

Flagstaff–Pineapple Track

**How to get there:** From the Octagon, travel north along George Street and turn left into Duke Street, which becomes Malvern Street. Travel up the Leith Valley until Malvern Street branches left onto Fulton Road and then right into Booth Road where there is a small parking area. The tracks are signposted from here.

The Flagstaff-Pineapple Walk can also be traversed from Three Mile Hill on the Whare Flat side. From the Octagon, travel up Stuart Street to Kaikorai Valley. Branch right onto Taieri Road towards Three Mile Hill. Near the top, turn right onto Flagstaff-Whare Flat Road. Parking can be found at the Bull Ring which is the start of the track.

**Public transport:** Octagon to Garden Village (get off top of Fulton Road), Maori Hill (Cannington Rd).

**Fitness:** Moderate.

**Walk time:** 2 hours. (Flagstaff summit from Bull Ring: 40 minutes return).

**Equipment:** Strong walking shoes or boots and warm clothing.

**Track conditions:** Gravel surface (sometimes muddy).

**Parking:** Booth Road. Bull Ring, Flagstaff-Whare Flat Road.

**Facilities:** None.

**Track description:** This is a moderate grade track following Flagstaff ridge, off Flagstaff summit to Ross Creek/Glenleith and can be started from either end. From the Booth Road end the track steepens quickly and after about 5 minutes re-connects with a road. Well-signposted, the track begins again on the right hand side of the water treatment building. From here it climbs, sidling across the face of the hill, travelling through patches of bush. About 40mins up the track, the bush ends and there are excellent views of the city, Mt Cargill and Ross Creek.

A long steep climb is ahead before reaching a signposted junction with the Swampy Summit Track. At this point you are about an hour from Booth Road and the Bull Ring at the other end of the track. The Pineapple Track continues to the Flagstaff summit. A plane table helps locate the many visible landscape features from this prominent high point before you descend an easy grade to the Bull Ring car park on Flagstaff-Whare Flat Road.

Leith Saddle Track

**How to get there:** Drive from Dunedin up the Northern Motorway (SH1) to the top (Leith Saddle). Turn left onto Waitati Valley Road.

**Public transport and Facilities:** None.

**Fitness:** Moderate.

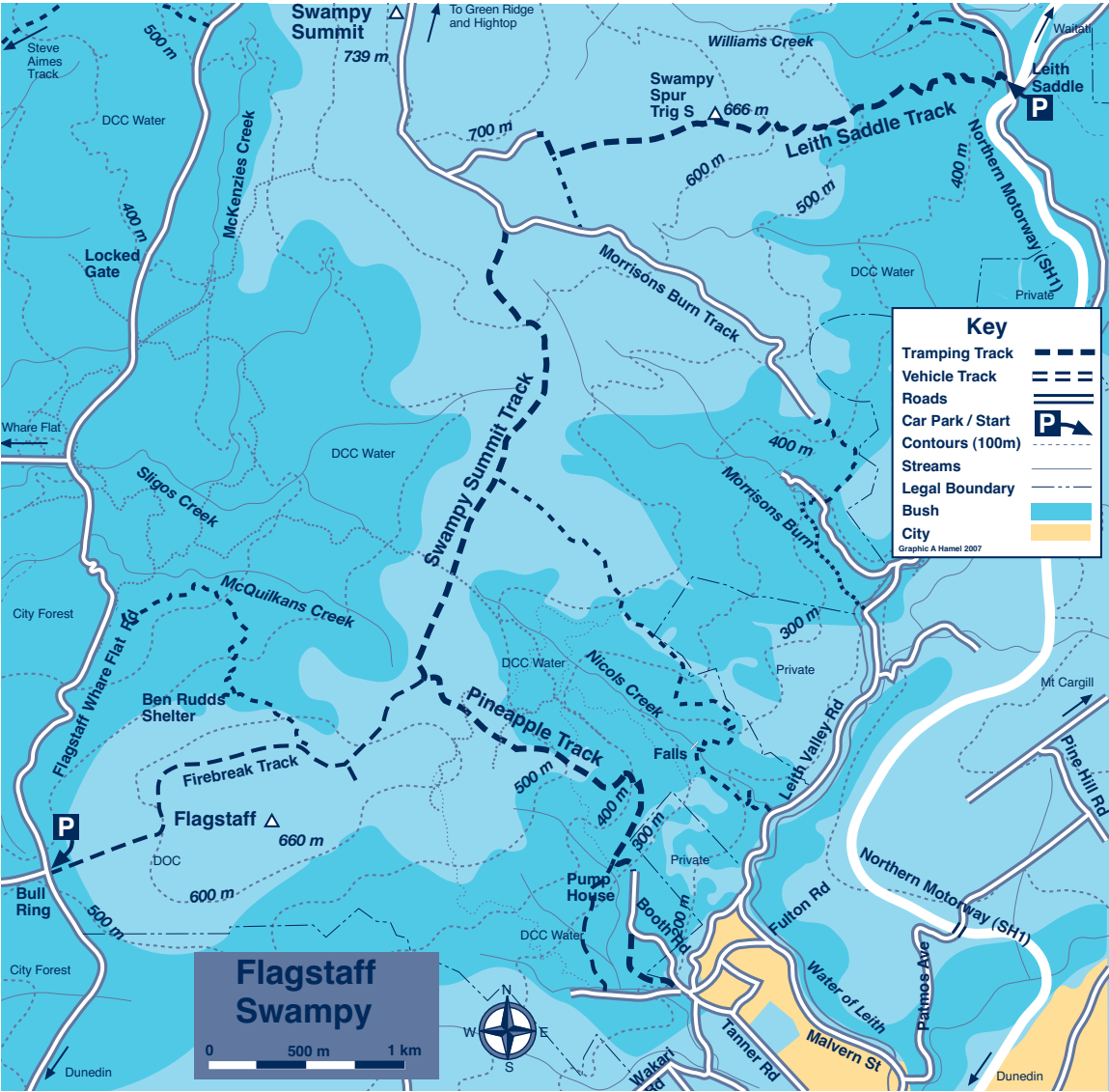
**Walk time:** 3.5 hours return.

