

Staces Hill, Ashburton Lakes, Canterbury

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Access Take Hakatere-Heron Road and turn left at the gravel pit 3km from the road end. Park at the end of the farm track. (Permission from Lake Heron Station is required: 03 303 9014)

Grade Easy

Time 5hr return

Distance 4.54km

Map BX19, BW19

Description

There is no shortage of open tussock land in the Canterbury backcountry. Throw in a tarn and you have the perfect destination for an overnight trip.

Follow the fence-line until you find a convenient spot to leave the track and cross Cameron River. Once on the far side, a direct line up the hill – the steep river banks being the hardest terrain on this otherwise easy trip.

After just two hours across easy tussock-covered slopes, you arrive at the tarn on the 1200m contour with a choice of great tent sites.

More adventures await the tireless trumper who has set up camp early. The climb to the summit of Staces Hill is an easy 30min. The summit offers great views of the Arrowsmith Range, the Lake Heron Valley and the Southern Alps.

Elevation Profile



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