

No.5 Gunn's Bush

Area: Hunters Hills. Entrance is off Lower Hook Road, at Gunn's Bush Camp, 13 km north west from Waimate township.

Time: 1.5 hours Loop track

Level of Fitness: Medium

Start: The loop begins just past the Gunn's Bush camp. Keep left of the camp complex. There is room to park a vehicle at the start of the track.

Follow the gently undulating track along the bank of Gunn's Bush Creek. You will experience some slight inclines on the loop section. Care must be taken if very wet.

Features:

- **Landscape:** The track follows a river valley in amongst bush. At times the track meanders beside the creek.

The surrounding landscape consists of hill country.



- **Vegetation:** The walker will be in amongst lovely specimens of native bush, including some very old Totara.

Totara were once in abundance in the Waimate District before logging got underway in the latter half of the 19th century and the devastating great Waimate fire of 1878.

Moss hangs from the trees giving the walkway a magical fairyland look. Spagnum moss can be found on the forest floor at certain times of the year.

- **Wildlife:** Bellbirds, fantails waxeyes, woodpigeon, and tui in the spring. During early evening walks wallabies may be seen.

- **Please SHUT GATES and don't disturb any stock.**

