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### Information Centres

Call into one of our local Visitor Information Centres – they have a wealth of knowledge on local activities throughout the Clutha District, as well as accommodation bookings, dining options and more.

**Clutha isite Visitor Information Centre**  
 6 Clyde Street, Balclutha  
 03 418 0388  
 clutha.vin@cluthad.govt.nz

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**Catlins Information Centre**  
 10 Campbell Street, Ōwaka  
 03 415 8371  
 catlinsinfo@cluthad.govt.nz

**Milton Information Centre**  
 53 Union Street, Milton  
 03 417 7480  
 miltoninfo@extra.co.nz

**Tuapeka Goldfields Museum and Visitor Centre**  
 17 Ross Place, Lawrence  
 03 485 9222  
 info@lawrence.nz

**Tapanui Information Centre**  
 1 Suffolk Street, Tapanui  
 03 204 8306  
 TapanuiCommunityLibrary@cluthad.govt.nz

### Airports

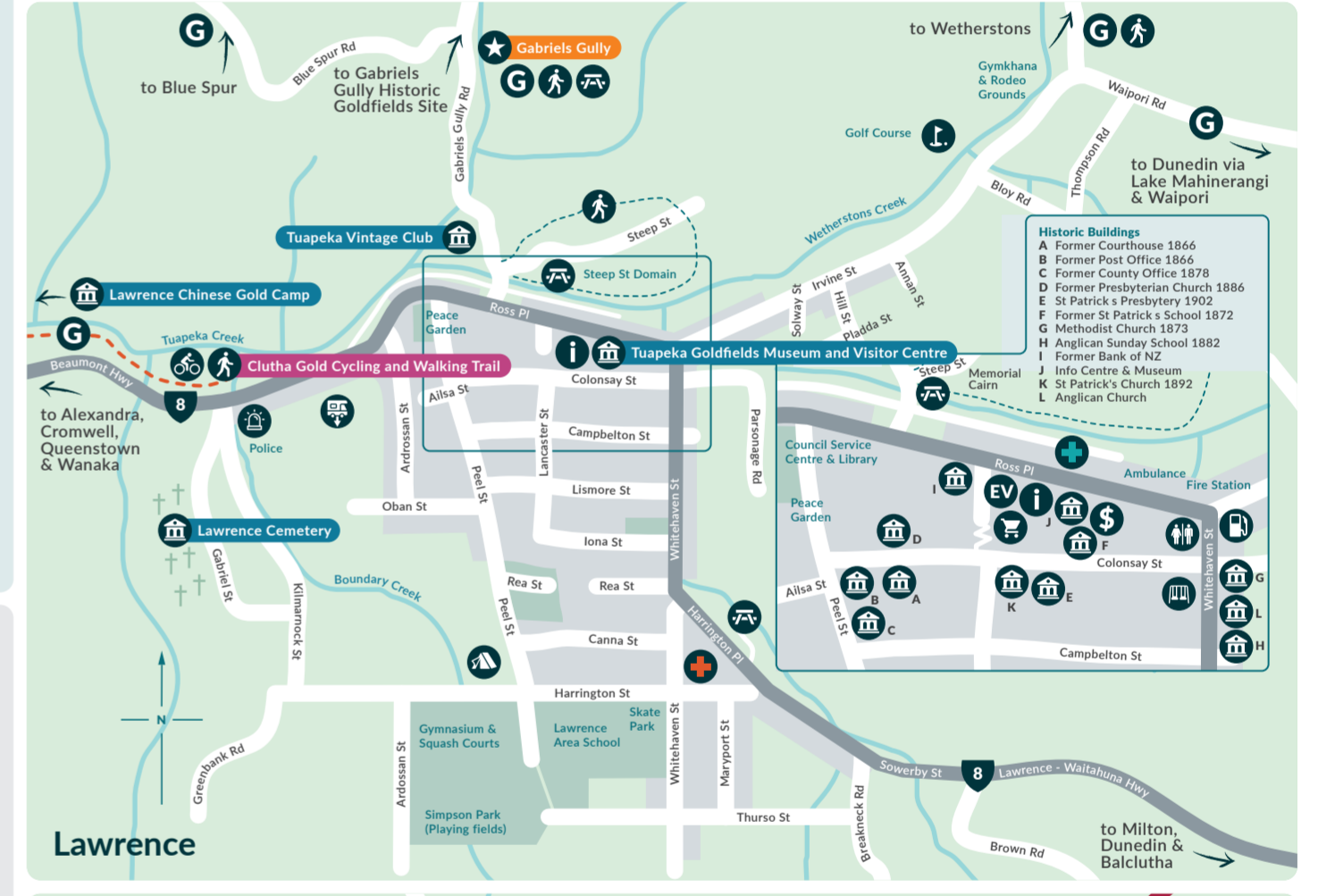
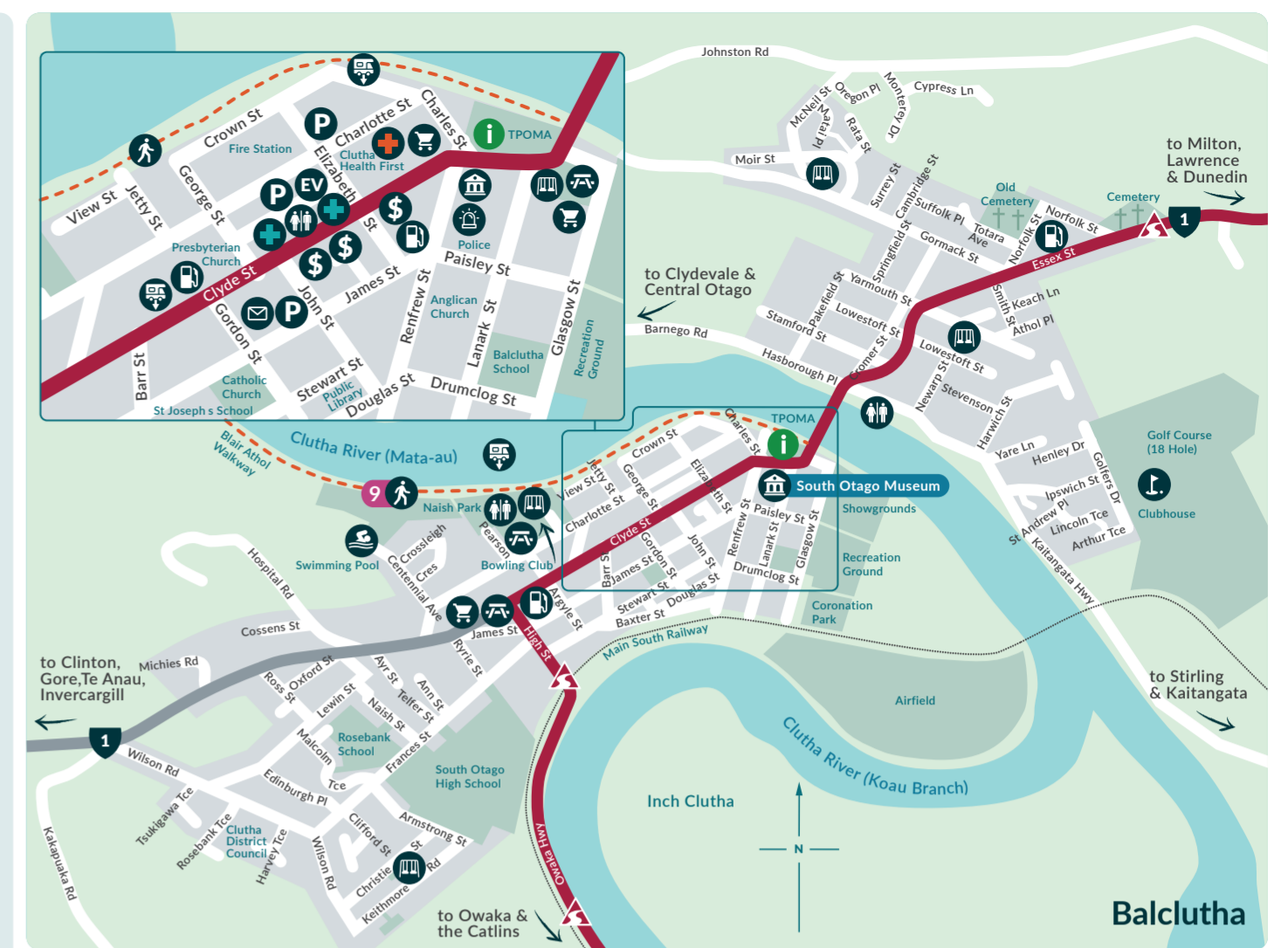
From Balclutha	Distance	Time
Dunedin Airport	56 km	45 mins
Invercargill Airport	129 km	1 hr 40
Queenstown Airport via Central Otago	223 km	2 hr 50

