

Avalanche Peak Loop, Arthur's Pass National Park

Avalanche Peak Track starts in the village as a steady and sometimes scrambly rough path that zig-zags upwards. It goes past the bushline and along a ridge with a series of exposed sections and steep scree slopes that lead down to the valley.

At the junction of Avalanche Peak Track and Scotts Track, you're tantalisingly close to the summit. A knife-edge ridge leads to a popular lunch spot at the summit with panoramic views of Mt Rolleston and other impressive mountains. With a little luck, there'll be a circus of kea putting on a show.

Now for the descent: the Scott's Track follows a spur and within 30 minutes grows rougher and passes tussock-lined bluffs. Drop offs and steep gullies carpeted in green catch the afternoon light.

Back in the beech forest, the drops steeply back to SH73

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Access SH73 – Arthur's Pass Village

Grade Moderate, track passes exposed sections

Time 4–6hr

Distance 6.80km

Total ascent 1086m

Topo50 map BV20

Elevation



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