

Information for guests visiting Welcome Rock Trails

We hope you enjoy your stay at Welcome Rock Trails. You are receiving this information because you have booked one or several of our products.

Here is some useful information for you, please read it carefully and bring this with you on your trip.

Welcome Rock Trails is a hand built mountain bike/walking trail located in the high country, the complete length of the trail loop is 27km.

For riders the trail is considered a grade three intermediate cross country ride, while for walkers it is a backcountry track.

BIKING

Please bring spare inner tubes for your bike as you could encounter a few spiky plants along the way.

HIKING

Ensure you have good walking/hiking boots.

WEATHER

Check the weather forecast before your trip so you are prepared for all weather conditions. The weather can be very unpredictable in the high country. We recommend [Metvuw](#).

PARKING AND TRAIL START

Park your car at the Historic Southland Ski Hut located 8kms up the Nevis Road from Garston. The trail starts just behind the Ski Hut.

SAFETY

Our trail is in the mountains where you can experience quickly changing and extreme weather conditions at any time of the year. Please bring warm layers of clothing and wet weather gear to be prepared for these changes. While we have built the loop with a mellow grade suitable for a range of people we recommend you have a good level of fitness, children are at least 15 years of age and are accompanied by an adult.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Riders to wear helmets, bring spare tyre tubes and inform walkers as they approach
- Walkers give way to cyclists.

RUBBISH

Pack in Pack out policy. Please take your rubbish away with you.

EMERGENCIES

Phone 111 and quote our name and address which is Welcome Rock Trails, 86 McLean Road, Garston, Southland. Tom and Katie O'Brien: 027 239 2628 & 027 406 7334.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAGGAGE DELIVERY

Baggage drop area is located at 86 McLean Road, Garston. Bags must be dropped off before driving up the Nevis Road.

If you are staying at the Mud Hut, Slate Hut or The Tent and have selected the baggage delivery option please follow these instructions:

- Customer to drop baggage off at the bag drop area at 86 McLean Road, Garston (off Blackmore Road). The baggage drop area is signposted & sits next to the garage of 86 McLean Rd & is opposite a Red Wool Shed
- Your baggage needs to be able to fit on a 4 wheeler motorbike
- Please drop your bags off before 12 noon and your bags will be delivered to your hut by 2pm (or call us to make special arrangements)
- Your baggage will be collected from your hut at 10am on departure day by a staff member
- Your baggage will be returned by 1pm to the same place you dropped it off
- We cannot guarantee 100% security of items.

SLEEPING BAG HIRE

- If you have booked to hire a sleeping bag for us you will need to collect this from THE BAGGAGE DROP area detailed above.

CONTACT US

Please contact us if you need to, if we do not answer our phones leave a message and we will call you back: Katie 027 239 2628, Tom 027 406 7334.

CELL PHONES

Please note there is limited cell phone coverage on the trail. We have a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) available for hire, please contact us if you wish to hire one.

**Enjoy your visit and thank you for booking with us.
Tom and Katie O'Brien**



BRING WITH YOU:

- Candles and matches
- Sleeping bags (unless hiring from us)
- Pillow
- Food for all your meals
- Lots of warm clothes for all weather conditions
- A torch
- Toilet roll
- Bags for your rubbish.

WE PROVIDE AT THE HUTS:

- Basic gas elements for cooking
- Gas for cooking and for the bath
- Basic utensils, pans and cutlery
- Long drop toilet
- Wood (at the mud hut for the fire)
- Fresh drinking water at the huts
- Fresh drinking water at the creeks along the trail (to refill your water bottles)

Our Location details are on our website.



A few points below to look at after your Welcome Rock Trails visit.

FEEDBACK: If you have any stories, photos or feedback you would like to share with us following your visit please do so. All feedback is greatly appreciated.

TRIP ADVISOR: If you wish to review us on trip advisor or read reviews please [CLICK HERE](#) to go straight to our Trip Advisor page.

