



Anakiwa to Pelorus Bridge

 Walking

Difficulty

Easy

Length

39.9 km

Journey Time

2 days

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This Te Araroa section is being established by a local group whose project, the Link Pathway, is to complete a walk/cycleway from Picton to Havelock with a side trail to Anakiwa. Work is being carried out in stages and is ongoing so this section currently involves a mix of easy tramping track, foot path and road shoulder. Te Araroa signage will come in due course but for now walkers can use these track notes. There are Link Pathway signs at the beginning and end of completed sections.

The track starts in Anakiwa at the southern end of the Queen Charlotte Track. From Anakiwa make use of the Link Pathway which will eventually link Picton, Anakiwa and Havelock. The Link Pathway heads out to the junction with Queen Charlotte Drive then turns right and continues to Linkwater School some 1.25km distant.

From the school continue on Queen Charlotte Drive past the Linkwater Service Station. At the end of the Linkwater straight follow the road around the Mahakipawa Arm to the next Link Pathway section – a 1km stretch of bush track leading off from the right hand side of the road.

Beyond this bush track walkers have another 1km stretch along Queen Charlotte Drive then the Link Pathway will take you all the way around the point and into Havelock - a triumph of community vision and energy.

Follow the Link Pathway to SH6 then go right onto the footpath beside SH6 and into the Havelock CBD

From the shopping area on Main Street (SH6), walk west on the footpath and then road shoulder. 2.5km from the northern edge of Havelock, turn right/west into Boultons Road. Cross the bridge and continue 1km on Te Hoiere Road, crossing another bridge and reaching Kaiuma Bay Road. Turn left into Kaiuma Bay Road and walk some 9.5km to Daltons Bridge.

When you reach Daltons Bridge, the stile onto Daltons Track will be immediately in front of you at the intersection of Kaiuma Bay and Daltons Road - cross the stile and enter Daltons Track.

- Note: Under NO circumstances should you continue ahead (south) on Daltons Road - this becomes farm track and is used extensively by stock and farm vehicles and is not to be entered.

Daltons Track opened in March 2011 following a collaborative process involving the Trust, private landowners, DOC, Marlborough District Council, and the New Zealand Walking Access Commission. The track is to tramping track standard. It has a natural grassed surface, stiles over fence lines, and several unbridged creek crossings, which are straight forward in normal flows. The track is accessed by a stile immediately to the west of Daltons Bridge - and immediately adjacent to the intersection of Kaiuma Bay and Daltons Roads.

- Note: Daltons Road becomes farm track and is used by stock and farm vehicles - please do not walk down Daltons Road from the bridge.

Daltons Track follows the true left bank of the Pelorus River up and along the grazed pasture margin to the Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve. It then emerges through forest at Pelorus Bridge a short distance from the Campground/Shop/Cafe where there is parking and public toilets.

The track passes through 2 working farms and includes lengthy sections where access has been provided courtesy of private landowners. The route follows the fenceline adjacent to the Pelorus River and at no time does it follow the farm laneway so please do not use that under any circumstances.

The route crosses a stile to leave the farm and enters the Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve to join the loop track. You can take either direction and both will take to around to the swingbridge - cross this and you'll be at Pelorus Bridge on SH6. Turn left/east to cross to the Pelorus Bridge shop and/or campground, and the green pools may tempt you for a dip on a hot day. Otherwise Maungatapu Road lies in front of you and Te Araroa continues south on that to the Pelorus River Track trailhead.

- Note: It is 14km along Maungatapu Road to the next trailhead (and 8.5km further to Captain Creek Hut) - there are no budget accommodation options along Maungatapu Road - the Pelorus Bridge campground should be used unless you intend using Maungatapu Road B&B accommodation.

Conditions:

The Trust gratefully acknowledges the generosity of these landowners and, to ensure ongoing goodwill, asks to respect the following conditions of access:

