

SOUTH ISLAND  
NEW ZEALAND

KIA ORANA  
Welcome to Cook Islands



WELCOME TO COOK ISLANDS



EQUATOR 5140 km SOUTH POLE 4803 km

SLOPE POINT

Lat 46 40min 40sec SOUTH  
Long 169 00min 11sec EAST

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# South Island - Part 2



## SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND





# Driving on South Island

divided into 7 documents

Monday 01.02:  
Lindale Motor Park-Westport.  
Directions: 356 km.  
Overnight: Westport Holiday Park: \$ 15

Tuesday 02.02:  
Westport, Hokitika.  
Directions: 180 km.  
Overnight: Westport Holiday Park: \$ 18

Wednesday 03.02:  
Hokitika-Franz Josef Village.  
Directions: 139 km.  
Accommodation: Rainforest Retreat: \$ 20

Thursday 04.02:  
Franz Josef Glacier.  
Run: 0 km.  
Accommodation: Rainforest Retreat: \$ 20

Friday 05.02:  
Franz Josef Village-Wanaka.  
Directions: 303 km.  
Accommodation:  
Wanaka Top 10 Holiday Park: \$ 20

Saturday 06.02:  
Wanaka-Manapouri.  
Directions: 204 km.  
Accommodation: Possum Park Holiday: \$ 30

Sunday 07.02:  
Boat trip on Lake Manapouri and Doubtful Sound.  
Run: 0 km.  
Accommodation: Possum Park Holiday: \$ 30

Monday 08.02:  
Manapouri-Invercargill.  
Directions: 180 km.  
Accommodation: Possum Park Holiday: \$ 30

Tuesday 09.02:  
Invercargill-Balchutha.  
Directions: 227 km.  
Accommodation:  
Balchutha Holiday Park: \$ 15

Wednesday 10.02:  
Balchutha-Dunedin.  
Directions: 174 km.  
Accommodation:  
Leith Valley Touring Park: \$ 20

Wednesday 10.02:  
Balchutha-Dunedin.  
Directions: 174 km.  
Accommodation:  
Leith Valley Touring Park: \$ 20

Thursday 11.02:  
Dunedin.  
Run: 0 km.  
Accommodation:  
Leith Valley Touring Park: \$ 20

Friday 12.02:  
Dunedin-Twizel.  
Directions: 125 km.  
Accommodation:  
Ruatahniwha Holiday Park: \$ 15

Saturday 13.02:  
Twizel, Mount Cook Twizel.  
Directions: 151 km.  
Accommodation:  
Ruatahniwha Holiday Park: \$ 15

Sunday 14.02:  
Twizel-Christchurch.  
Directions: 325 km.  
Accommodation:  
Rydges Hotel, Christchurch.





Wednesday 3rd February 2010

## Hokitika - Franz Josef Village

After a fantastic day yesterday Tuesday the tour continues today on the more than 130 km south to Franz Josef Village.

I have no plans to pull off anywhere on the trip down to Franz Josef Village, therefore, may experience this day come as the day progresses.

