

SOUTH ISLAND
NEW ZEALAND

KIA ORANA
Welcome to Cook Islands



EQUATOR 5140 km SOUTH POLE 4803 km

SLOPE POINT

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

KIA ORA

Welcome to New Zealand

South Island - Part 5



SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND



Driving in 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

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

Friday 12.02:
Dunedin, Twizel.
Directions: 275 km.
Accommodation:
Ruataniwha Holiday Park: \$ 15

Saturday 13.02:
Twizel, Mount Cook Twizel.
Directions: 154 km.
Accommodation:
Ruataniwha Holiday Park: \$ 15

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



Tuesday 9th February 2010

Invercargill - Balclutha

Today I run - it is so nicely down here call - The South Scenic Route, beginning at Invercargill and walk along the south coast up to Dunedin with detours around some bays and waterfalls.

The day started late compared to many other days. It was a bit cold to cast the rods outside the covers this morning, which had some attempts before they succeeded.

Kl. 9.30 compared my campsite in Invercargill and drove south. The site I had stayed at was one of the best places I had stayed at until that time at the Tour de New Zealand.

Invercargill is constructed as Fredericia with straight streets criss-cross. A scenario on a beer crate at one end of town, it is possible to see the other end. Their store-fronts down here south is a separate chapter.

After being let go easily through the city and found the road to Fortrose, was today's only one problem just to remember what sights should be kept, for there was a lot that day.

Today's first point was to hit Slope Point, the South Island's southernmost point, and nearly equidistant to the equator and south pole. It blew a "little bit" out at Slope Point today.

After going a good km to Slope Point I continued along Gravel Road, which down

here translated into Danish means "dirt road" against Curie Bay to take the petrifying forest in sight. Actually, you can see toppled tree trunks lying in the shallows - by lavvabde - there are petrified over time.

When the weather is like today with half sun and wind, it was optimal to vadre out to Nugget Point, while it was possible to see the animals lie on the rocks below the water's edge.

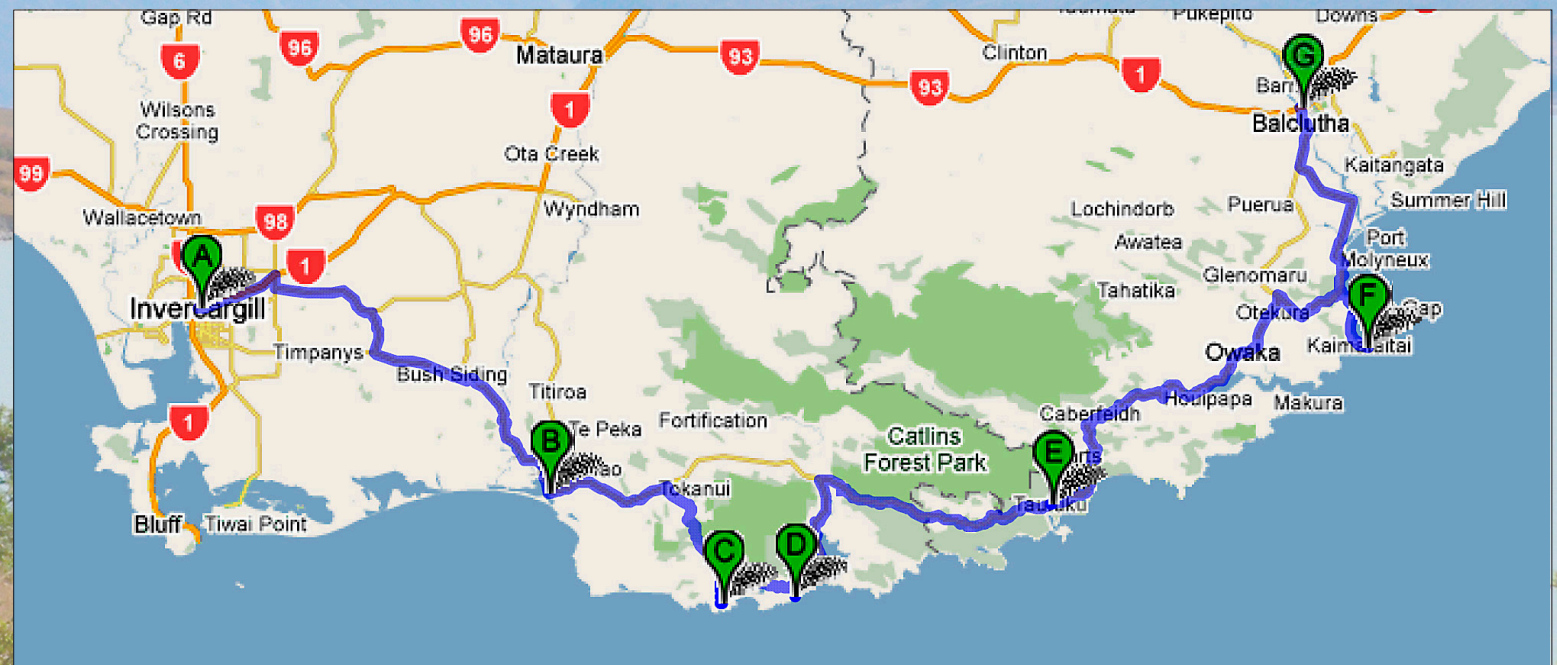
From Nugget Point was not possible to get down to the beach.

