

Coronet Peak via Brow Peak, Arrowtown

The walk starts from the Chinese Settlement car park in Arrowtown, crossing the small bridge behind the toilet block. Follow the signs to Eichardts Flat. The straightforward 4WD road eventually crosses the main irrigation pipeline to reach a small bridge. After crossing the bridge, yellow marker boards signal the Bush Creek Track to the west and Eichardts Flat to the north. Follow the latter to a steep incline. The path meanders east of the river through the bush and eventually surfaces above the treeline. Views of the Wakatipu Basin begin to open up from the south as Eichardts Flat, located directly west of German Hill, is reached. There is a track junction here, with the right hand trail leading to Sawpit Gully.

Heading west joins the Big Hill Walkway. After a short amble on the marked path, look for a worn rabbit trail to the left just past the first right bend. Following this begins a steep ascent up a spur and a direct course to the ridge. This is not a marked route, but it's straightforward in fine conditions as the entire spur is clearly visible to the ridgeline. This section is steep and best attempted in dry conditions.

Once the ridge is reached, turning left leads to a lightly poled route straight to Brow Peak. The incline reduces dramatically from the spur, though there are some sections of basic scrambling to reach the peak.

The track begins to snake down wide tussocky terrain until the path starts to narrow again at Pt1280. The ridge is relatively straightforward although there are several crags to navigate and some basic scrambling with the occasional steep drop-off, but nothing too technical.

Just before Pt1377 a yellow board is reached, signalling the junction with Bush Creek Track. There are several options to continue to the summit. The mapped route follows mountain bike tracks down a short way before ascending the ski field roads to the top. However, continuing along the ridge is a more scenic but exposed route with a few more scrambles than the initial ridge section.

Return by the same route or for those wanting an easier decent (and longer walk), continue along the ridgeline past the spur taken to reach the tops to Pt1333 where a zig-zag descent leads to the Big Hill Walkway. Head right to continue back to Eichardts Flat and the way home. This path is well marked as it winds through woodland and crosses several small streams.

Wild File

Access Chinese Settlement car park, Arrowtown

Grade Difficult

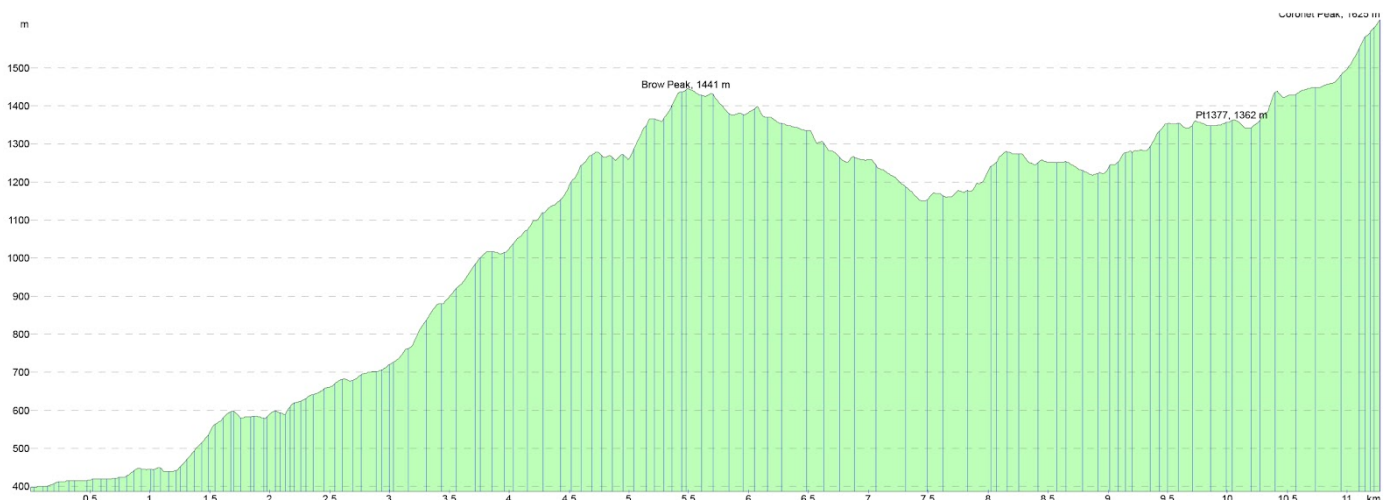
Time 9hr return

Distance 22km return

Total ascent 1762m

Topo50 map CB11

Elevation



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