### Getting around the lower South Island - Drive Times

From Balclutha	Distance	Time
Gore	73 km	55 mins
Dunedin	74 km	55 mins
Invercargill	126 km	1 hr 35
Alexandra	140 km	1 hr 45
Oamaru	191 km	2 hrs 25
Te Anau	209 km	2 hrs 25
Wanaka	222 km	2 hrs 45
Queenstown	229 km	2 hrs 55

### Getting around Clutha - Drive Times

	Milton	Balclutha	Ōwaka	Lawrence	Tapanui
Clinton	61 km (50 mins)	37 km (30 mins)	42 km (35 mins)	85 km (1 hr 5)	45 km (35 mins)
Tapanui	92 km (1 hr 10)	71 km (55 mins)	87 km (1 hr 10)	54 km (40 mins)	
Lawrence	37 km (30 mins)	54 km (40 mins)	85 km (1 hr 5)		
Ōwaka	56 km (45 mins)	31 km (25 mins)			
Balclutha	25 km (20 mins)				



### Southern Way and Southern Scenic Route

We welcome you to the **Southern Way**, a celebration of the best of Aotearoa New Zealand scenery and experiences in the lower South Island. Slow down and savour the stories of our region's rich history, immerse yourself in our culture, and enjoy the many awe-inspiring experiences that await you. Experience the warmth of southern hospitality as we welcome you with open arms. **Arrive as visitors, leave as Whānau.**

[www.southernway.nz](http://www.southernway.nz)

Discover the **Southern Scenic Route**. A 610-kilometer scenic route, offering wildlife viewing, short walks, and diverse outdoor activities. While alternative routes exist, the Southern Scenic Route ensures access to wildlife viewing, short walks, deserted beaches, lush rainforests, pristine lakes, camping, tramping, and caving—an ideal adventure for those with time to explore.

[www.southernscenicroute.co.nz](http://www.southernscenicroute.co.nz)

## TRACKS & TRAILS

Immerse yourself in nature as you explore one of our district's scenic walking tracks.



Clutha offers a variety of track and trails to suit all abilities and fitness levels, from family-friendly loop tracks to challenging day hikes. Discover Clutha's diverse landscapes, from native forests to tranquil waterways and beaches, as you embark on an unforgettable adventure.

Discover all of our districts tracks and trails by scanning the QR code above.

**1 Black Gully Loop** This short walk begins at the northern end of the Blue Mountains. It has great picnic spots and kids will love the historic playground. **2 HOURS RETURN | EASY**

**2 Blue Mountain Walk** This medium to difficult 6-8 hour walk travels along the ridge tops of the Blue Mountains. **6-8 HOURS | ADVANCED**

**3 Whisky Gully** At the southern end of The Blue Mountain and a short driving distance from Tapauni is Whisky Gully, a loop track with beautiful native bush scenery. **15 MINS | EASY**

Embark on an epic day hike that seamlessly connects the Black Gully Loop, Blue Mountain Walk, and Whisky Gully Walk, traversing a diverse tapestry of landscapes.

