




Gertrude Saddle Route

Breathtaking views of the valley and part of Milford Sound/Piopiotahi can be seen from the Gertrude Saddle. This route provides excellent access to the mountains for experienced climbers. Wet weather, snow or ice create treacherous conditions in any season.

 **4-6hrs return**
646m (2,121ft) ascent

 **Steep and exposed**

 **Expert route**
 Easiest Easy Difficult Advanced Expert

 **Only walk on dry days**
It rains 200+ days a year in Fiordland

 **Watch the How-To Video**

 6min walk-through:
www.bit.ly/GertrudeSaddle



Then, only attempt this route if:



You are fit and experienced




Track and weather conditions are good on the day

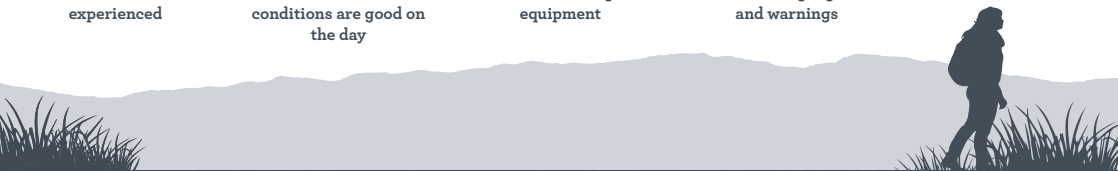


You have the right equipment



Follow signage and warnings

All set? Read more... 



ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?



On the route you will need to >>



SCRAMBLE UP STEEP ROCK



AVOID WET ROCKS



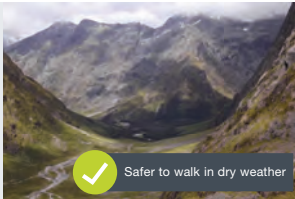
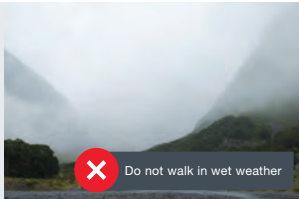
CROSS RIVERS



AVOID STEEP CLIFFS BY FOLLOWING MARKERS



Only go on dry days >>



Wet weather on this route can be fatal



Take the right supplies >>



Boots



Water



Food



Base layer (Polyprop/merino)



Insulation layer (Fleece/wool/down)



Waterproof layer



Hat



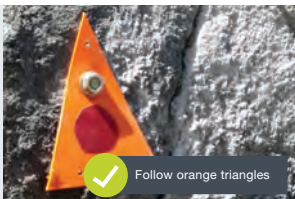
Gloves



Personal Locator Beacon

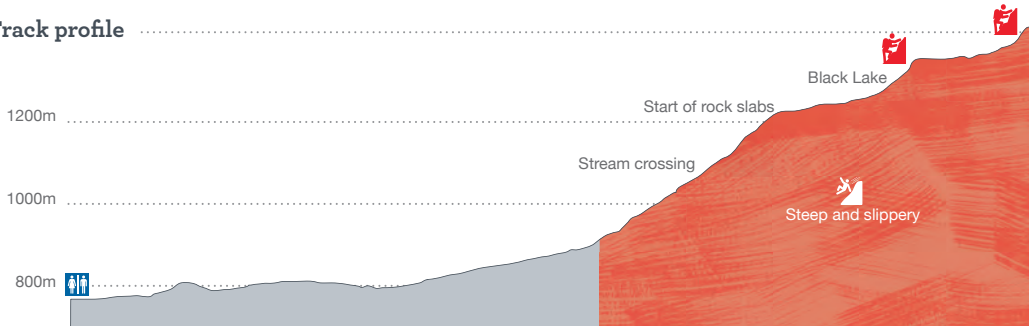


Follow signs to avoid hazards >>

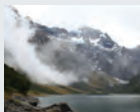


Be aware of avalanche conditions in winter-early summer

Track profile



If there is rain/snow/ice try another local track >>



Lake Marian Track

3hr Advanced
15min drive back towards Te Anau



Key Summit Track

3hr Intermediate
20min drive back towards Te Anau