Maketawa Hut, Egmont National Park

WILD FILE
Access North Egmont Visitor Centre
Grade Easy
Time 1.5-2hr each way
Distance 6.25km total
Accommodation Maketawa Hut, 16 bunks
Map BJ29

Description
Three roads penetrate the interior of Egmont National Park, providing access to plenty of tracks. One of the best family-friendly options is the round-trip to Maketawa Hut. Beginning from the North Egmont Visitor Centre, take the North Egmont Summit Track, which follows the 4WD access route to the Tahunui TV tower. After 60-90 minutes, the track reaches a signposted junction, where a wooden seat provides excellent views of the mountain. From there, the track descends through stunted forest to Maketawa Hut. The following day, take the Maketawa Track through moss-wreathed goblin forest. Tell the kids they’re in Mirkwood.

Elevation Profile

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