**4 Gabriels Gully Interpretation Walk** Explore Gabriels Gully and the stories of the goldfields occupants with several interpretation panels. **1 HR - 1.30 HR LOOP TRACK | EASY**

**5 Titri Creek Walk** See wading birds on this family friendly short walk. The track is surrounded by native vegetation. **10 MINS | EASY**

**6 Taieri Millenium Track** This moderate track follows the Taieri River through native bush to a picturesque area known as John Bull Gully. **4-5 HOUR RETURN | MODERATE**

**7 McNally Track** Open country hike which begins on the outskirts of Milton and climbs to the crest of a nearby hilltop. **3 HOURS RETURN | MODERATE**

**8 Bull Creek** This is a moderate to easy walk along Bull Creek, where you are able to swim and picnic. **40 MIN RETURN | EASY/MODERATE**

**9 Blair Athol Walkway** This relaxing walk alongside the banks of the Clutha River/Mata-Au. Take in the fabulous array of flora and fauna including an amazing display of rhododendrons. **1 HOUR 30 RETURN | EASY**

**10 Clutha Mouth Anniversary Walk**, Inch Clutha Coastal Walk **1.5 HOURS RETURN | EASY**

**11 Nugget Point Lighthouse** - Considered to be one of the "10 Great Lookouts in New Zealand". A well-maintained track to suit all ages, leads to a viewing platform beside Nugget Point Lighthouse. Keep a look out for New Zealand fur seals and Sea lions. **40 MINS RETURN | EASY**

**12 Tunnel Hill** A short, scenic walk through the historic reserve, exploring the world's southernmost railway tunnel. **20 MIN RETURN | EASY**

**13 Jacks Blowhole** Walk to a blowhole with exploding waves and roaring sound effects. **1 HOUR RETURN | EASY**

**14 Catlins River Wisp Track** An attractive, forest-lined river walk that has several natural features and access to good fishing. Forest lined river walk.

**TWO 12KM ROUTES | ADVANCED | 1-2 DAYS (NO HUTS)**

**15 Matai Falls & Rail Trail** The Matai Rail Trail is a 1-2 hour walk accessible from the Matai Falls. The trail follows the old railway formation and winds around the south western slopes of Table Hill through the native forest **1-2 HOUR RETURN | EASY**

**16 Old Coach Road & Tahakopa Bay Loop Track** The start of this 40 minute return walk (Old Coach Road Track) is at the north end of the Tahakopa River bridge on the Southern Scenic Route. Re-enter the bush to follow the Tahakopa Bay Loop Track back to the car park. This creates a 3 hour return journey. Alternatively, follow the beach to the end and rejoin the Old Coach Road once more. **3 HOUR RETURN | MODERATE**

**17 Tautuku Estuary Walkway** Be transported to a different world at the Tautuku Estuary Boardwalk, an easy 30 minute (return) trail through native podocarp forest leading out to the estuary flats. **30 MINS | EASY**

Remember to pack plenty of food and water, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and check the weather forecast before you go. With careful planning and preparation, you're sure to have an unforgettable day hike that will leave you yearning for more adventures.

## CLUTHA GOLD CYCLING AND WALKING TRAIL



Discover the heritage and scenic wonders of the Clutha Gold Trail.

The Clutha Gold Trail beckons, offering an unforgettable experience for both walking enthusiasts and avid cyclists. The trail is open all year catering to those with a moderate fitness level. With surprises around every bend, your journey on the Clutha Gold Trail, one of New Zealand's Great Rides will be nothing short of extraordinary.

Traverse the entire 135-kilometre trail between Roxburgh Dam and Lake Waihola over 2 to 4 days, or opt for shorter sections perfect for day rides. For an added adventure, the trail links with the Roxburgh Gorge Trail.

From whichever end you chose to start, this trail offers a real rural heartland experience combined with a wealth of history. Pass through captivating landscapes, farmland, the bustling town of Milton, quaint settlements such as Waitahuna and Lawrence, a historic gold mining town echoing the pioneering spirit.

For more information on the trail, visit [cluthagold.co.nz](http://cluthagold.co.nz)

## WILDLIFE

Explore the southern coast of our district in The Catlins, where you may encounter the hoiho, the world's rarest yellow-eyed penguin, and kororā, the world's smallest penguin. Delight in potentially observing these extraordinary creatures from various vantage points in their natural habitat. Additionally, there's a chance you might catch a glimpse of the planet's most endangered Sea lions, fur seals, and the world's smallest dolphin. It's important to note that many of our district's wildlife species are currently facing rapid decline.

To support their preservation, we kindly ask you to show your respect by maintaining a safe distance, refraining from approaching them, and keeping dogs on a lead.