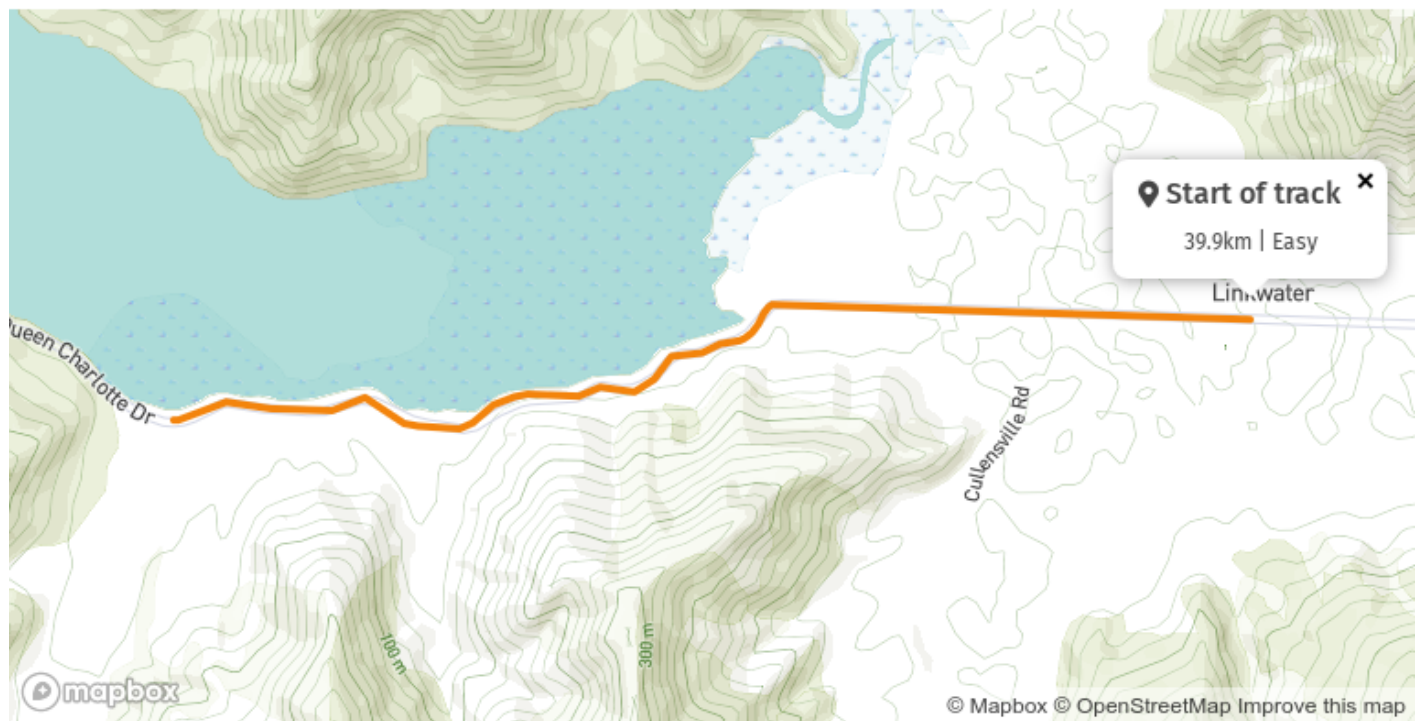
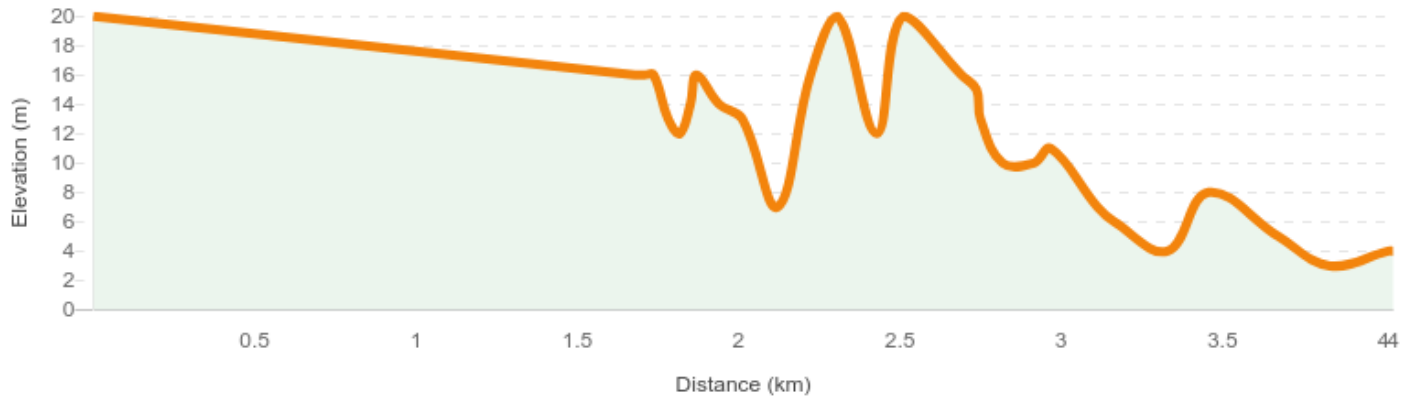
- Track use is restricted to trampers during daylight hours only
- Stiles are to be used where provided;
- Farm operations and stock have right of way
- No dogs, camping, fires, cycles or firearms.

How to get here

Northern Start: Northern end of Anakiwa Road, Anakiwa

Southern End: Junction of SH6 and Maungatapu Road, Pelorus Bridge

Track Elevation and Map



More information

[Te Araroa Marlborough trail notes, including information about accommodation, transport and resupplying](#)

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