Terms & Conditions

In order for visitors to understand the hazards associated with backcountry hiking, biking and accommodation please read and tick the box online acknowledging you wish to undertake our activities:



WELCOME TO WELCOME ROCK!

- 1 I am aware that the activity involves some physical exertion and the inherent dangers and risk including changeable weather conditions
- 2 I declare and confirm that I am physically fit and have no condition or injury that could be affected by this activity
- 3 I will comply with all instructions of Welcome Rock Trails and their staff
- 4 I am aware that if I am or if I appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs I will not be permitted to participate in the activity, and I will not be entitled to a refund
- 5 I understand that it may be necessary for Welcome Rock Trails to cancel the activity at short notice. Welcome Rock Trails will not be responsible (to the extent permitted by law) for any loss arising from such a cancellation
- 6 I accept that Welcome Rock Trails will not be responsible for, and I release, waive and hold harmless its officers and/or its employees from all claims I may have in respect of any, losses, damages, expenses or injury arising during or in conjunction with my participation in this activity, including any claims for damages caused by negligence of Welcome Rock Trails its officers and/or its employees, together with any costs including legal fees that may be incurred as a result of any such claims, losses, damages or expenses, whether valid or not, (to the extent permitted by law), regardless of how that loss, damage, expense or injury is caused
- 7 I also indemnify Welcome Rock Trails, its staff against all claims, losses, damage, or expenses or claim that any of my guests or any one or more of my or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors or assignees may have or assert and against any costs including legal fees that may be incurred as a result of any such claims, losses, damages or expenses, whether valid or not
- 8 If I am not a resident of New Zealand I declare that I will not endeavour to avoid conditions 7 and 8 by commencing legal action in another country
- 9 I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed to be necessary by Welcome Rock Trails in the case of injury, accident or illness during the course of undertaking this activity and also agree to indemnify Welcome Rock Trails in respect of such medical treatment
- 10 I have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions and understand that Welcome Rock Trails will rely on this declaration and on the information I have provided.

By reading this document online you agree to all its terms.

Trails & Accommodation

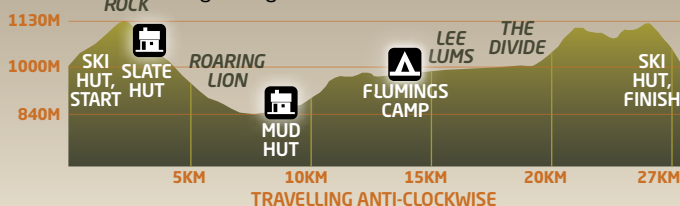
WELCOME ROCK TRAILS is a 27km single trail, loop track for hikers or mountain bikers which has been hand built (21kms) on a privately owned farm located in the unique New Zealand high country, 1 hour from Queenstown. Enjoy a day trip or stay overnight in one of the huts.

Welcome Rock has been in the O'Brien family for over 100 years. A premier private trail, it offers a historical and ecological journey. Hand built, stunning scenery and remote high country, one hour from Queenstown exists a truly unique pioneering story. Trail booking and payment details online.

ROARING LION TRAIL



Like a Lion, the creek that fed the race roared with intensity. This trail celebrates the Chinese water race builders, who 110 years ago built the meandering bermed profile that follows the folds of the landscape. Today half the hand crafted trail is on this flat race with the remaining on gentle gradients.



ACCOMMODATION

We encourage visitors to stay in our huts to allow time to soak in the backcountry. Private yoga sessions available at your accommodation - to book your yoga session go to our website.

The **MUD HUT** sleeps four, has breath taking views, outdoor bath, gas cooking, utensils, fireplace and wood.



The **SLATE HUT** sleeps four, has expansive sunset views at 1000m, gas cooking, outdoor bath.



The **RED SHED** sleeps two, is located in the old wool shed, near the homestead, farm views, hot shower & bath.