After a 7-hour "day" and 230 km, I landed in Balclutha on their only place in town down to the city's river. After parking the camper, I trotted into town to see if they have a pub. And indeed if they had it. Camper host had now told me beforehand that I could find the pub.

I asked the host of the largest beer it was possible to get. I should never had done. He poured about 2 liters of TUI beer into a jug and put a little Coca Cola glass in front of me, asked later if things were OK?

Yes, there was not much to complain about when the price was only 36 Dkr. But it took a while to get through the jug. Sometimes I managed to get a little talk with two local people at the pub. They were curious to know what I think about New Zealand.

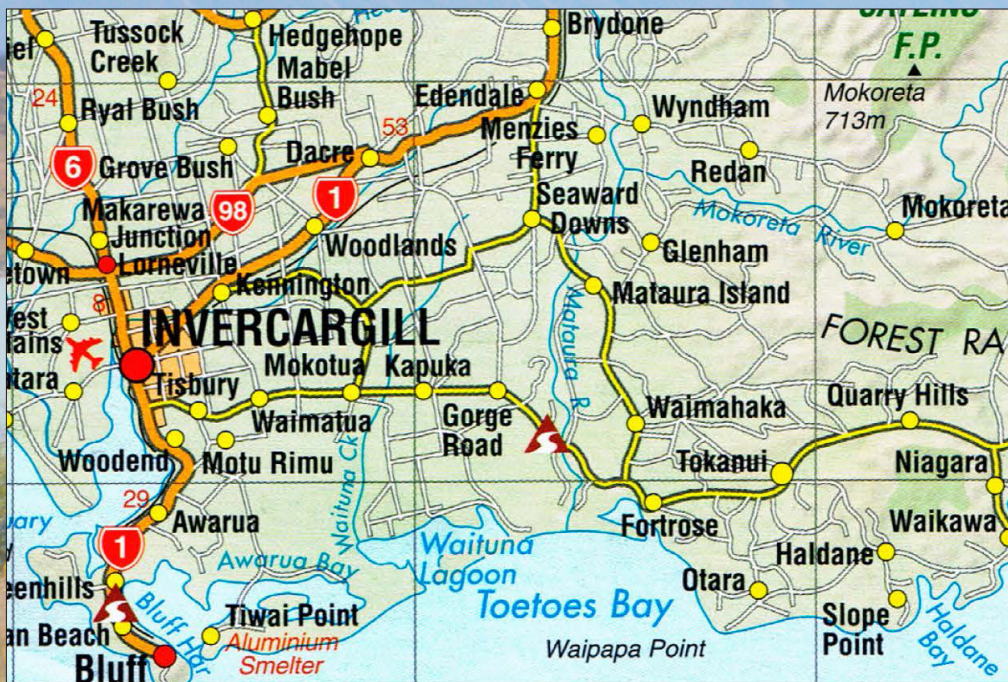
They wish I had set for the day's experiences were clearly fulfilled today.





As the sign says it is "The Most Point Of The South Island of New Zealand" and its the day I visited the place.





It is a somewhat rough area, but with a nice scenery. Pacific bed teeth that day.





Curly Bay - Petrified Forest.





