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WALKING ACCESS

ARA HĪKOI AOTEAROA

Walking Access Act 2008

Purpose

The purpose of this Act is—

(a) to provide the New Zealand public with **free, certain, enduring, and practical walking access to the outdoors** (including around the coast and lakes, along rivers, and to public resources) so that the public can enjoy the outdoors; and ...



Walking Access Act 2008

Purpose

(b) to establish the New Zealand Walking Access Commission with **responsibility for leading and supporting the negotiation, establishment, maintenance, and improvement of—**

(i) **walking access** (including walkways, which are one form of walking access) over public and private land; and

(ii) **types of access that may be associated with walking access, such as access with firearms, dogs, bicycles, or motor vehicles.**



Walking Access Act 2008

Function of Commission

Many functions including:

- Providing national leadership on outdoor access issues by preparing and administering a national strategy and coordinating public access among relevant stakeholders and central and local government
- Providing local and regional leadership on, and coordination of, walking access in collaboration with local authorities



Walking Access Act 2008

Function of Commission

continued

- Compiling, holding and publishing maps and information about land over which there is public access
- Facilitating resolution of disputes about walking access
- Negotiating with landholders to obtain walking and other rights of access



What is the commission?

- The Government's expert on public access, creating and supporting ways to get people into the outdoors.
- Including walking, cycling, horse-riding and more – access for recreation and to connect communities and help them thrive.
- Headquartered in Wellington with a team of regional advisors across New Zealand and a Board appointed by the Minister Responsible for the Walking Access Commission (Associate Minister for Primary Industries – Hon Meka Whaitiri)



What does the commission do?

- We are building a legacy of public access to the outdoors for everyone in New Zealand, and we:
 - Support the creation of new and improved public access to the outdoors in rural, provincial and peri-urban areas.
 - Work with recreationalists, landholders, iwi and trail groups and builders, including dispute resolution.
 - Provide information for the public on where they can go, what they can do, and how to behave in the outdoors.
 - Provide national strategy and contributes to and/or leads regional access strategies



What does the commission do?

Statement of Intent 2021-2025



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What does the commission do?



Pocket Maps- New Zealand Walking Access Commission

New Zealand Walking Access Commission
Maps & Navigation

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This app is available for your device

Installed



What does the commission do?



What does the commission do?

The screenshot displays the 'WALKING ACCESS' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'WALKING ACCESS ARA HIKOI AOTEAROA' and menu items: 'Maps', 'Find My Adventure', 'Knowledge', 'Trail groups', and 'About'. A search bar and a 'Login' button are also present.

Below the navigation bar, there are search filters for 'Region', 'Subregion', and 'Activity Type'. A 'Reset Filters' button and a 'Show Results' button are located to the right of these filters. There are also links for 'Advanced Search' and 'Track Collections'.

The main content area shows 'Showing 7 of 7 search results'. Below this, there are sorting options: 'Sort by: North-South', 'A-Z', 'Shortest First', 'Easiest First', and 'Rating'.

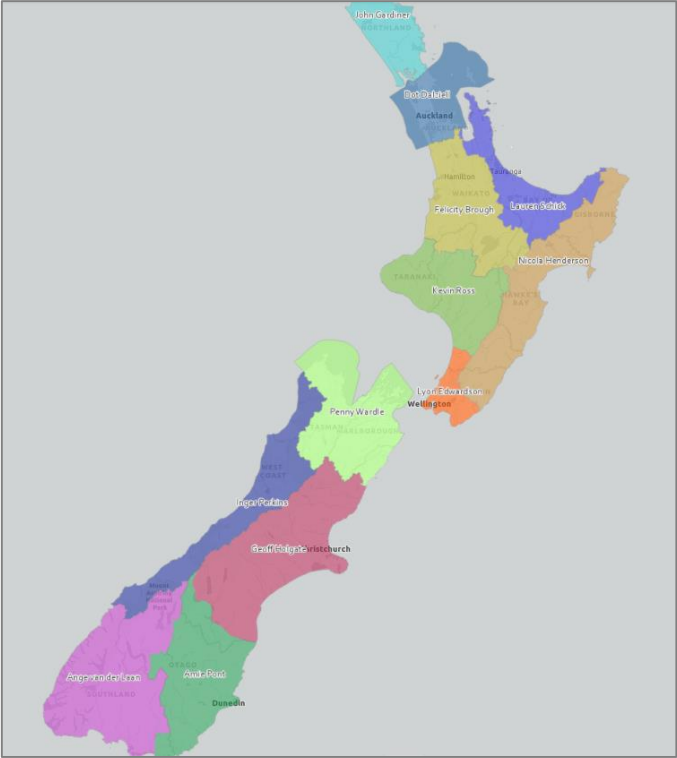
The search results are displayed in a grid of seven items, each with a thumbnail image, title, location, rating, distance, difficulty, and duration. The items are:

