

West Coast Walks Fact Sheet

Nelson Falls

Picturesque Waterfalls amidst a Temperate Rainforest Wilderness Setting.

Basic Facts

Were:	Nelson Falls
Distance:	1.5 km
Walking Time:	20 Minutes
Surface:	Well constructed, suitable for standard footwear even when wet.
Walk Difficulty:	Easy

Getting There

The start of the track is located on the Lyell Highway (A10), 23km from Queenstown or 59km from Derwent Bridge.

The car park is on the North side of the highway and is well signposted.

Park entry fees apply. No pets, firearms or bikes.

Nearby Facilities

Picnic and toilet facilities are located at the Franklin River 33km away.

Things to See and Do

- Enchanted rain forest
- Ancient vegetation
- Picturesque waterfalls
- Natural environment

The Walk

After an easy walk on a flat gradient through temperate rain forest, the track emerges at a viewing platform below Nelson Falls.

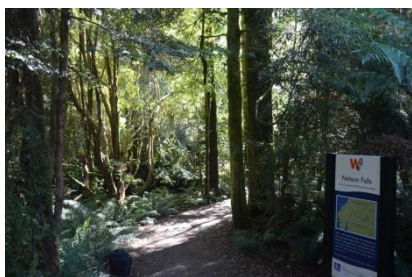
The forest is comprised of predominantly myrtle and leatherwood providing a protective canopy to ancient species of ferns, mosses and lichens which have their origins in the Gondwana supercontinent.

Interpretive signage highlights points of interest along the way.

Walking Safety

Before embarking on a walk, please consider the following:

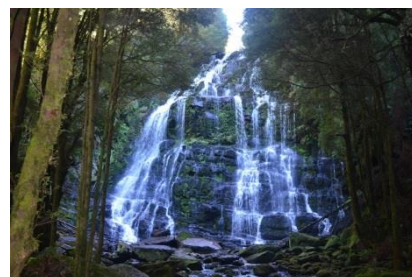
1. Where possible, stay on formed tracks;
2. Only attempt walks within your capabilities, if unsure please seek medical/professional advice;
3. Never jump or dive into natural waterways;
4. Watch your step, keep away from cliff edges, waterfalls and slippery rocks;
5. Carry a supply of drinking water;
6. Do not attempt to feed, touch, catch or pick up wildlife;
7. Enjoy your walk.



The Track



Tree Ferns



Falls

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