**Equipment:** Strong walking shoes or boots and warm clothing.

**Track conditions:** Gravel surface, boardwalks, the top of the track is sometimes muddy, slippery and difficult to follow.

**Parking:** On the right at Leith Saddle (off Waitati Valley Road).

**Track description:** The track begins 50 metres down Waitati Valley Road, at the top of the Northern Motorway (SH1). At first the track climbs steeply through thick, native cloud forest. The gradient then eases and winds steadily upwards to emerge onto open tussock on Swampy Spur with panoramic views of the city. From the spur, there is another steady climb to the vehicle track that traverses Swampy Summit. From here either return, or turn left to connect with Swampy Summit Track, leading on to the Flagstaff-Pineapple Track.



**Swampy Summit** (Pineapple Track to Leith Saddle Track)

**How to get there, public transport, parking, facilities, fitness and equipment:** As for Flagstaff-Pineapple Track.

**Walk time:** 1.5 hours.

**Track conditions:** Mostly 4WD track (sometimes muddy).

**Track description:** The track starts by branching off the Pineapple Track on the ridgeline. This connects with the 4WD track, heading towards Swampy Summit. Turn right and head down Swampy Spur to connect with the Leith Saddle Track.

Toitū Te Whenua (Care for the land)

Safety Checklist

- Choose a circuit that suits your level of fitness, experience and the time available.
- Monitor your progress. Carry food and water for energy.
- Only use these tracks if you have suitable clothing and footwear.
- Stay on designated tracks.
- Please do not try to cross streams when water is discoloured.
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Beware of slippery rocks and track surfaces.
- Let someone know where you are going, what you intend to do, when you will return and when you have returned.
- It is best to explore the area with at least two other people, one of whom should be experienced in the bush.
- Cell phones may not work.
- During periods of strong winds falling trees and branches make this area dangerous.

Walking—being prepared

- Take plenty of snacks and fluid (water).
- In summer take sunscreen and wear a hat.
- Remember that weather can change quickly –always take warm clothing.
- Hide valuable items from view in your vehicle or take them with you.

Environmental and Water Care

Please respect the land by:

- Keeping dogs under control at all times.
- Respecting plants and animals.
- Removing all rubbish.
- Not lighting fires. Remember that discarded cigarettes can cause fires.
- Keeping to the marked tracks.
- Not taking firearms into this area.
- Burying toilet waste in a shallow hole at least 50 metres from streams.
- Leaving gates as you found them.
- Parking with care and respecting other road users. Do not block gates or roads.
- Reporting any obstructions or hazards to us.

