

“BACKPACKING” IN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

with Peter Tremayne

PCT/JMT Trail Name: “Tinman”

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WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▣ Problems with Customs and Agriculture:
Tents, Pegs, Boots, bringing in foodstuffs and stove fuel
- ▣ Finding equivalent trail foods and stove fuel
- ▣ Kilojoules, not Calories
- ▣ Kilometers, not Miles
- ▣ Kilograms, not Pounds
- ▣ Meters, not Feet
- ▣ Tracks, not Trails
- ▣ Bushwalking or Tramping, not Backpacking



LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS

Arafura Sea

Solomon Sea

Timor Sea

Coral Sea

NORTHERN TERRITORY

QUEENSLAND

Australia

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

VICTORIA

TASMANIA

Perth

Adelaide

Melbourne

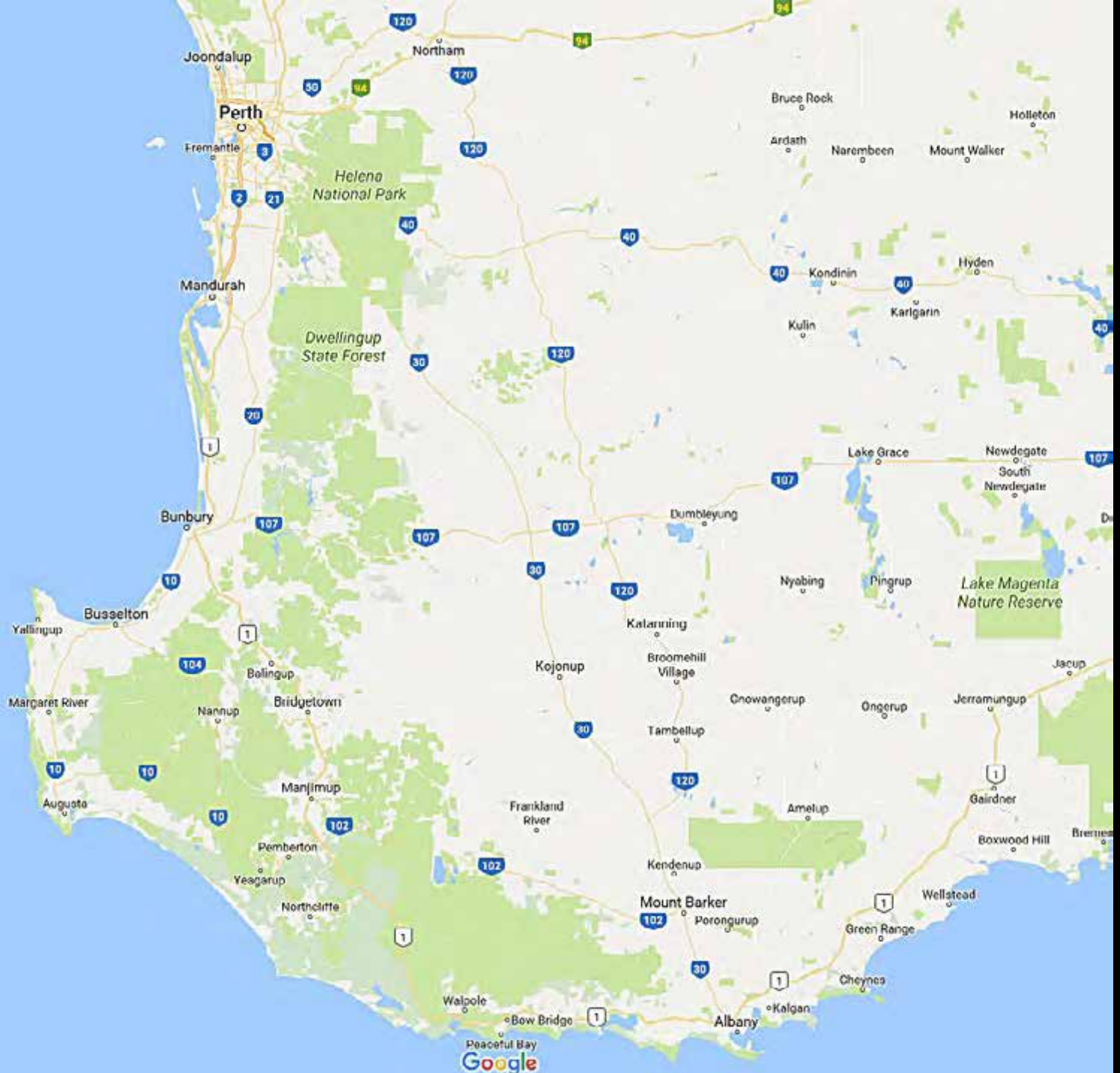
Sydney

Newcastle

Brisbane

Great Australian Bight

ACT

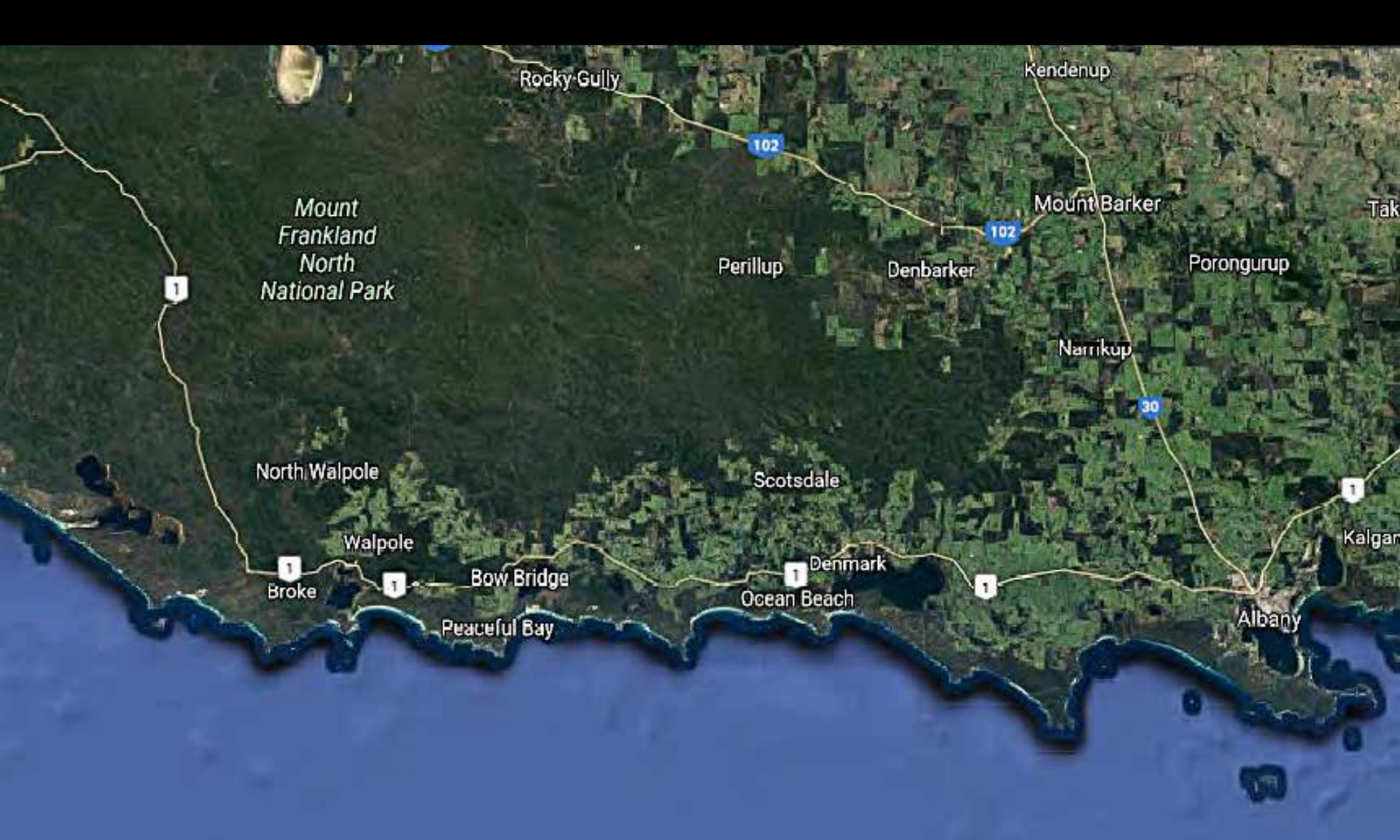


Bibbulmun



TRACK

Western Australia



<https://www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au>

Google













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Giant survivor

Today, the red tingle *Eucalyptus jacksonii* is a giant amongst the eucalypts growing up to 75m.

