



Devil's Punchbowl Walking Track



Walking

Difficulty

Easy

Length

0.8 km

Journey Time

1 hour return

Region

[Canterbury](#)

Sub-Region

[Selwyn District](#)

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Feel the full force and sound of fresh mountain water falling 131 m down one of New Zealand's most stunning waterfalls. It's one of the Department of Conservation's best short walks.

- Spectacular waterfall
- Lush beech forest

From the start of the walk, follow the footbridge across the Bealey River. The next bridge, over Devils Punchbowl Creek, has a good view of the waterfall. From here, wander through lush beech forest with friendly fantails/pīwakawaka and tomtits before climbing 150 m up a series of steps to a viewing platform at the base of this spectacular waterfall.

Return on the same track.

Nature and conservation

[Kea](#)  love this place as much as people do. There's also a good chance you'll hear or see the [great spotted kiwi/roroa](#)  during a twilight evening walk.

Conditions

Know before you go

What to expect

- **Track surface:** Large number of steps – some people may find these challenging
- **Elevation change:** +/- 69 m

Hazards

- Wet and cold conditions can occur at any time, even in summer.

Be prepared

Ensure you take:

- drinking water
- insect repellent
- sun protection
- warm and layered clothing and waterproof/windproof jacket, hat and gloves
- sturdy footwear.

How to get here

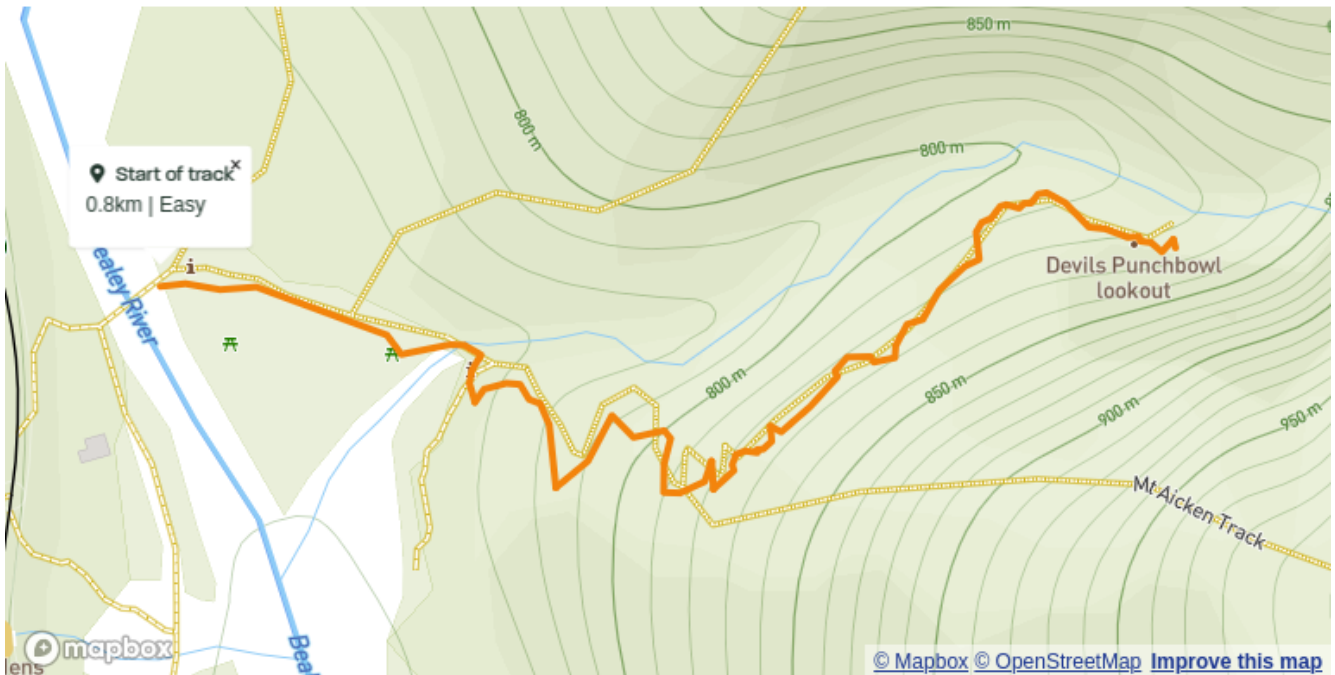
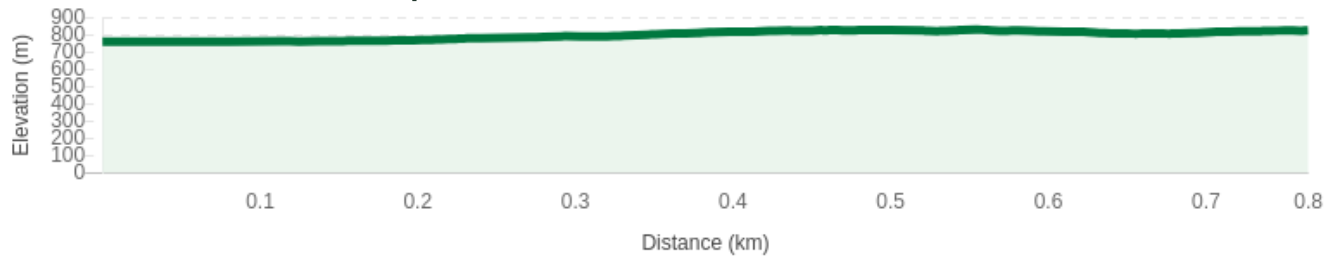
The track starts at the northern end of Arthur's Pass village, just off SH73 at the Punchbowl car park (signposted off the highway).

Transport

Accommodation

Food And Supply

Track Elevation and Map



More information

DOC Short Walks Brochure - <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/parks-and-recreation/tracks-and-walks/short-walks-brochure.pdf>



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