

Dromedary Hill, Lindis Conservation Area

The seldom visited Dromedary Hill is a magnificent hike through a farmed valley that leads to a rocky summit with views of the Huxley and Barrier Ranges, the Ahuriri and Hawea Conservation areas, and the many mountains in the Lindis Pass.

Proceeding through the gate behind the DOC sign leads to the Dalrachney-Dromedary easement. This marked track runs through private farmland.

There are several small river branches to cross, during summer months the levels are below ankle depth and most can easily be rock-hopped. The trail turns left, keeping far left of another field, before reaching a style that marks the entrance to Lindis Conservation Area. A formed track begins the ascent to the summit.

The route gradually traverses the mountain until a fence line is reached at around 1240m. Officially, this is the beginning of the Pavillion Peak Track and views of the rocky mountains in the Hawea and Ahuriri conservation areas begin to open up.

On the other side of the fence, the trail leading to the final ascent of Dromedary Hill is clear to see. An easy climb over the wire fence can eliminate several more kilometres of track that winds in a north-easterly direction around the relatively flat tops. (If it is preferred to continue on the marked track, continue NE 1.4km, take a left, then head SW for another 1.4km to rejoin the trail near the fenceline).

The final push is steeper until the 1500m mark is reached. The trail then begins to ease and offers incredible views of the northern ranges before reaching a crossroad. Turning right here continues along Pavillion Peak Track as it heads across a stunning ridgeline, eventually leading to Pavillion Peak and into the Avon Burn Valley in a 32km one-way trip. This is an excellent ride for mountain bikers.

To continue to Dromedary Hill, leave the poled track by taking a left before the ridgeline. This track eventually ends at a gate. It is unnecessary to pass through here. To reach the true summit of Dromedary Hill, scale the grassy mound to the left for around 10-minutes to the highest point.

The views of the north are a sight to behold with Aoraki/Mount Cook and Mt Aspiring/Tititea being visible on a clear day.

Wild file

Access Picnic area car park near Dalrachney Road bridge off SH8

Grade Easy-moderate

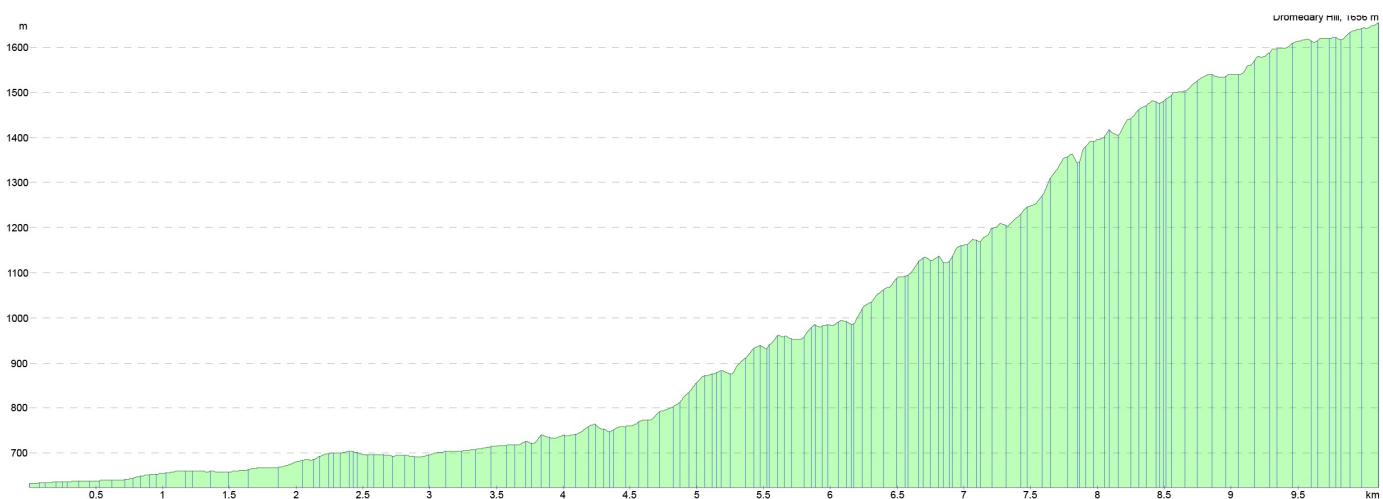
Time 6-8hr return

Distance 20km return

Total ascent 1159m

Further Information The Dalrachney-Dromedary easement is a poled route crossing private land. Respect the landowner's livestock and property and leave gates how they were found

Elevation



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