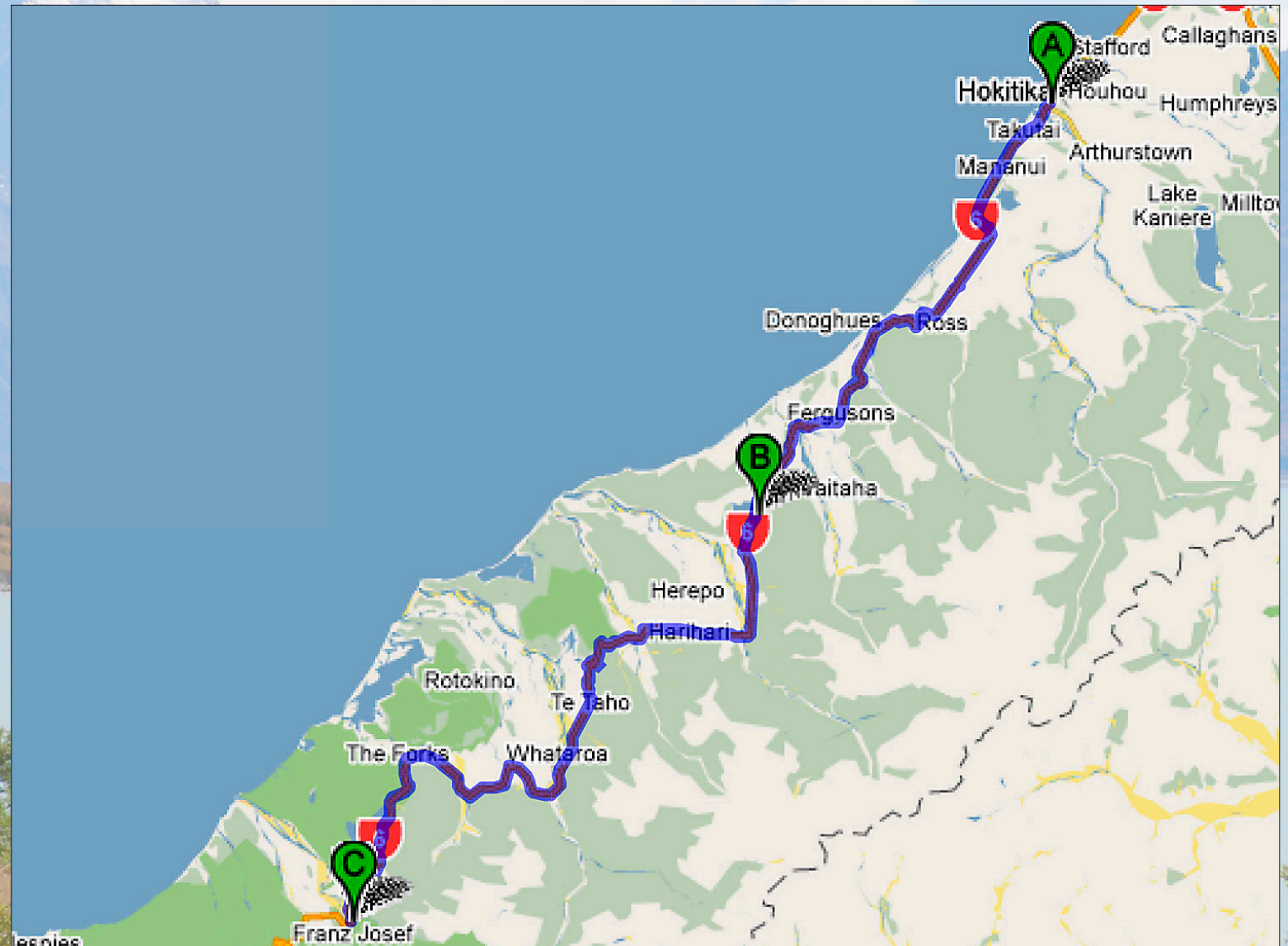
Lake Lanthan did I stay to perpetuate this lake at pictures. Again it was a fantastic sunny day with good temperatures, although I had moved me well down on the South Island. Shortly before Franz Josef I held in by a lake where the vegetation was characterized one to be a natural forest. The trees lay pell-mell among each other.

I was staying at Rainforest Retreat, which had already been determined during planning.

The over 130 km was over in about 3 hours, then 13-time I had booked into the Rainforest Retreat in Franz Josef for 2 nights.

The early arrival provided an opportunity to look at Franz Josef Village. My first backpack bought on Rarotonga was worn out. I found a new and sacrificed this time a little more of a backpack.

I trotted out to where the road splits at Franz Josef Glacier and Haast. On the way back I found one suitable to take some food.









Lake lanthe - just one of the many beautiful lake I did stay at.













After arriving in Franz Josef Village, and the installation on the Rainforest Camp I moved out into the big city to look more closely at the sites.

The next two pages that from this first ind-trykstur.

This image is taken from the riverbed cross Bailey Bridge and up towards Franz Josef Glacier.









Riverbed formed 5-6 km upstream at the foot of Franz Josef Glacier.





Thursday 4th February 2010

# Franz Josef Glacier

After a long time with sun from early morning to late evening, it is this day managed to get a cloud in the morning. It should not now prevent me from walking up to see the Franz Josef Glacier, a hike of 14-16 km.

At 9 AM I was ready to "climb" to the Franz Josef Glacier. From the city to the footbridge over the river is 1.5 km. From here it is 4-5 km out to the parking area from which the remaining 1.5 km to trudge along a cleared trail into the riverbed of boulders, and with marked poles. The closest you get to the bottom of the glacier is 20-30 m.

The hike was also a natural experience. From a genuine one-lane Bailey Bridge and the 4-5 km out to the parking area walk Mon with a rushing river on their left and not to despise a blunt rainforest right. I tried to get into the rainforest to see what it contained, but even with a chainsaw may be impossible. It was great to see the rainforest's many fallen dead trees, which formed new life among them. This must be another way comparable to our old oak in Denmark, where nature is also allowed to regulate itself.

After a good half hour trot, rounded a bend and out of nowhere comes the first view up of Glacier, while the sun has emerged and sends its rays on top, such a precursor to the next small half hour with the attraction, coming closer and camera is already red hot.

