

Nelson region

Mount Arthur, Flora Saddle: drive to car park and walk for 30 minutes (2km) to first hut, Flora Hut, on the Mt Arthur track through the *Dracophyllum* forest. Past the hut is a rich herbfield with *Celmisia*, *Gentianella*.

Cobb Valley: narrow road but usually negotiable. A well defined tramping track leads from the road end at Trilobite Hut up the valley, alongside the Cobb River. Walk as far as you like – opportunities for picnicking, swimming and fishing abound. It is possible to walk all the way to Fenella Hut and stay the night. 4-5 hours (13km) one way. Follow the walking track from Trilobite Hut up the Cobb valley for 1 hour 30 minutes to reach the restored historic Chaffey Hut.

Gentianella, *Celmisia* and *Bulbinella*. Interesting geologically- trilobites.

Nelson Lakes National Park

St Arnaud Village is the center of Nelson Lakes National Park and is a good base for day trips into the surrounding mountains.

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Mt Robert; drive to the car park (5km) . Five hour return loop track around the northern face of Mt Robert. This well marked, well-formed circuit combines the two following tracks:



Pinchgut Track

The Pinchgut Track zigzags up the steep, bare face of Pourangahau/Mount Robert on a well graded track before entering beech forest. After climbing for one and a half hours, you reach the bush edge, where the forest gives way to alpine herbs and shrubs.

From here the track continues across the open ridge top and reaches Relax Shelter. At a junction just past the shelter, Paddy's Track begins and heads east to Bushline Hut, a great place to stop for lunch or stay overnight.

To complete the circuit walk, head down to Mt Robert Road on Paddy's Track and walk 500 m along the road back to the car park.

Paddy's Track

You can begin the Mount Robert Circuit along Paddy's Track, which cuts across the mountain's open face and crosses several scree-filled gullies before climbing to Bushline Hut.

To complete the circuit, take the track across the ridge top and return to Mt Robert car park via the Pinchgut Track.

St Arnaud Range Track, five hour return. This walk climbs steadily through red, silver and mountain beech forest to a height of over 1650 metres.

Above the bushline (at 1400 metres) after a two hour climb, there are spectacular views from Parachute Rocks, which gained their name from a parachute-shaped gravel scree located just to the north.

The track climbs for a further 30 minutes from here to the ridge line, where you are rewarded by spectacular views of the surrounding area: east down the Wairau Valley, north to Mt Richmond Forest Park, west towards Kahurangi National Park and the Buller Valley, and south to the rest of Nelson Lakes National Park.

Return via the same route.

Rainbow Ski Area (Six Mile Creek basin); The ski field road is generally closed to vehicle access during summer but is always open for walking. There are certain open days, notified on the Rainbow skifield website. Alpine flowers, tarns and views are the summer attractions.