

Broken River Hut via Torlesse Range, Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park

Climbing to the ridgeline of the Torlesse Range, this overnight trip to Broken River Hut offers fantastic variety: spectacular tops travel, a cosy hut, imposing gorge scenery and geological and historical curiosity.

Park near the DOC sign indicating the track to Avoca Homestead. It's a short walk and a crossing of Broken River, to reach the hut.

Follow the old 4WD track leading south from the homestead until tussock and patchy scrub provide good access to the northern slopes of Bold Hill. Following the ridgeline it takes a couple of hours to reach the crest of the Torlesse Range, which has stunning vistas of the Waimakariri Basin.

Once on the tops, it's a straightforward walk along the range to Lansdowne Spur on a mix of tussock and scree. Sidle down on moderately steep scree to the top of the well defined Lansdowne Spur. Near the bottom of the spur, drop west into Iron Creek at the 580m contour to avoid bluffs. Broken River Hut is a few minutes walk up Broken River from the Iron Creek mouth.

From the hut, continue back down Broken River. This route requires multiple crossings of the river, below interesting rock formations in the Broken River Gorge.

Near the river there are the remnants of an old coal mine and bridges, which, along with the Avoca Homestead, were built in 1908.

Wild File

Access Craigieburn Road

Grade Moderate

Time Car park to Avoca Homestead, 20-30min; Homestead to Broken River Hut via Lansdowne Spur, 6-8hr; Hut to Avoca Homestead, 2hr

Distance 22.5km

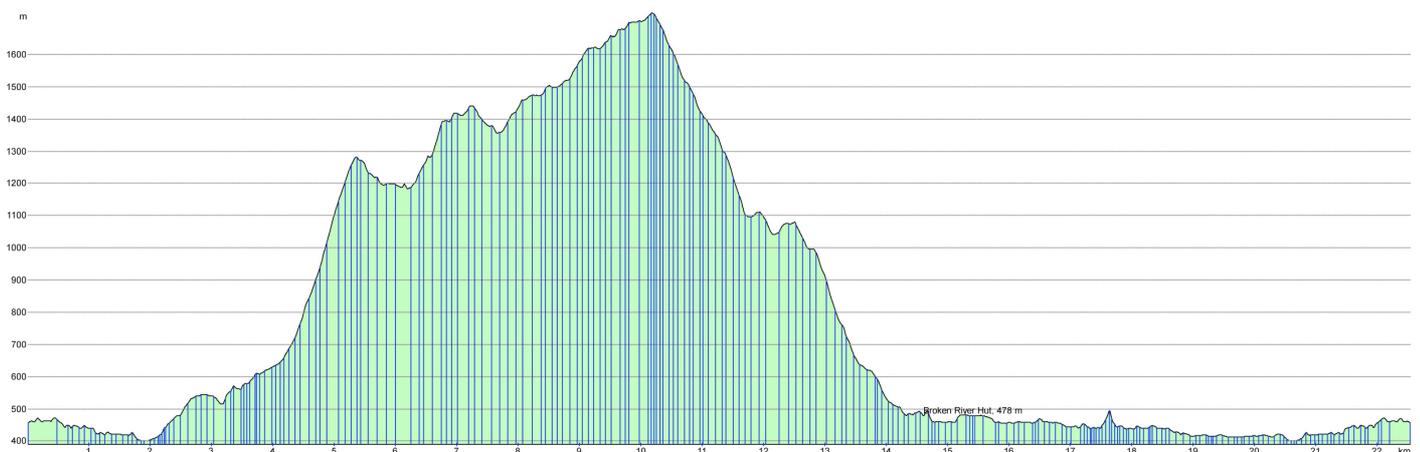
Total ascent 2004m

Accommodation Avoca Homestead (4 bunks), Broken River Hut (4 bunks)