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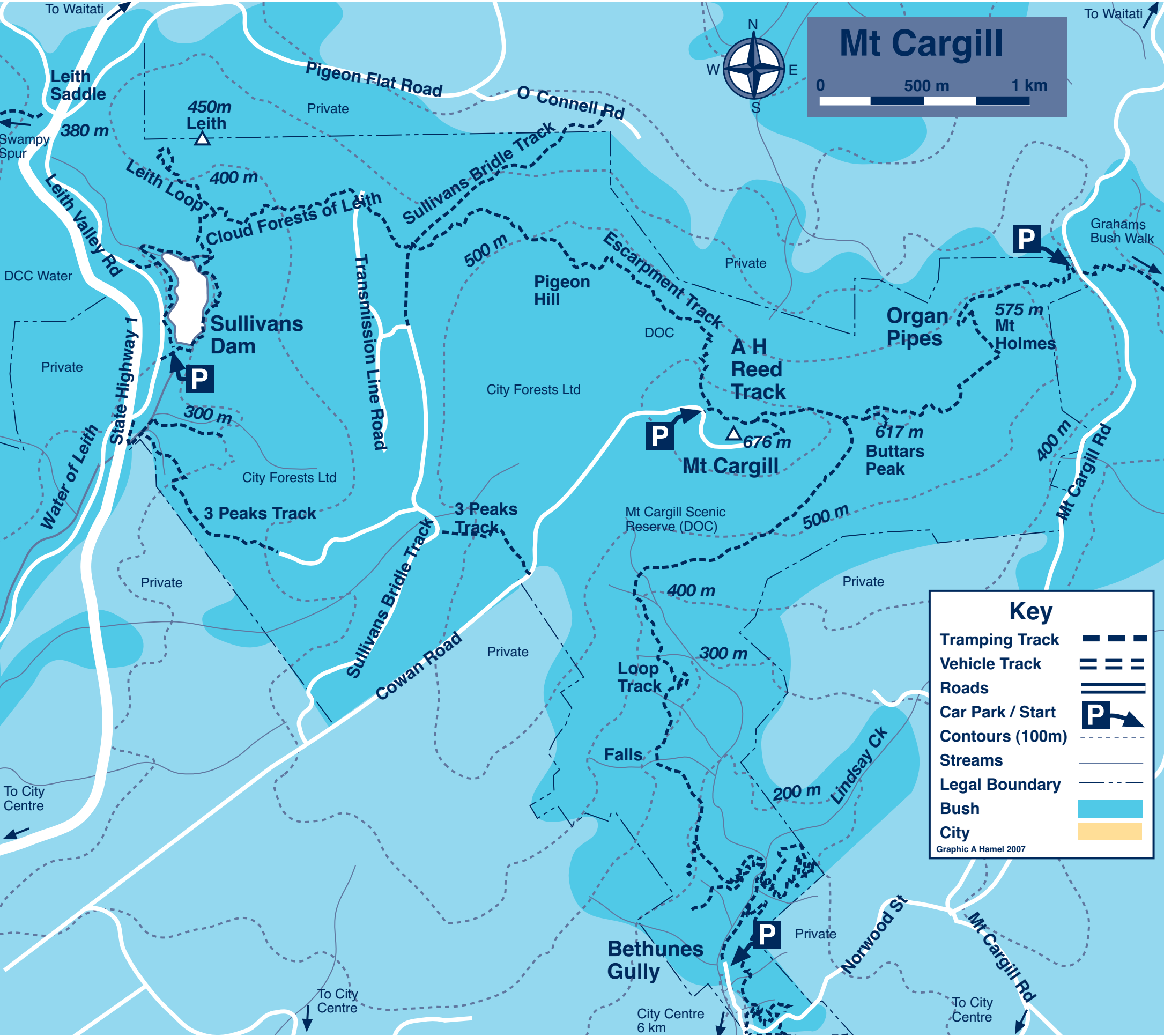
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- Jubilee Park & Forrester Park (Beginner/Intermediate Mountain Bike Rides)
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- Signal Hill & Bethunes Gully (Advanced Mountain Bike Rides)
- Silverstream Water-Race Tracks
- Strolls Near Streams
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### Organ Pipes Track

**How to get there:** From the Octagon, travel north along George Street, under the over-bridge, and turn left onto North Road at the Gardens shopping area. Continue up North East Valley, veering right onto Mt Cargill Road. Continue for about 6km till you pass a viewing point overlooking the Otago Harbour. Carry on for a few hundred metres and on the left there's a small car park and sign marking the start of the track.