Marvel at the huge buttressed trunk which provides stability in the moist soil for this shallow rooted tree. This giant tingle has a girth of 24 metres.

Many of the larger red tingles are over 400 years old.



































Goodbye Aussies [& Snakes] - but No Worries



[http://www.
teararoa.org.nz](http://www.teararoa.org.nz)



NZ- The Good News

- ▣ No Bears
- ▣ No Mountain Lions
- ▣ No Coyotes
- ▣ No Snakes
- ▣ No shortage of water sources [Rains often!]
- ▣ There's always the "Great Walks" that will minimize the potential hazards of hiking in New Zealand.
- ▣ On most Tracks, no tents required. You can stay in well equipped huts.

New Zealand's Great Walks

The **Milford Track** is the jewel in New Zealand's hiking crown, an extremely popular 4-day track through Fiordland, from Lake Te Anau to the stunning Milford Sound.

The **Routeburn Track** is a 32km, 3-day tramp between Glenorchy and The Divide, crossing through Mt Aspiring and Fiordland National parks.

The **Kepler Track**, at 60km, is possibly the most challenging of the Great Walks, taking 3-4 days to complete. It is also the course for the Kepler Challenge - an 'ultra-marathon' trail running race of the entire track, which takes the winners around 5 hours to complete!

The **Abel Tasman Coastal Track** is one of the most popular tramps for visitors to the country as it runs along the coastline of the sunniest part of the South Island, featuring some stunning beaches of golden sand and crystal-clear water.

The **Heaphy Track** is another hike in the northern South Island and at 79km (4-6 days) is the longest of the Great Walks, with some of the most diverse scenery, from the forests of the Kahurangi National Park to scenic West Coast beaches. It is also unique in that it is open to mountain bikers during the Winter Season.

MILFORD TRACK



Duration: 4 days
Distance: 53.5 km (one way)