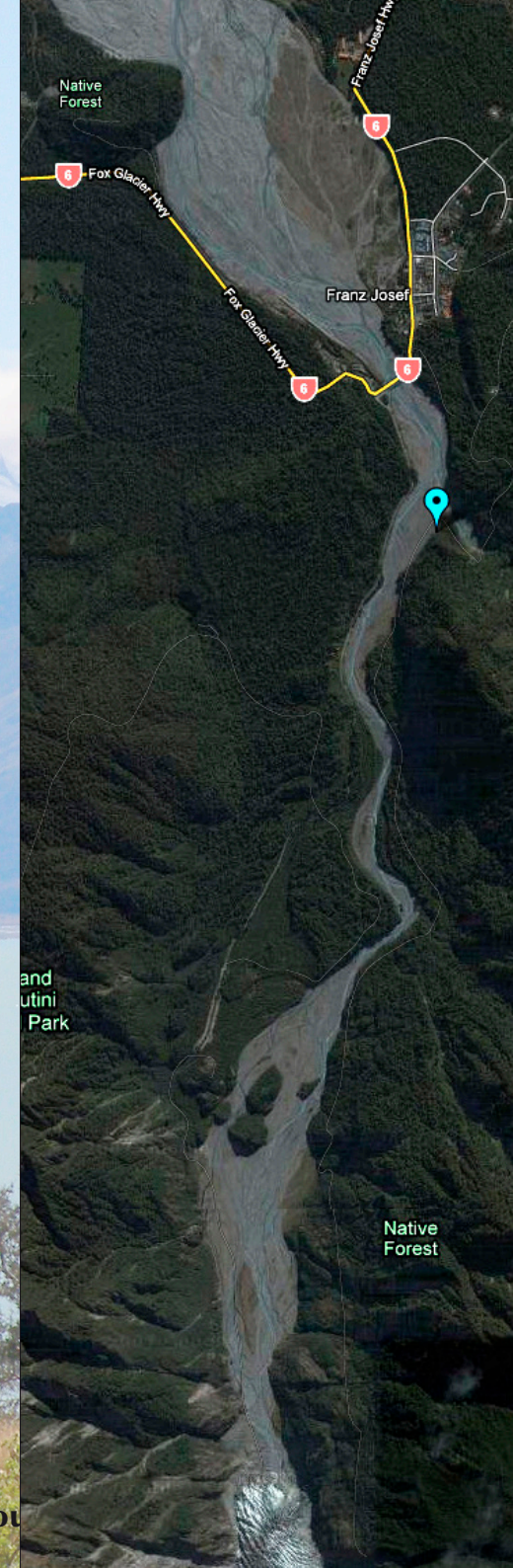
Parking area is reached and a path leads down towards the river basin, where there is a good one and a half miles out to the Franz Josef Glacier via a marked path that winds along with melt water from the same Glacier through the riverbed.

It was a nice walk in one stunning scenery - I must admit that my legs were a little tired when I got back to Franz Josef Village and Villa Ducato.



**Let me just summarize  
one of my outdoor experiences in  
New Zealand:**

**Where in the world you can walk from the beach,  
through the bush, on through a piece of rainforest,  
up through a riverbed to join with standing around  
20-30 m from the bottom of a glacier ...**





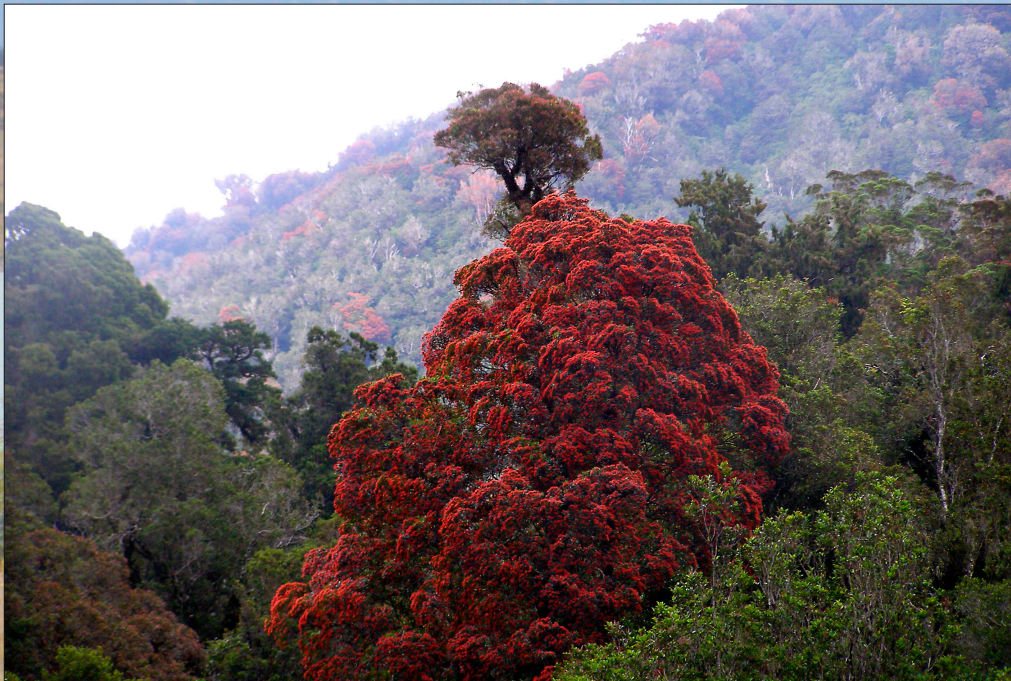




I had the previous day moved me out to the river bridge.









If you like nature, this was definitely one of the greatest experiences to walk the 6-8 km along this road.









The parking lot is the target for those who do not have the energy to move at foot. Furthermore, the last 1.5 km was run through the riverbed to the bottom of the glacier.









The bottom is reached, from here it was not allowed to travel farther.













