

Mt Gladwish via Top Dingle Hut, Hawea Conservation Park

The Dingleburn Route from Ahuriri Base Hut is well marked and leads steeply to a ridgeline that forms an outlier to the Huxley Range.

At the 1450m ridgeline, follow the snow poles into the Dingle Burn and to Top Dingle Hut. There's a good fireplace which will have the hut warmed up in no time.

To climb Mt Gladwish, 1861m, follow the Dingle Burn Valley Track downstream of the hut to the spur coming off Pt1719 and ascend this. It should be easy going. After regaining the ridge, we carry on south along the tussocky tops. Progress will be rewarded with ever more extensive views, especially into the picturesque Dingle Burn.

After summiting Gladwish, you could retrace your steps back along the ridge to the Dingleburn Route, or descend the eastern spur of Gladwish to Birchwood shelter. To do the latter, follow an old fence line down the steep terrain. Before long, you'll arrive in the Ahuriri Valley with a final stretch along the road back to your vehicle.

Wild File

Access From Ahuriri Base Hut, on Birchwood Road

Grade Moderate

Time Ahuriri Base Hut to Top Dingle Hut, 3hr; Top Dingle Hut to Mt Gladwish, 4-5hr; Mt Gladwish to Ahuriri Base Hut via Birchwood, 4-5hr

Distance 18.3km

Total ascent 1888m

Accommodation Ahuriri Base Hut (\$5, six bunks); Top Dingle Hut (\$5, six bunks)

Map BZ14

Elevation Profile



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