Long Hilly Track

Walking

Difficulty
Medium

Length
6.7 km

Journey Time
2 hours

Region
Southland

Sub-Region
Southland District

Part of Collections
Te Araroa - New Zealand's Trail , Te Araroa highlights , Te Araroa - South Island

Te Araroa section: The Long Hilly Track is an extremely popular day walk, taking in a number of historic mine workings from what was once the largest Chinese mining settlement in New Zealand, dating back to 1874. There is a loop track available for day walkers which takes 2 hours and 15 minutes

At the end of the Port's Water Race, turn right. After 250m the track join Long Hilly Track (Round Hill Walking Track)

Long Hilly Track (Round Hill Walking Track) and Round Hill Road - 1.9km

Turn left here and follow the track past a number of sign-posted historic gold mining sites to the car park on Round Hill Road. Turn left out of the Long Hilly Walking Track car park and walk 900m down Round Hill Road to the SH99 junction.

Orepuki Riverton Highway SH 99 - 4km

Turn left onto the highway and then, after 4km, right onto Colac Bay Road. Adjacent to this intersection is the Colac Bay Tavern, where meals and camping facilities are available.

Colec Bay Road - 0.7km

Walk down Colac Bay Road to the beach front

Conditions

Potential hazards

- Vehicles on road or track. Take extreme care on the road walk to Colac Bay
- Weather extremes
- Few water sources on the road walk

How to get here

Northern Start: End of Ports Water Race Track

Southern End: Junction of Colac Bay Road and SH99, Colac Bay

Transport

Accommodation

Colac Bay

- **Colac Bay Tavern & Camping Ground** - 15 Colac Bay Rd, Colac Bay, (km 2,993.4)
    - Tent sites $20 a space. One dorm style room, own bedding required, 4 beds available. Towel hire $5, Shower $5. Basic facilities but clean!

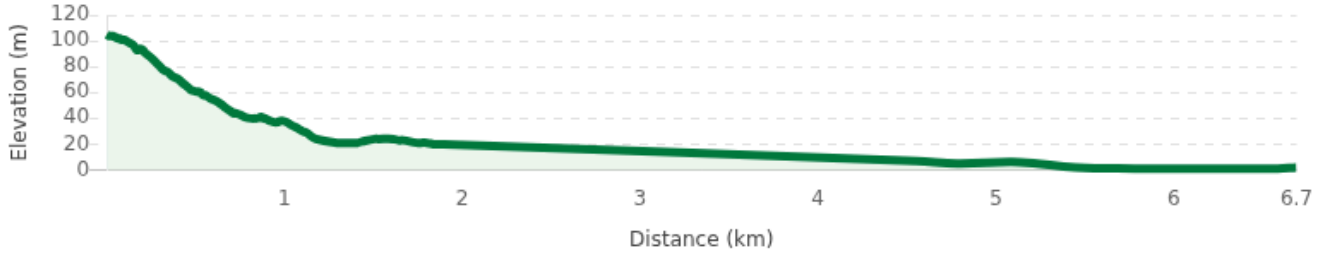
      Small shop with camping goods on site.

      Pub with generous meals all made from scratch and good craft beer open Wednesday - Saturday 12 - late and Sunday for breakfast 9 - 4 (these hours will likely extend coming into summer)

      Self check into camp in small shop, pay online or $ under the door. Txt name to 021 242 1275. for camp records. Arrive anytime.
- **Luna Sea Lodge** 641 Orepuki-Riverton Highway. Tel: 027 601 5744 Email :lunasealodge@gmail.com, facebook.com@lunasealodge Only minutes from Tīhaka Beach, we have individual rooms for rent with shared facilities in a warm homely environment.

Food And Supply

Track Elevation and Map



More information

Before starting Te Araroa either as a through-walker of the whole country or a section walker, please register on Te Araroa website. Please also visit the website or download the app for detailed maps, trail alerts and other relevant information.

This track is part of the Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa track database. Herenga ā Nuku has maps and advice about public access to the outdoors.

We encourage you to continue gaining the skills and knowledge required for a safe trip. The NZ Mountain Safety Council has lots of free resources and information you can use. These can be accessed via www.mountainsafety.org.nz.

We recommend trying these online learning tools:

- Trip Planning
- Tramping/field Skills
- Basic Navigation
- River Safety

Additionally, check out the range of helpful videos available from the NZ Mountain Safety Council YouTube channel.

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