

NATIONAL PARK · NEW ZEALAND · SOUTHLAND

# Fiordland

## *at a glance*

New Zealand's largest national park: 14 fiords reaching up to 40 kilometres inland – and a single road to the sea.

# 53.5 km

LENGTH  
(33.2 mi), one way only

# 4

DURATION  
days, 3 nights

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## BEFORE YOU GO

**1,260,740 hectares**

That is the size of the park according to DOC, in the south-west of the South Island.

**Since 1952, World Heritage since 1986**

The park was officially established in 1952 and declared a World Heritage Area in 1986.

**From Queenstown: 179 km**

Via SH6 and SH94 it is 179 km (111 mi) to Te Anau according to DOC, about two hours 20 minutes' drive; from Invercargill via SH1 and SH94 ...

**Great Walks: November to April**

The 2026/27 season runs on the Milford Track from 1 November 2026 to 30 April 2027, the same on the Routeburn Track, and on the Kepler ...

**No dogs**

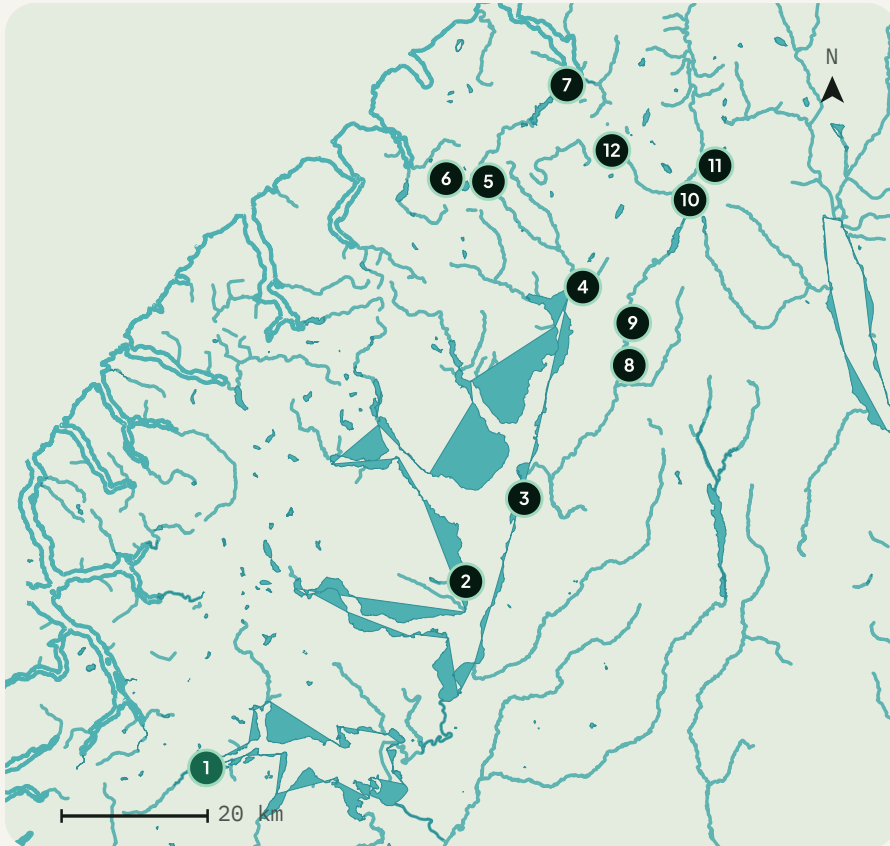
Dogs are not allowed in the national park.

**No drones without a permit**

Flying a drone without a permit is strictly prohibited.

**Fees and opening hours, up to date**

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:  
[nationalparksatlas.com/en/new-zealand/fiordland](https://nationalparksatlas.com/en/new-zealand/fiordland)



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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 West Arm                  | 7 Sandfly Point |
| 2 Te Ana-au Glow-Worm Caves | 8 Mirror Lakes  |
| 3 Te Anau Downs             | 9 Knobs Flat    |
| 4 Glade Wharf               | 10 The Divide   |
| 5 Omanui / McKinnon Pass    | 11 Key Summit   |
| 6 Sutherland Falls          | 12 Homer Tunnel |

Green: entrances. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).



MILFORD SOUND/PIOPIOTAHĪ



THE MILFORD ROAD



DOUBTFUL SOUND/PATEA

#### THINGS TO DO

##### Milford Sound by boat

The fiord stretches 16 km (10 mi) to the open sea and is up to 265 m (869 ft) deep.

##### Kepler Track: 60 km loop

Three to four days from the car park 5 km (3 mi) from Te Anau, past Luxmore Hut onto the ridge above the lake.

##### Key Summit: the short way up

From The Divide along the Routeburn Track to the turn-off, then 1 to 1.5 hours return to the viewpoint above ...

##### Carved by ice

Over the last two million years glaciers have repeatedly covered the area, gouging U-shaped valleys that are ...

[More on the park page](#)

##### Milford Track: 53.5 km, four days

One direction only, with three nights at Clinton, Mintaro and Dumlupınar huts, each with 40 bunks.

##### Routeburn Track: 33 km

Two to four days between The Divide on the Milford Road and the Routeburn Shelter near Glenorchy, partly in ...

##### Doubtful Sound: the quiet fiord

One of the largest fiords, with three main arms and three of Fiordland's 10 marine reserves.

##### Fresh water on top of the sea

The heavy rain creates a permanent, tea-coloured freshwater layer on Milford Sound.

#### TOURS AND GETTING THERE • AD



DAY TRIP FROM  
QUEENSTOWN • 12 HOURS •  
FROM PICKUP IN CENTRAL  
QUEENSTOWN

**From Queenstown:  
Milford Sound by coach  
and cruise in a day**

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FROM THE AIR • 5 HOURS  
• FROM OPERATOR'S BASE  
IN QUEENSTOWN

**From Queenstown: fly to  
Milford Sound and back,  
with two hours on the  
fiord**

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DOUBTFUL SOUND • 7  
HOURS

**From Manapouri: day trip  
to Doubtful Sound across  
the lake and the pass**

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VISITOR CENTRE

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glowworm caves with a  
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