Great Walks season:
27 October 2015 – 27 April 2016



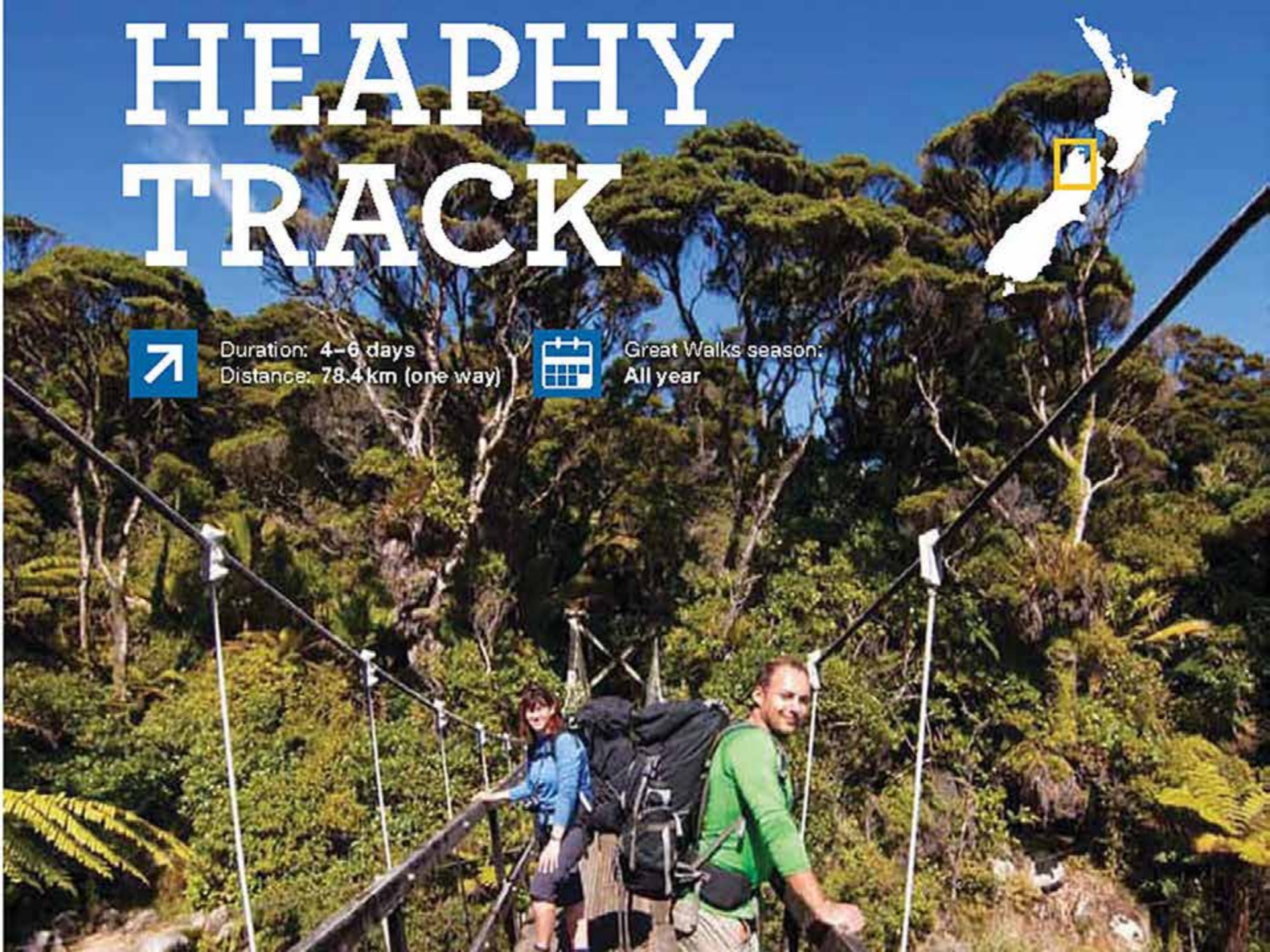
