

Dore Pass, Fiordland National Park

From the car park on the Te Anau/Milford Highway, first cross the Eglinton River, then scour the tree line until the bright orange triangle is visible. That's the start of the Dore Pass Route.

It's a steady plod uphill until Murcott Burn is reached, where a brief respite from the ascent can be enjoyed.

Stay right and if the water is low enough, use the creek to ascend as the bush is quite dense.

Stay on the creek's true left and begin the ascent on a bush-covered spur. There is a decent campsite here, large enough for two tents.

The route leaves Murcott Burn and ascends the valley sidewall, gaining height continually for around an hour.

The headwall of the Burn is crossed before the route swings a hard right.

Follow nine snow poles to Dore Pass.

Once on the pass, follow the route to the right and slightly down until it goes flat around the 1300m contour.

Traverse beneath Pt1585 for 45 minutes to gain the spur leading to Pt1543 that leads down to the bushline.

Poles mark the way through at least three scree sections with exposed runoffs.

The descent begins on the ridge at 1390m. Just before the tree line, it gets very boggy.

From the bushline, it's a long and painful downhill. It's also quite slippery, and treefall might obscure the otherwise distinct path.

Eventually, the path flattens out to the sandfly-invested Glade Burn, and from here, it is a cruisy, flat path to Glade House. It's about 2km to Clinton Hut from here.

For those not continuing on the Milford Track, water taxis can be booked for pick-up from Glade Wharf, or a walk back (and camp) over Dore Pass is required.

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Access Te Anau Milford Highway

Grade Moderate-difficult. Route finding is required

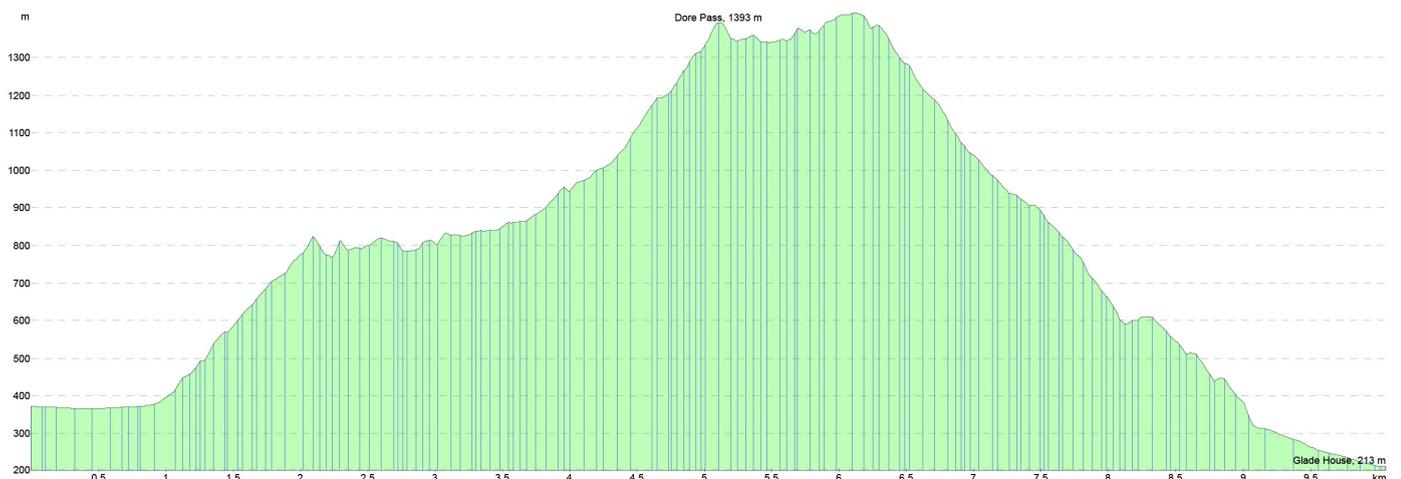
Time Car park to Dore Pass, 4-5hr; To Glade House, 3.5-4.5hr

Distance 10km to Glade House

Total ascent 13223m

Topo50 map CB08

Elevation



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