- West Coast Wilderness Trail**: West Coast, Buller. Rating: 5 stars (0). Distance: 119 km. Difficulty: Medium, Easy. Duration: 2-4 days.
- Bonar Drive/Whitcombe Terrace Walkway**: West Coast, Greymouth - Hokitika. Rating: 5 stars (0). Distance: 0.1 km. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: 5 minutes.
- Skyla MTB Track**: West Coast, Greymouth - Hokitika. Rating: 5 stars (0). Distance: 0.2 km. Difficulty: Medium. Duration: 5 minutes.
- Hokitika Heritage Walk**: West Coast, Greymouth - Hokitika. Rating: 5 stars (0). Distance: 8.8 km. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: 2-3 hours.
- Racecourse Walkway Track**: West Coast, Greymouth - Hokitika. Rating: 5 stars (0). Distance: 1.2 km. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: 30-45 minutes.
- Prossers Bush**: West Coast, Greymouth - Hokitika. Rating: 5 stars (0). Distance: 0.8 km. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: 15 minutes.
- Pipeline Walk**: West Coast, Greymouth - Hokitika. Rating: 5 stars (0). Distance: 0.4 km. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: 5-10 minutes.

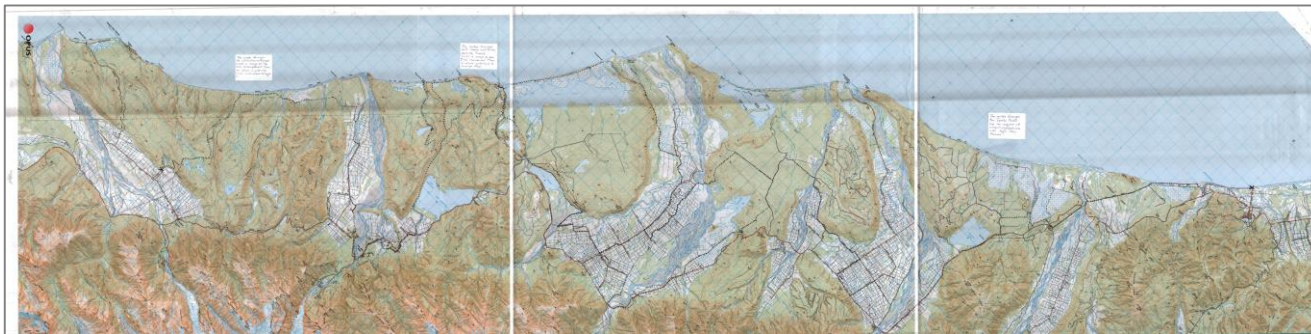
On the right side of the page, there is a map showing the location of the search results in the West Coast region of New Zealand. The map includes labels for 'Hokitika', 'Rauwhiti Rd', and 'Kaniero'. A 'View Satellite Map' button is located at the top of the map area.



What do I do?



Work with community groups



Work to resolve disputes



Support new access



Contribute to plans and policy



West Coast Regional Land
Transport Plan 2021 - 2031



DWELLINGS ON UNFORMED LEGAL ROADS POLICY 2019



Contribute to plans



Pine Tree Road



Cycling and Walking Subcommittee

Aspirations

- More walking, more cycling, more often*
- Encourage and support progress towards:
 - more active transport routes off main roads
 - a safe walking and cycling network that connects communities to places of work, education, shopping and recreation



*West Coast Regional Walking and Cycling Strategy 2009

Cycling and Walking Subcommittee

"When walking is a luxury, we can afford to drive or fly to the beginning of our walk. We take our cameras and layers of merino and sturdy boots and get out into the famed Kiwi outdoors. But when walking is a necessity – our only form of exercise – then we have different needs. We need good quality public access to the outdoors in our neighbourhood. We need to be able to see trees, hear birds and smell falling leaves from our own doorstep.

"We will beat COVID-19. And when we do, we will still have our love of walking. We will still have our love for our local neighbourhood. And will still have a need to connect to our whenua through good public access. When we beat COVID-19, we next need to think about new ways that everyone has great local public access to the outdoors."