HEAPHY TRACK

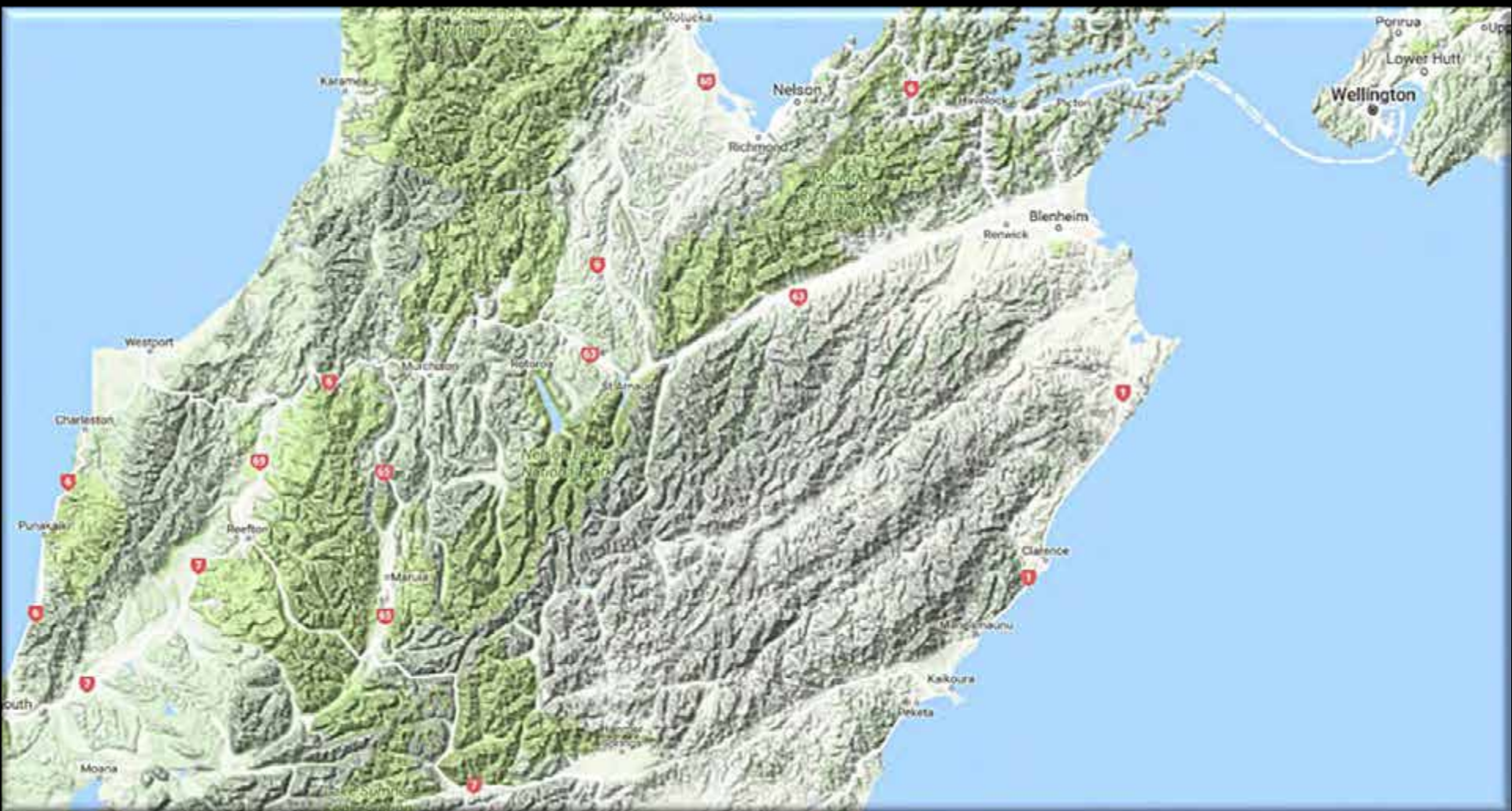


Duration: 4–6 days
Distance: 78.4 km (one way)



