

## Lewis Pass Tops, Lewis Pass National Reserve

### WILD FILE

**Access** Opposite the St James Walkway car park at Lewis Pass

**Grade** Easy-moderate

**Time** 2-3hr to the tarns

**Distance** 3.35km to tarns

**Map** BT23

### Description

The Lewis Pass area offers a variety of excellent family trips but you can't go past the easily accessible Lewis Pass tops for an introductory above the bush-line experience. A good track, easy tussock tops, a multitude of tarns to camp by and peaks to scramble up provide something for all families no matter how old the kids are.

It's only a 400m climb to bush-line where a poled route leads to the first high point along the ridge. Here it is gloriously easy walking along a flattish ridge dotted with tarns. For families with young kids, or for those who are new to tramping, these tarns are an excellent overnight destination as campsites and natural playgrounds are abundant amongst the tarns and tussock. There are lots of choices for families with older children too. If the weather is good and the parents experienced, an unmarked route leads along the ridge to Brass Monkey Biv and down to the Lake Christabel and Rough Creek tracks.

### Elevation Profile

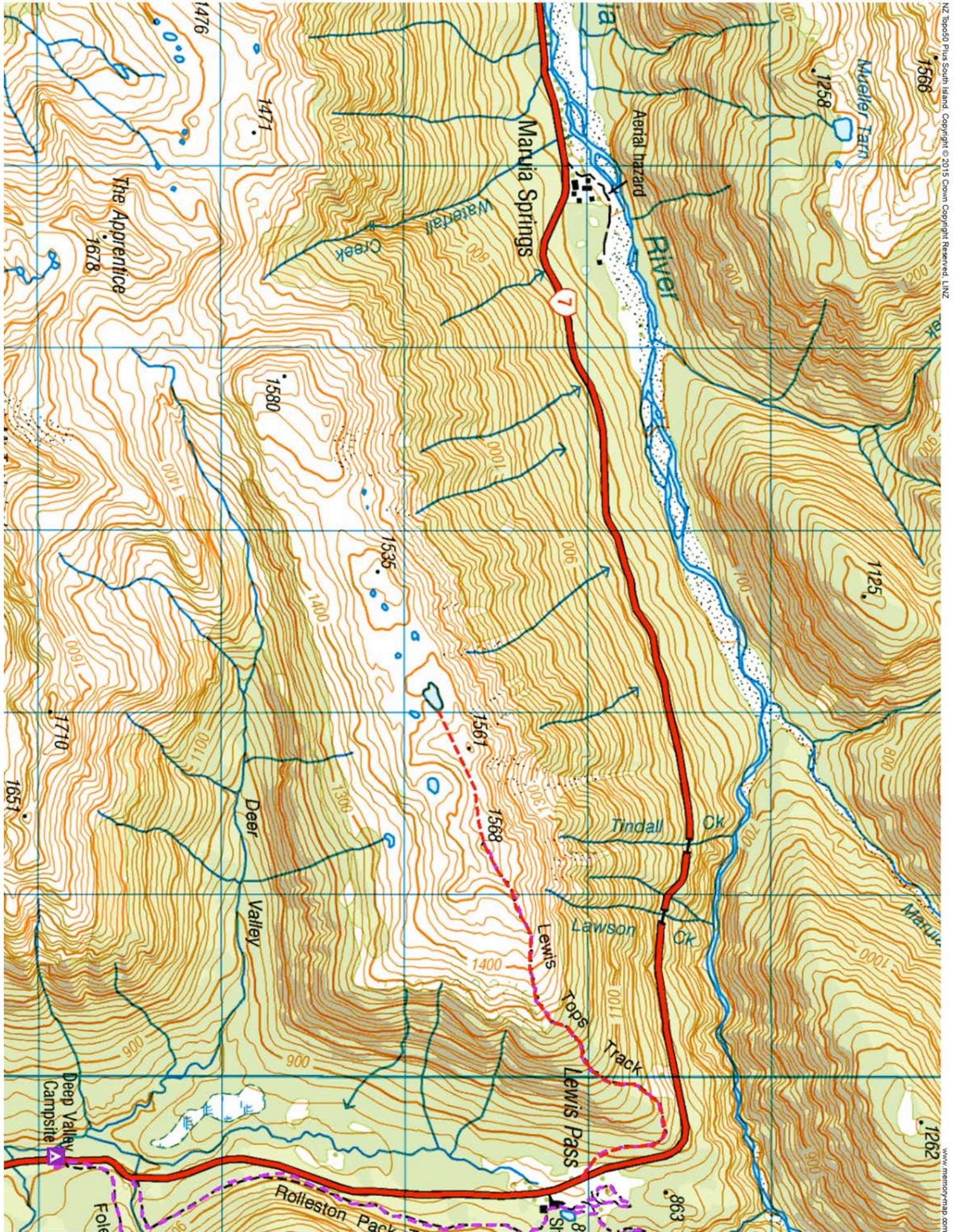


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