

## Carroll Hut, Arthur's Pass National Park

### WILD FILE

**Access** From Kellys Creek, 3km north of Otira on SH73

**Grade** Moderate. Ice axe may be necessary in winter

**Accommodation** Carroll Hut, 10 bunks

**Distance** 2.44km to hut

**Time** 2-3hr

**Map** BV20

### Description

Carroll Hut is set in a basin at 1100m on the south side of Kellys Hill.

Very quickly, you're high above Arthur's Pass Highway with a river roaring loudly close by. Soon the track rises high above the river and it's a steep pull to the hut.

The journey passes through thick sub-tropical forest to alpine meadows in just two kilometres and the change is startling. Below are the twists and turns of the alpine highway over Arthur's Pass up the Otira Valley, gripped in the fearsome embrace of the Southern Alps, where rock and waterfall spew from a thousand crevices.

Carroll Hut is a further 300m from the lip of the basin and offers reasonable, though often chilly, accommodation.

From the hut, the Kelly Range and its neighbour the Bald Range, offer an array of grassy rambles over moderately-angled ridges where numerous alpine tarns float in tussock basins and rocky tors jut from the crests. Care is required in winter as deep and sometimes icy snow often cloaks these basins.

### Elevation Profile



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