1 km
Walking Time:	20 Minutes
Surface:	Well constructed, suitable for standard footwear even when wet.
Walk Difficulty:	Easy, Wheel chair accessible

Getting There

The start of the track is located on the Lyell Highway (A10), 56km from Queenstown or 26km from Derwent Bridge.

The car park is near the Franklin River bridge and is well signposted.

Park entry fees apply. No pets, firearms or bikes.

Nearby Facilities

Picnic and toilet facilities are available.

Things to See and Do

- Stunning temperate rain forest
- Wild Rivers
- Natural environment

The Walk

A one kilometre, easy grade nature trail winds through stunning cool temperate rainforest and introduces visitors to two wild rivers: the Franklin and the Surprise.

Interpretive signs raise some issues about 'wilderness' and what it means to different people.

The trail is suitable for wheelchairs. Picnic tables and toilet facilities are provided, making it an ideal place to stop for lunch or a break.

Walking Safety

Before embarking on a walk, please consider the following:

1. Where possible, stay on formed tracks;
2. Only attempt walks within your capabilities, if unsure please seek medical/professional advice;
3. Never jump or dive into natural waterways;
4. Watch your step, keep away from cliff edges, waterfalls and slippery rocks;
5. Carry a supply of drinking water;
6. Do not attempt to feed, touch, catch or pick up wildlife;
7. Enjoy your walk.



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