The **TENT** sleeps two, great high country views.



Other Information

If you are not overnighting allow enough time to ride or walk the trail, if staying in huts bag delivery is available. The trail is subalpine and weather changes quickly. Suitable for those with a good level of fitness for hikers or intermediate technical grade 3 riding.

PRIVATE YOGA SESSIONS are available at your accommodation and must be booked through our website.

Highlights Guide

WELCOME ROCK

It's the highest point of the trail at 1,130m with the Mataura Valley and Eyre Mountains to the west, Nokomai to the east and the Nevis to the north. The landmark is a junction of three catchments, it's small spring was a welcoming spot for early settlers to meet and trade.



ROARING LION WATER RACE

In 1898, 30 men toiled with pick and shovel to build one of NZ's longest water races. After three years, the 47km race brought water from the Nevis to the lower Nokomai to sluice alluvial gold. An engineering feat, the race was critical to the fortunes of NZ's longest running goldfield. 110 years on, Tom and his volunteers took two years to hand craft this trail.



THE FLUMINGS

Men had to maintain race and flumings (large steel pipes), clearing snow, rebuilding stone walls, and repairing sections after slips and flooding was back breaking work for these tough men. The 'Flumings' pass an active slip where several attempts to reconstruct them is visible. The last attempt used fluming pipes on stone plinths to transport water over this area beside the trail.

Packages

GUIDED TRIPS

Overnight hiking/biking trip with a stay in the Slate Hut. Day trip hiking/biking. 4WD Day trip in the Welcome Rock army Jeeps.



UNGUIDED TRIPS

Luxury Slate Hut package with a few home comforts linen and food provided or enjoy a multi day stay moving from hut to hut.

TRANSPORT

For those who have their own vehicle you may self drive and walk or ride from the start of the trail. From Queenstown or Te Anau, full day or overnight trips with transport options are available.

For information on details including package description, what to bring, self drive or transport rates, times and guiding options visit www.welcomerock.co.nz



WELCOME ROCK TRAILS



Nevis Road, Garston (near Queenstown) 8am-6pm 7 Days/Week
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BIKING, HIKING & ACCOMMODATION Near Queenstown, NZ



