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Black Birch Range, Awatere Valley; This is a walking and mountain biking track. Access is via public easement across farmland, with approximately 2km from the Awatere Valley Road to the start of the DOC managed area. The track follows Black Birch Stream north through scrub and then west through kanuka forest between the Black Birch and Blairich Ranges. From Awatere Valley Road to Black Birch Bivvy is about 9km. The initial parts of the track are relatively flat and suitable for all levels of fitness, however there is a steep climb for the last 1.5km to Black Birch Bivvy, which is situated at about 840m altitude. In addition to the main track it is also possible to make a short but steep climb up to Blairich Ridge from the start of the track.

Wonderful views from the top, home to *Celmisia insignis*, *C. sessiliflora*, *Haastia pulvinaris*, *Leucogenes neglecta* and many more species.