

Route Burn North Branch, Mt Aspiring National Park

Starting from Routeburn Shelter, the route to the North Branch follows the Routeburn Track for the first 90-minutes, slowly climbing through dense beech forest above the azure-coloured Route Burn as it funnels through a gorge.

The track emerges from the bush at the idyllic Routeburn Flats, where the valley opens to views of the 2000m peaks of the Humboldt Mountains to the north and south and the Routeburn Falls at the head of the valley. Routeburn Flats Hut includes a shelter and is a good spot for lunch.

The track to the North Branch starts directly across the nearby stream. There is no marked trail, but a track through the grass leads north towards the valley, which can clearly be seen between the Humboldt and Serpentine ranges.

After about 10 minutes, the track goes through a patch of orchard-like ribbonwood trees before joining a marked track that enters beech forest and becomes notably more rugged compared to the Great Walk. It climbs steadily through the forest before descending into an open valley with picturesque river flats and incredible mountain scenery.

The track continues north through the valley, marked by an occasional pole or cairn, before entering another small patch of forest and climbing steeply beside the river. Within a few minutes, the valley opens into a much larger and more dramatic landscape. A wall of granite rises almost vertically to the snow-capped and glaciated peaks of the Humboldt Mountains.

There is a number of good camping spots on the river flats.

Wild file

Access Routeburn Shelter

Grade Easy

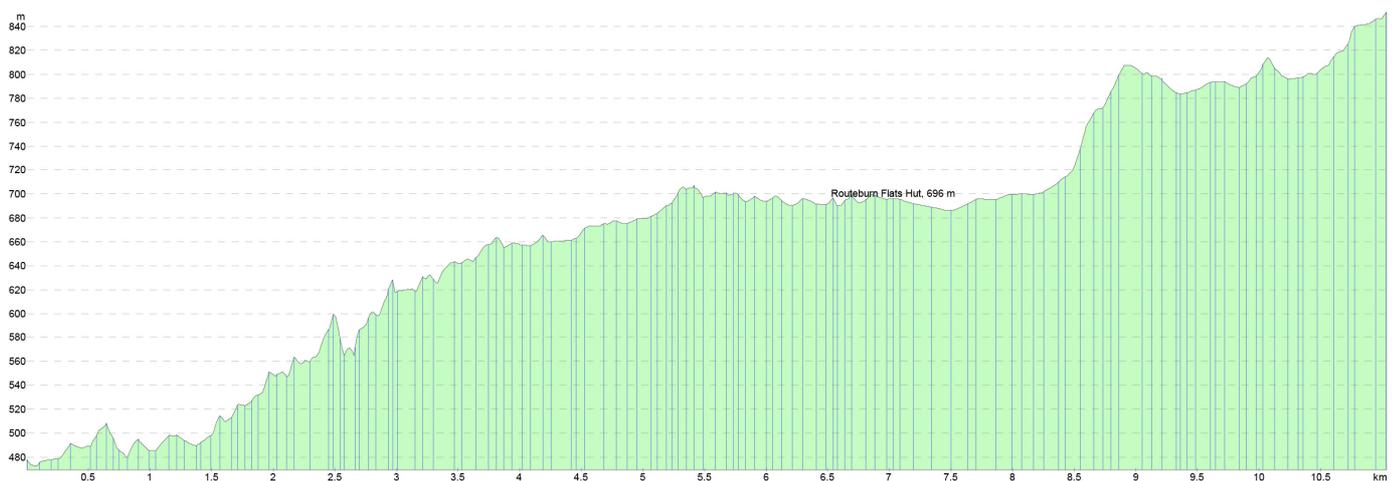
Time 2.5hr

Distance 11km

Total ascent 250m

Map CB09

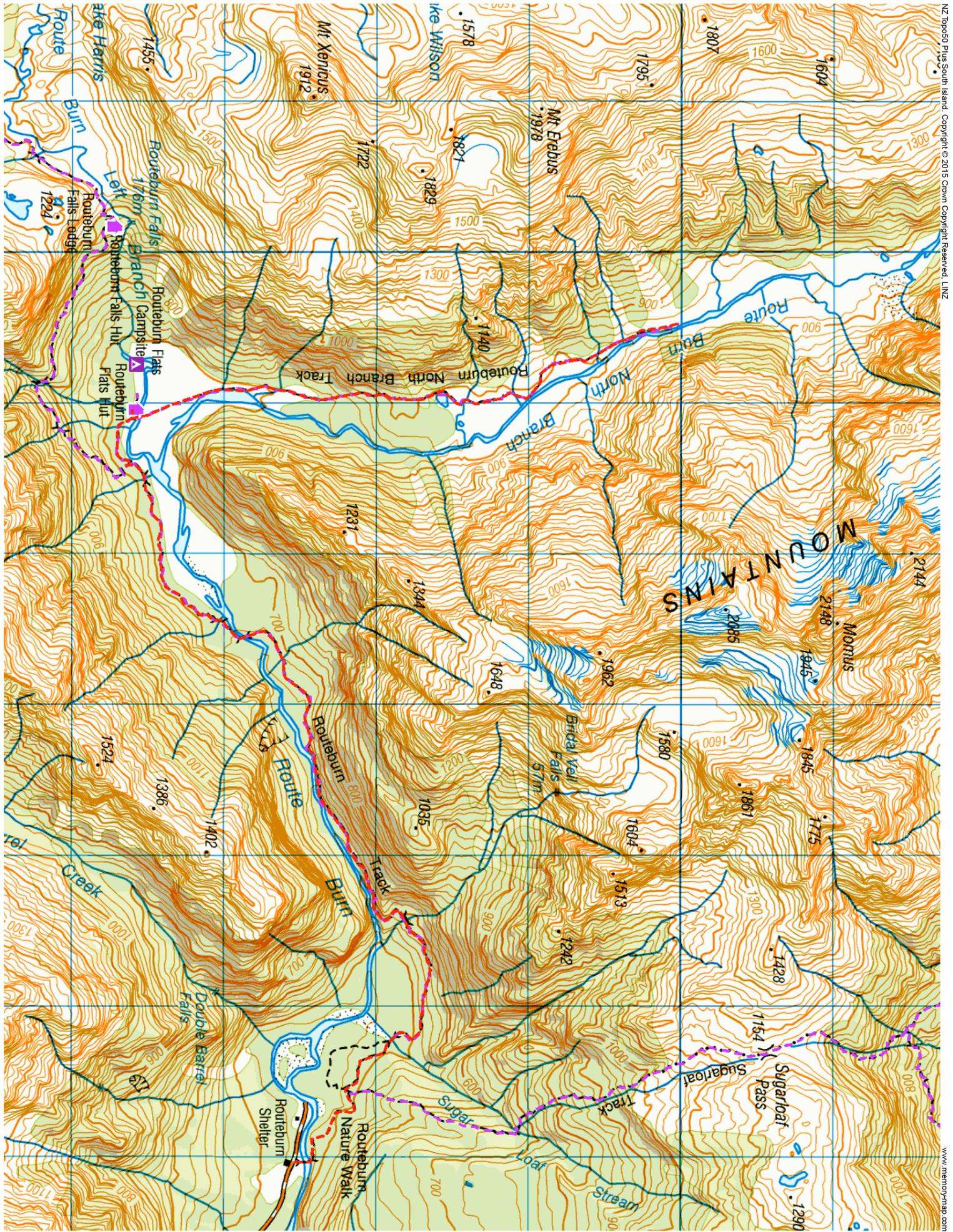
Elevation Profile



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