27km Single Loop Track



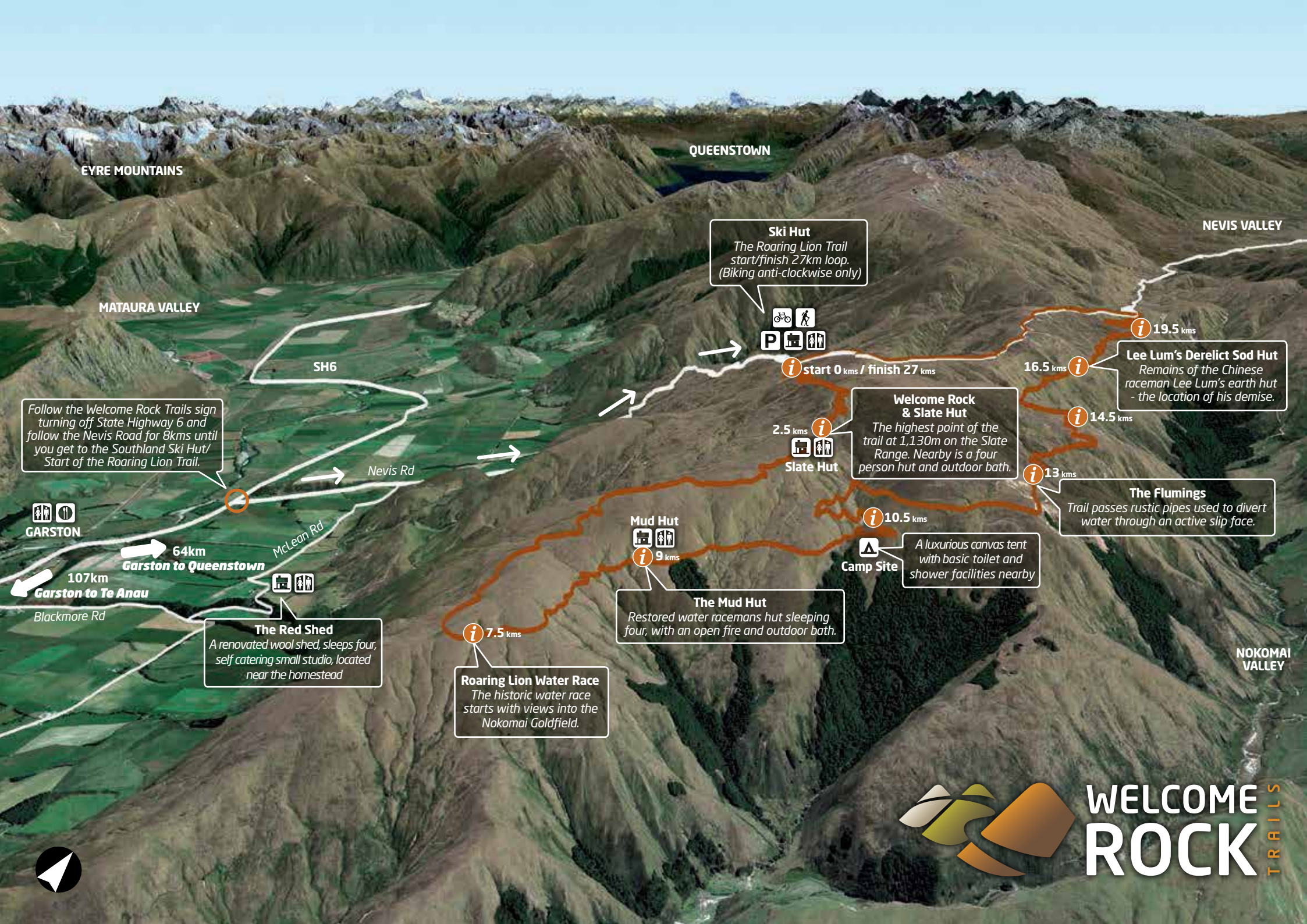
Accommodation



Guided Trips

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Nevis Road, Garston, near Queenstown
8am-6pm, 7 Days/Week
www.welcomerock.co.nz
trails@welcomerock.co.nz



QUEENSTOWN

EYRE MOUNTAINS

NEVIS VALLEY

MATAURA VALLEY

SH6

Nevis Rd

McLean Rd

Follow the Welcome Rock Trails sign turning off State Highway 6 and follow the Nevis Road for 8kms until you get to the Southland Ski Hut/ Start of the Roaring Lion Trail.

GARSTON

64km
Garston to Queenstown

107km
Garston to Te Anau

Blackmore Rd

The Red Shed
A renovated wool shed, sleeps four, self catering small studio, located near the homestead

Ski Hut
The Roaring Lion Trail start/finish 27km loop. (Biking anti-clockwise only)



i start 0 kms / finish 27 kms

2.5 kms
Slate Hut

Welcome Rock & Slate Hut
The highest point of the trail at 1,130m on the Slate Range. Nearby is a four person hut and outdoor bath.

16.5 kms

Lee Lum's Derelict Sod Hut
Remains of the Chinese raceman Lee Lum's earth hut - the location of his demise.

i 14.5 kms

i 13 kms

The Flumings
Trail passes rustic pipes used to divert water through an active slip face.

i 10.5 kms

Camp Site
A luxurious canvas tent with basic toilet and shower facilities nearby

Mud Hut
i 9 kms

The Mud Hut
Restored water racemans hut sleeping four, with an open fire and outdoor bath.

i 7.5 kms

Roaring Lion Water Race
The historic water race starts with views into the Nokomai Goldfield.

NOKOMAI VALLEY



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