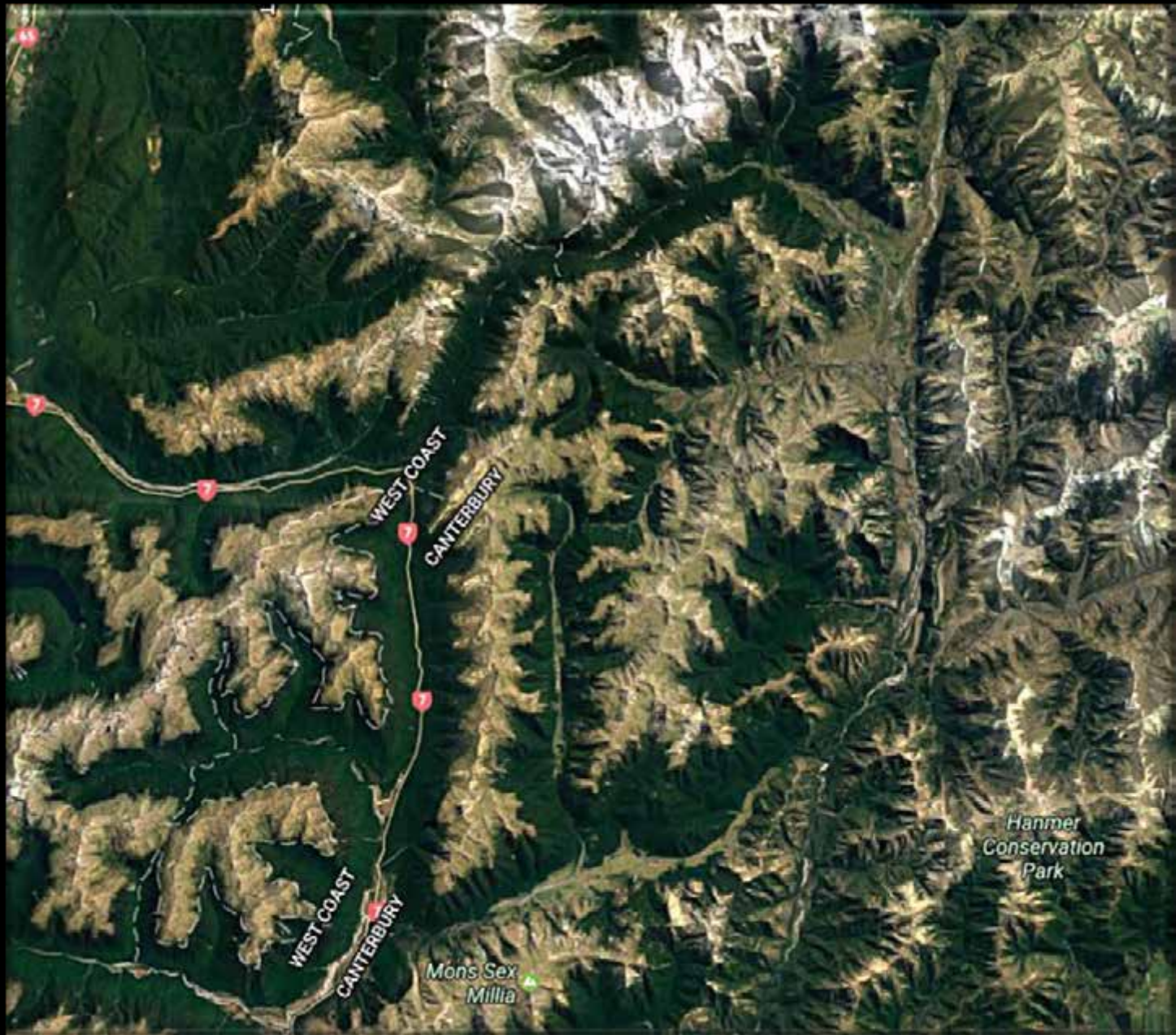
Great Walks season:
All year













Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Lewis Pass
National Reserve



St James Walkway ↑

Cannibal Gorge Hut

3 hr / 8.5 km

Ada Pass Hut

4 hr 20 min / 12.4 km

Christopher Hut

8 hr 20 min / 24.3 km

Anne Hut

12 hr 30 min / 37.5 km

Boyle Flat Hut

18 hr 30 min / 55 km

New Zealand Government













FIRE EXIT





For each night in a hut, date the appropriate number of tickets per person. Display this section of the ticket on your pack.

Know the outdoor safety code:

1. Plan your trip
2. Tell someone
3. Be aware of the weather
4. Know your limits
5. Take sufficient supplies

Visit:

www.adventuresmart.org.nz

Nº 228800

DATE OF USE

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DEPOSIT

this section in the box provided

Nº 228800

DATE OF USE

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ADULT

BACKCOUNTRY HUT PASS



Know the outdoor safety code:

1. Plan your trip
2. Tell someone
3. Be aware of the weather
4. Know your limits
5. Take sufficient supplies

DOC HOTline
0800 362 468

Report any safety hazards
or conservation opportunities
to the DOC Helpline and please call 911



Department of
Conservation
To Pūkeko Aotearoa



NZ-THE BAD NEWS

- Surprise snow at any time of year
- Unformed, often hazardous trails
- Dangerous river, stream & creek crossings, including Tri-Wire and narrow Swing-bridges
- Rapid river, stream & creek flows during and after heavy rain
- River and stream trail washouts
- Sandflies

Be Careful What You Wish For













**Dying in the Forever Rain:
the hut that saved my life**



LIFE FIRE IN LEFT SIDE ONLY

Lake Rotoroa – Nelson Lakes NP



WEB REFERENCES

Department of Conservation [DOC]:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation>

Saint James Walkway [Advanced Tramping Track]

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/stjameswalkway>

Intermediate: Great Walk/Easier tramping track

Duration: Comfortable multi-day tramping/hiking

Suitable for: People with limited backcountry (remote area) experience. Some tracks suitable for mountain biking.

Standard: Track is generally well formed, some sections may be rough, muddy or steep. Track has signs, poles or markers. Major stream and river crossings are bridged.

Footwear required: Light tramping/hiking boots.

Typical tracks: Tongariro Northern Circuit | Lake Daniell Track



Class 1 [equivalent]

Advanced: Tramping track

Duration: Challenging day or multi-day tramping/hiking

Suitable for: People with moderate to high level backcountry (remote areas) skills and experience, navigation and survival skills required. Some tracks suitable for mountain biking.

Standard: Track is mostly unformed, may be rough and steep. Track has markers, poles or rock cairns. Expect unbridged stream and river crossings.

Footwear required: Tramping/hiking boots.

Typical tracks: Kapakapanui Track | Inland Track



Class 2 [equivalent]