Map BW21

Note: Broken River might not be passable after heavy rain or during snow melt

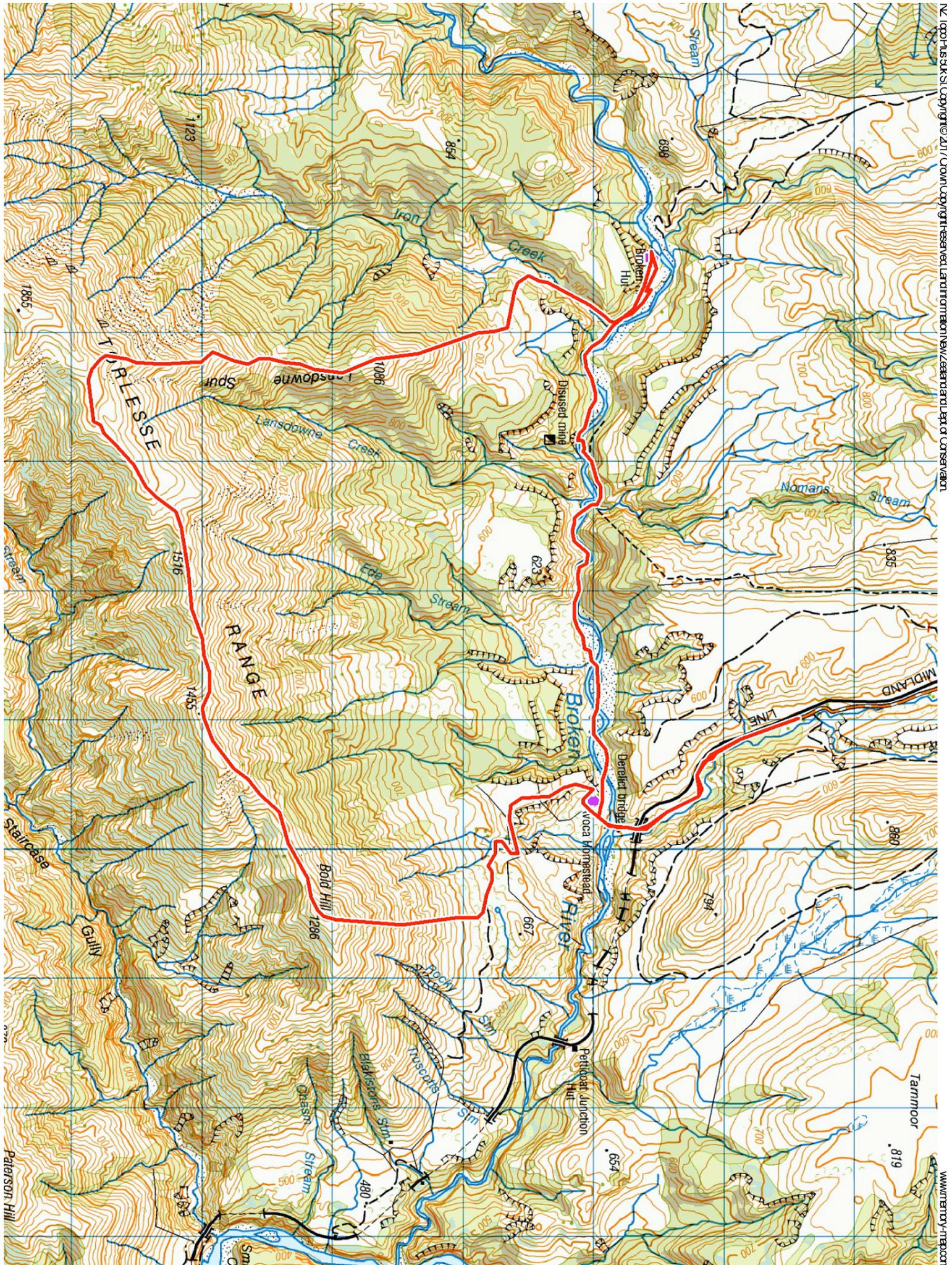
Elevation Profile



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