### SEA LIONS AND FUR SEALS

Talk quietly and move slowly when nearby  
Do not disturb them  
Stay at least 20m distance  
Best viewing sites: Nugget Point, Surat and Cannibal Bays

### YELLOW-EYED PENGUINS (HOIHO)

They are shy and easily stressed, do not disturb them  
Stay out of sight and at least 50m away  
Best viewing site: Roaring Bay

Surat Bay, The Catlins

## ACCOMMODATION



Experience the charm of the Clutha District from different perspectives - by the beach, by the lake, on a farm, or high up in the hills. Our district offers a diverse range of accommodation choices, each promising genuine southern hospitality. Explore our selection of boutique lodges, eco-friendly cottages, farm stays, cozy holiday homes, and scenic coastal camping spots. Discover the perfect lodging for your stay now. Secure your accommodation conveniently online at [CluthaNZ.com](http://CluthaNZ.com).

### CAMPING IN CLUTHA

Whether you're traveling in your campervan or opting for a beachfront camping experience at one of our designated campgrounds, we welcome responsible campers who value and respect our pristine environment. Enjoy the beauty of nature while making unforgettable memories.

For up-to-date information and for responsible camping guidelines visit [cluthadc.govt.nz/recreation/camping](http://cluthadc.govt.nz/recreation/camping) or call into a visitor information centre.

Beresford Heights



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CLUTHA AND THE CATLINS

TAKE A BREATH, STOP AND STAY A WHILE IN CLUTHA AND THE CATLINS.

## TOP 10 MUST DO S



Cross the Clutha River on the Punt at Tuapeka Mouth

Go on a waterfall hunt through The Catlins



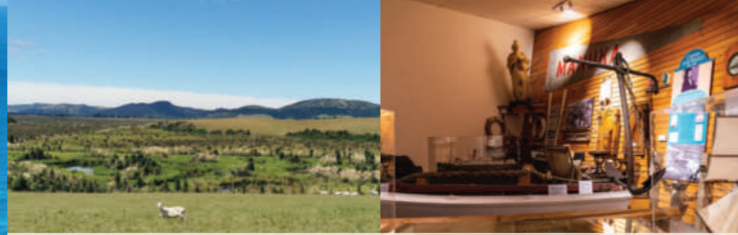
Cycle the Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail

Visit one of the world's largest sea cave complexes Cathedral Caves



Soak in the panoramic views from Nugget Point Lighthouse

Fish in the Clutha River, one of the lakes or try your luck surf casting



Take a walk around the nature haven of Sinclair Wetlands

Visit a local museum, and soak up Clutha District's local history



Learn about the gold mining history at Gabriels Gully

Spot a yellow-eyed (hoiho) penguin in The Catlins

## LAWRENCE



Lawrence, the gateway to the Otago gold rush, preserves its historical charm. Its streets, adorned with architectural gems, echo the grandeur of the 1860s gold rush era, inviting visitors to step back in time. At Gabriel's Gully, where gold was first discovered, echoes of the town's prosperity resonate, recounting tales of pioneers and prospectors.

For heritage enthusiasts, each structure holds a unique story, offering a glimpse into the past. Lawrence's heritage isn't just a part of history; it's a living presence, waiting to be explored and appreciated.

Positioned at the heart of the Clutha Gold Cycle Trail, Lawrence serves as the ideal central hub for your cycling adventure. Make Lawrence your basecamp, strategically located at the trail's midpoint, and set off on your cycling journey with ease and convenience.

Lawrence Township

## THE CATLINS



Situated along the southeastern coast of New Zealand's South Island, The Catlins stands as a pristine sanctuary waiting to be explored. This captivating region, celebrated for its unspoiled natural splendor, offers awe-inspiring landscapes, diverse wildlife, and an atmosphere of tranquility that captivates the soul.

Untamed coastlines and dense native forests create a haven for nature enthusiasts. Waterfalls cascade amidst lush greenery, painting Instagram worthy scenes at every turn. Beaches witness the Pacific Ocean's powerful embrace against ancient cliffs, leaving a lasting impression on every visitor.

For wildlife enthusiasts, The Catlins is a treasure trove of unique encounters. Sea lions, Hector's dolphins, the rare yellow-eyed penguin, and native birds.

Pūrākaunui Bay, The Catlins



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Nugget Point Lighthouse