

# Road Map and Information

## SELF DRIVE DRIVING TIMES:

Queenstown - Te Anau	185 kilometres (2 hours)
Te Anau - Milford Sound	121 kilometres (2 hours)

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure you fill your vehicle with petrol prior to leaving Te Anau. There is no fuel available at Milford Sound. Homer Tunnel - allow for a 15 minute delay at the tunnel's traffic lights.

## Driving the Milford Road

Figures are driving distances in kilometres from Te Anau.

- 1. (30kms): Te Anau Downs** - This sheltered harbour is the departure point for Milford Track walkers.
- 2. (45kms): Boyd Creek** - An easy 250m walk to view pleasant waterfalls.
- 3. (59kms): Mirror Lakes** - A boardwalk leads through an attractive beech forest and wetlands with pools reflecting the Earl Mountains opposite.
- 4. (60kms): "The Avenue of Disappearing Mountains"** - The forward movement of your vehicle along this long straight stretch of highway and a slowly rising road creates the optical illusion that the mountains ahead are sinking into the surrounding beech forest.
- 5. (61kms): The 45th South Parallel** - The road crosses the half way point between the Equator and the South Pole.
- 6. (65kms): Knobs Flat** - So named for the kames or hummocks left behind by the retreating glaciers. There is also a campsite, toilets and a phone provided here.
- 7. (77kms): Cascade Creek/Lake Gunn (477m)** - A pleasant nature walk along a loop track through red beech forest and along the lake edge (45mins return).
- 8. (79kms): Lake Gunn lookout**
- 9. (86kms): The Divide (532m) & Key Summit** - The lowest east-to-west pass in the Southern Alps. This is also the starting point of walking tracks to Key Summit, and the Routeburn, Greenstone and Caples Tracks. A shelter and toilets are provided. The Key

Summit walk (3hrs return) takes you through native beech forest, then through open ground of tussocks, alpine tarns, shrub land and bogs. The Key Summit viewpoint (918m) provides spectacular views of the Eglington, Hollyford and Greenstone Valleys.

- 10. (88kms): Hollyford Valley Lookout (Pops View)** - Provides spectacular views over the Hollyford Valley and the Darren Mountains.
- 11. (89kms): Marian Corner** - Lower Hollyford Road junction (no exit). 1km down this road is the Lake Marion Track. It is 10 minutes to some splendid waterfalls before climbing steeply to a spectacular hanging valley and Lake Marian (695m). 3 hours return. 4kms along the Hollyford Road is the Pass Creek Track which links to the Routeburn and Greenstone Tracks at Lake Howden. 8kms down the road is Gunns camp and 16kms to the road end where the Hollyford Track to Martins Bay begins. There is also a short side-track here that takes you to the 275m high Humboldt Falls.
- 12. (96kms): Monkey Creek Bridge and Lyttle's Flat** - Provides great views of the upper Hollyford Valley.
- 13. (101kms): Gertrude Valley** - A track takes you to a high valley of largely unmodified sub-alpine vegetation. A trip to the head of the valley beneath the Barrier wall is 1.5 hours return.
- 14. (102kms): Homer Tunnel (922m)** - The tunnel descends 129m over its 1.2km length, a gradient of 1 in 10, and exits at an elevation of 793m. There are parking bays on the side of the road just before the tunnel and the inquisitive Kea (native mountain parrot) are frequently found here.
- 15. (110kms): The Chasm** - Easy short walk through the luxuriant forest via a concrete and decked track provides access to a 22m deep ravine where the Cleddau River has cut through the rock (diorite), carving out fascinating formations.
- 16. (112kms): View of Mt Tutuko (2723m)** - This is the highest and most glaciated peak in Fiordland National Park.
- 17. (122kms): Milford Visitors Centre and Boat Terminal** - There is an easy 5min walk from the vehicle parking area to the boat terminal building and wharf. You will find the Cruize Milford desk located immediately on your right once you have entered through the main entrance.

