

## Lake Hope, Remarkables Conservation Area

Lake Hope is a classic alpine adventure, just a short drive from Queenstown

From the car park just north of Wye Creek, the trip to the lake begins with a climb up a 4WD farm track on Loch Linnhe Station, quickly ascending to 1100m with panoramic views of Lake Wakatipu, the Eyre Mountains and Queenstown.

Occasional cairns indicate a rising traverse into Two Mile Creek and eventually this opens out into a beautiful basin, which can be covered in snow, even in summer.

Cross the creek to reach Two Mile Hut. This hut was built from stone around the turn of the 20th century and has seen multiple restorations. It's housed musterers, trampers, climbers and ski-tourers and would make a great day trip or overnight destination in itself.

Continue on to Skingut Pass (marked as Pt1659 on the map) and begin a slow traversing descent into Wye Creek South Branch and enjoy the fantastic views down valley.

Sections of boggy flat ground in the valley can be used as a camping site.

After the valley turns north, leave the creek to continue directly north up a gully that leaves the South Wye at around 1580m, directly towards Lake Hope.

From the lake, retrace your steps to the South Wye. From the valley, you can either continue back to Two Mile Creek, or follow the South Wye down, following a cairned route. This eventually reaches a rough-cut climbers' trail for the final descent down to Wye Creek, which requires careful footing in places and concentration to stay on track. A knee-trembling, but quick, descent leads to an old pipeline walkway which leads to the DOC track and back to SH6.

### Wild file

**Access** From the car park on SH6, just north of Wye Creek. Crossing Loch Linnhe Station into Remarkables Conservation Area. Permission from Loch Linnhe Station is required for the first section.

**Grade** Moderate

**Time** SH6 to Two Mile Creek Hut, 4hr. Hut to Lake Hope, 4hr. Lake Hope to Wye Creek car park down South Wye, 4hr. Our travel times were slower than Moir's Guide, perhaps given the snow.

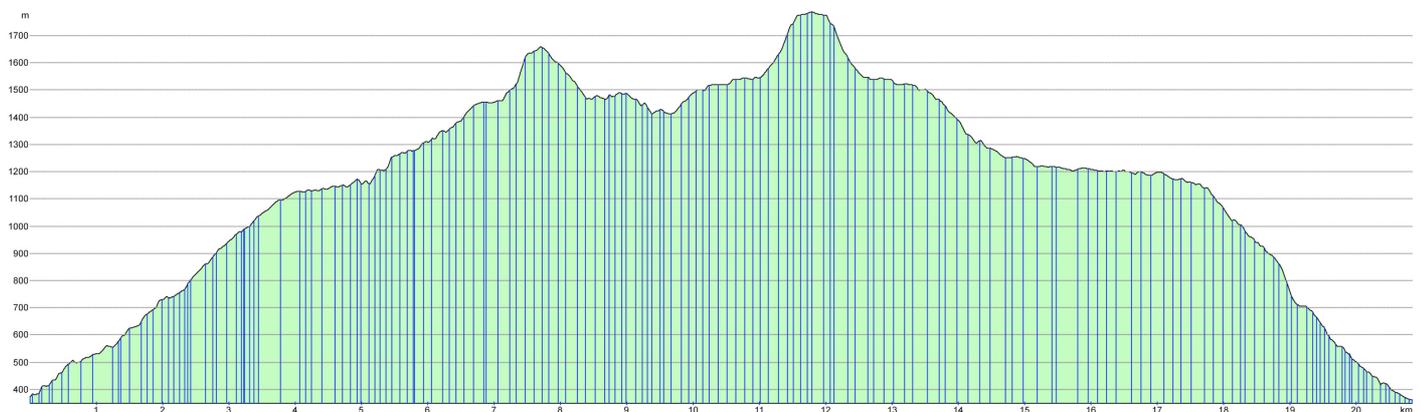
**Distance** 20.8km

**Total ascent** 1847m

**Accommodation** Two Mile Hut, not marked on map, CC11 701,890 (free, sleeps 3)

**Map** CC11

### Elevation Profile



# Turere Lodge, Remutaka Forest Park



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