US Hiking/Climbing Classification

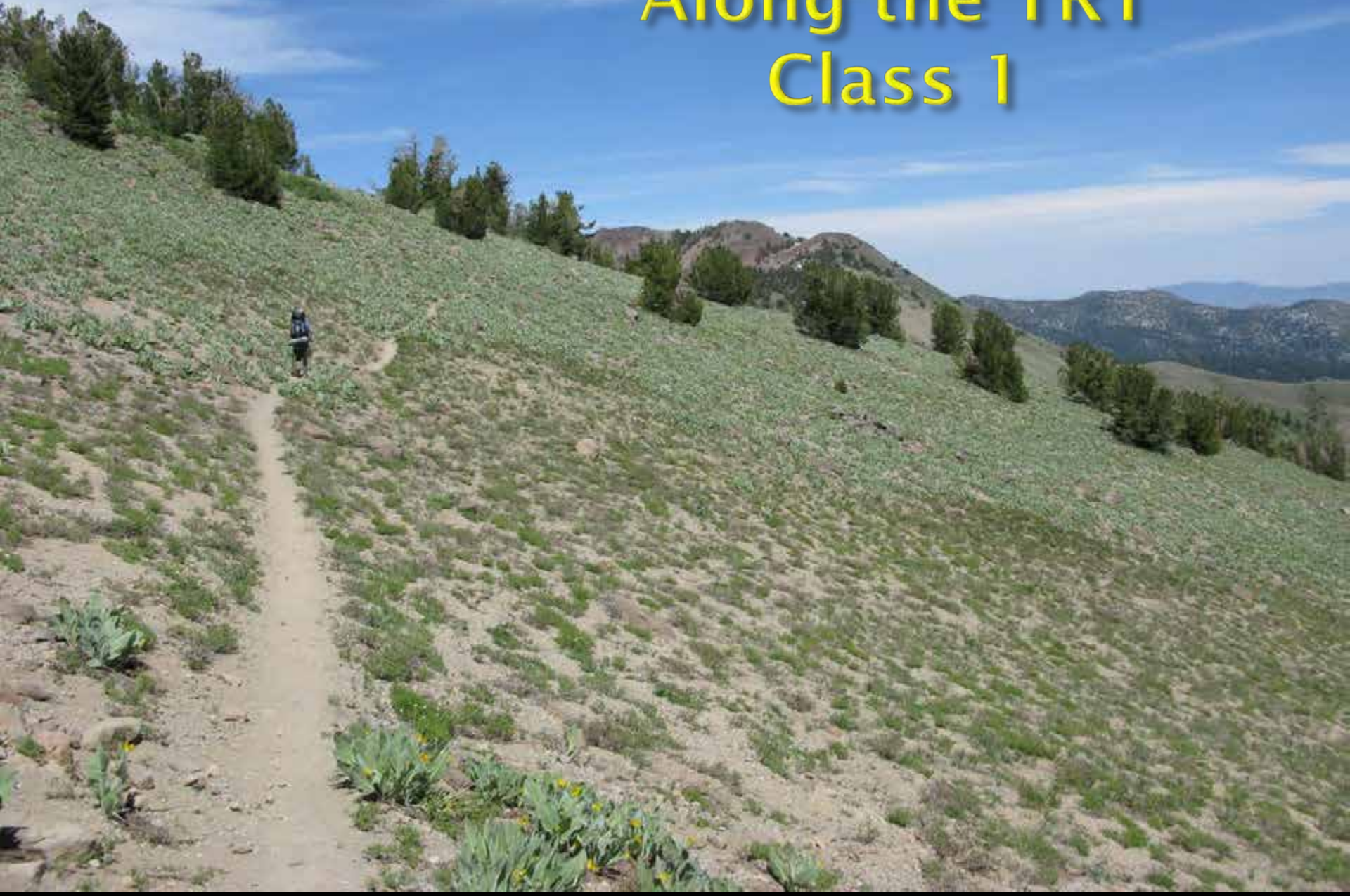
Class 1: indicates either trail walking or extremely easy cross-country travel.

Class 2: The terrain has become more rugged. At all times hikers must watch where they plant their boots; hands must be used occasionally to maintain balance. Steep talus exemplifies this level of difficulty. Few hikers will have trouble on class 2 terrain.