**Fitness:** Moderate.

**Facilities:** None.

**Walk time:** 1–1.5 hours return.

**Equipment:** Strong walking shoes or boots and warm clothing.

**Track conditions:** Gravel surface (sometimes muddy), steep slippery steps at start of track.

**Parking:** Car park at the start of the track on Mt Cargill Road.

**Track description:** The track climbs steadily from the car park for several minutes, then opens onto an exposed ridge. The track continues for 20 minutes, where a large rock outcrop can be seen at the side of the track. Continuing at an easy grade, the track is lined with many large examples of the basalt columns. Further on the track branches, the Organ Pipes are in clear view from the slope of fallen columns.

### Sir A.H. Reed Track

**How to get there:** From the Octagon, travel north along George Street, under the over-bridge, and turn right onto Pine Hill Road and up towards the start of the Northern Motorway. Turn right at the top to follow Pine Hill Road through the suburb to connect with Cowan Road. Follow Cowan Road to the top of Mt Cargill.

**Public transport:** Octagon to Pine Hill. Bus stops some distance from Mt Cargill Tracks.

**Facilities:** None.

**Fitness:** Easy.

**Walk time:** 10–15 minutes.

**Equipment:** Strong walking shoes or boots and warm clothing.

**Track conditions:** Gravel surface (sometimes muddy), steep steps.

**Parking:** Car park at the start of the track.

**Track description:** The track starts to the north of the car park and, after a short climb, sidles along the hill below the TV transmitter and links with the Mt Cargill Walk and Organ Pipes Track further on. You can continue along the track to Buttar's Peak for an isolated view of the Harbour basin and Otago Peninsula or continue walking down to the Organ Pipes.

**History:** Established in 1973 and named after avid walker Sir A.H. Reed, who did a great deal to popularise walking about Dunedin.

### Mt Cargill Track (Bethunes Gully)

**How to get there:** From the Octagon, travel north along George Street, under the over-bridge, and turn left onto North Road at the Gardens shopping area. Continue up North East Valley, veering left onto Norwood Street and turn left into the Bethunes Gully picnic area, along a gravel road.

**Public transport:** Octagon to Normanby. Bus stops at terminus, 1.3km from start of track.

**Fitness:** Moderate.

**Walk time:** 3–3.5 hours return to Mt Cargill.

**Equipment:** Strong walking shoes or boots and warm clothing.

**Track conditions:** Gravel surface.

**Parking:** Bethunes Gully car park.

**Facilities:** Playground and toilet at car park.

**Track description:** Start at the Bethunes Gully car park and walk alongside Lindsay Creek. The track climbs steadily up the flank of Mt Cargill, first through pine forest and then regenerating native forest. About 25 minutes in, a sign points to a small loop track off the side of the main track. Down this track, a break in the scrub provides a good view of Mt Cargill. There are a number of bike barriers en route.

The track climbs steadily to the top of the ridge between Mt Cargill and Buttar's Peak. The intersection allows you to continue on to the Sir A.H. Reed track on the left, or the Organ Pipes Track or a short walk up Buttar's Peak on the right.

### The Skyline Walk

The Skyline Walk is a full day outing, starting at the Glenleith (Booth Road-Fulton Road) end of the Flagstaff-Pineapple Walk. It breaks right, connecting with the Swampy Summit Track (4WD), and travels down the Leith Saddle Track. After crossing SH1, a track on the far side of Sullivan's Dam follows a route along the ridge towards Mt Cargill connecting with the Sir A.H. Reed Track, and the Mt Cargill and Organ Pipes tracks completing the Skyline Walk. All the tracks provide panoramic views of Dunedin, the Otago Harbour, surrounding hills and valleys. Flagstaff, Swampy Summit and the Sir A.H. Reed Tracks provide glimpses of the city boundary on the Rock & Pillar Range. Leith Saddle track and Sullivan's Dam to Mt Cargill are far rougher than the other tracks listed in this brochure and require sturdy boots. They are more suited to confident trampers than day walkers.

**Vegetation:** Snow tussock, manuka, flaxes and olearia are common plants seen on the trackside. You also pass through many stands of regenerating coastal forest. Mahoe and pepperwood are common in the under storey beneath Totara, Rimu and broadleaves.

**Wildlife:** Common birdlife includes skylarks, which can be heard high above you. Fernbirds/mātātā, bellbirds/korimako, fantails/pīwakawaka and wood pigeons/kererū are common in the forested areas and many butterflies and native moths can be seen. Native lizards – skinks – are often seen sunning themselves on trackside rocks.

**Mountain Bikes:** Mountain bikes are allowed only on the Swampy Summit Track (4WD).