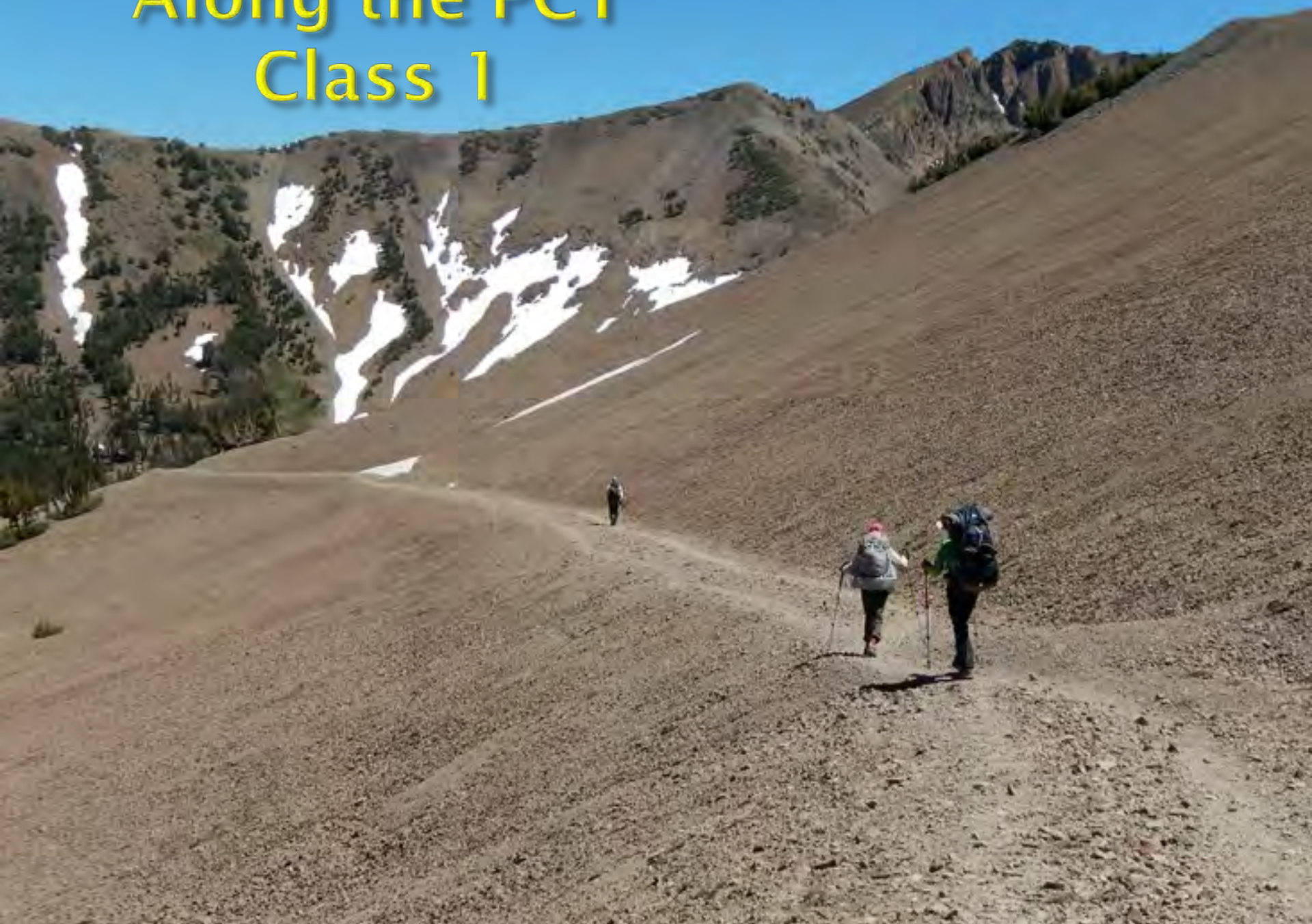
Class 3: Actual handholds and footholds must be found, tested, and used. The angle of the rock has steepened to the point where a fall might result in injury. The traveler must use caution while moving across this type of landscape.

Class 4: Means that the holds have become smaller and the exposure has increased. A rope should be used to safeguard the climbers.

Along the TRT Class 1



Along the PCT Class 1



Along the JMT at 13,200'
still Class 1



Climbing Italy Pass Class 2



Climbing Whitebark Pass Class 3 [off-route]



Easiest: Short walk

Duration: Easy walking for up to an hour.

Suitable for: People of most ages and fitness levels.

Standard: Track is well formed, with an even, well drained surface. There may be steps. Stream and rivers crossings are bridged.

Footwear required: Walking shoes.

Typical tracks: [Riwaka Resurgence](#) | [Waterworks Walk](#)



Easy: Walking track

Duration: Gentle walking from a few minutes to a day.

Suitable for: People with low to moderate fitness and abilities. Some tracks suitable for mountain biking.

Standard: Track is mostly well formed, some sections may be steep, rough or muddy. Clearly signposted. Stream and river crossings are bridged.

Footwear required: Walking shoes or light tramping/hiking boots.

Typical tracks: [Arthur's Pass Walking Track](#) | [Orongorongo Track](#)



Expert: Route

Duration: Challenging overnight tramping/hiking.

Suitable for: People with high level backcountry (remote areas) skills and experience, navigation and survival skills required. Complete self sufficiency required.

Standard: Track unformed and natural, may be rough, muddy or very steep. Track has markers, poles or rock cairns. Expect unbridged stream and river crossings.

Footwear required: Sturdy tramping/hiking boots.

Typical tracks: [Three Passes Route](#) | [Tararua Northern Crossing](#)