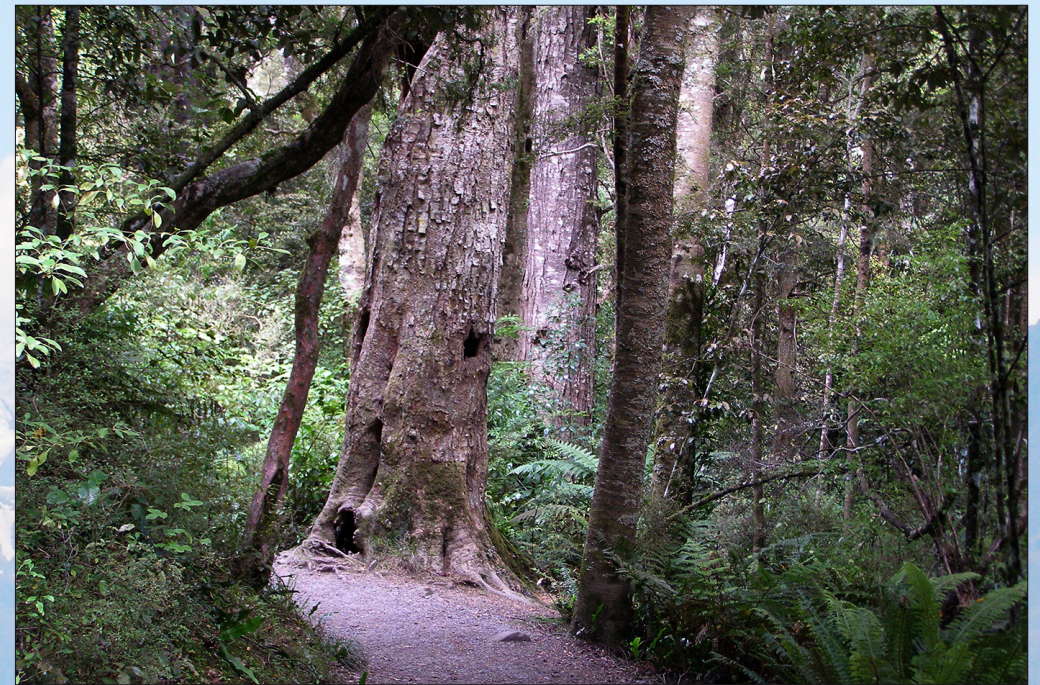
Curly Bay - Petrified Forest.





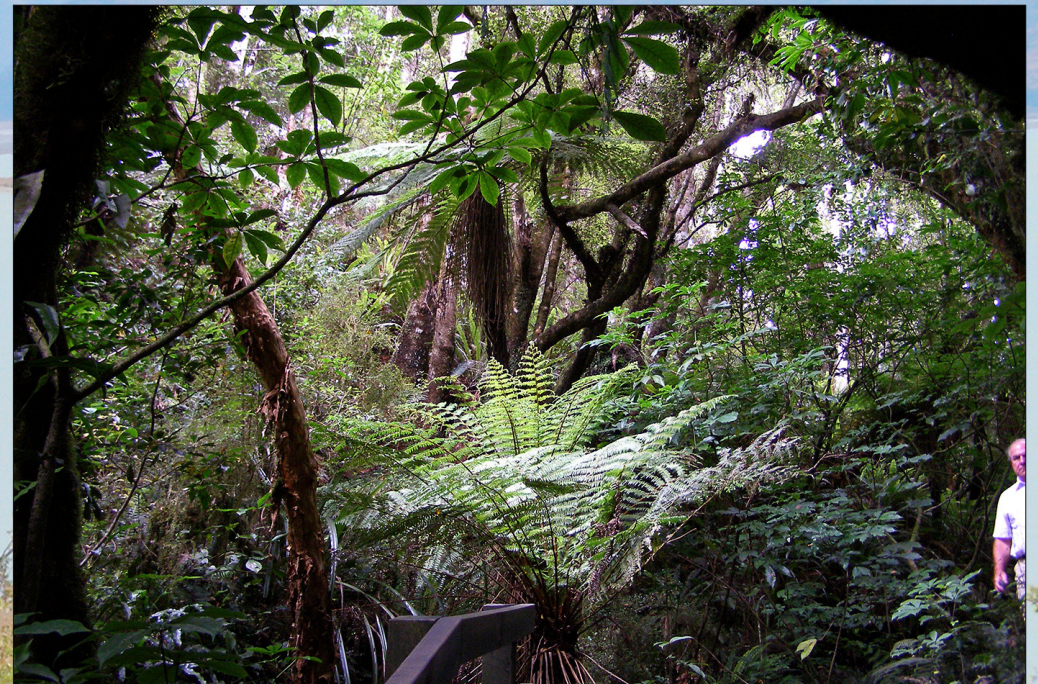
Purakaunui Falls - a waterfall on the way!





Purakaunui Falls - a waterfall on the way!

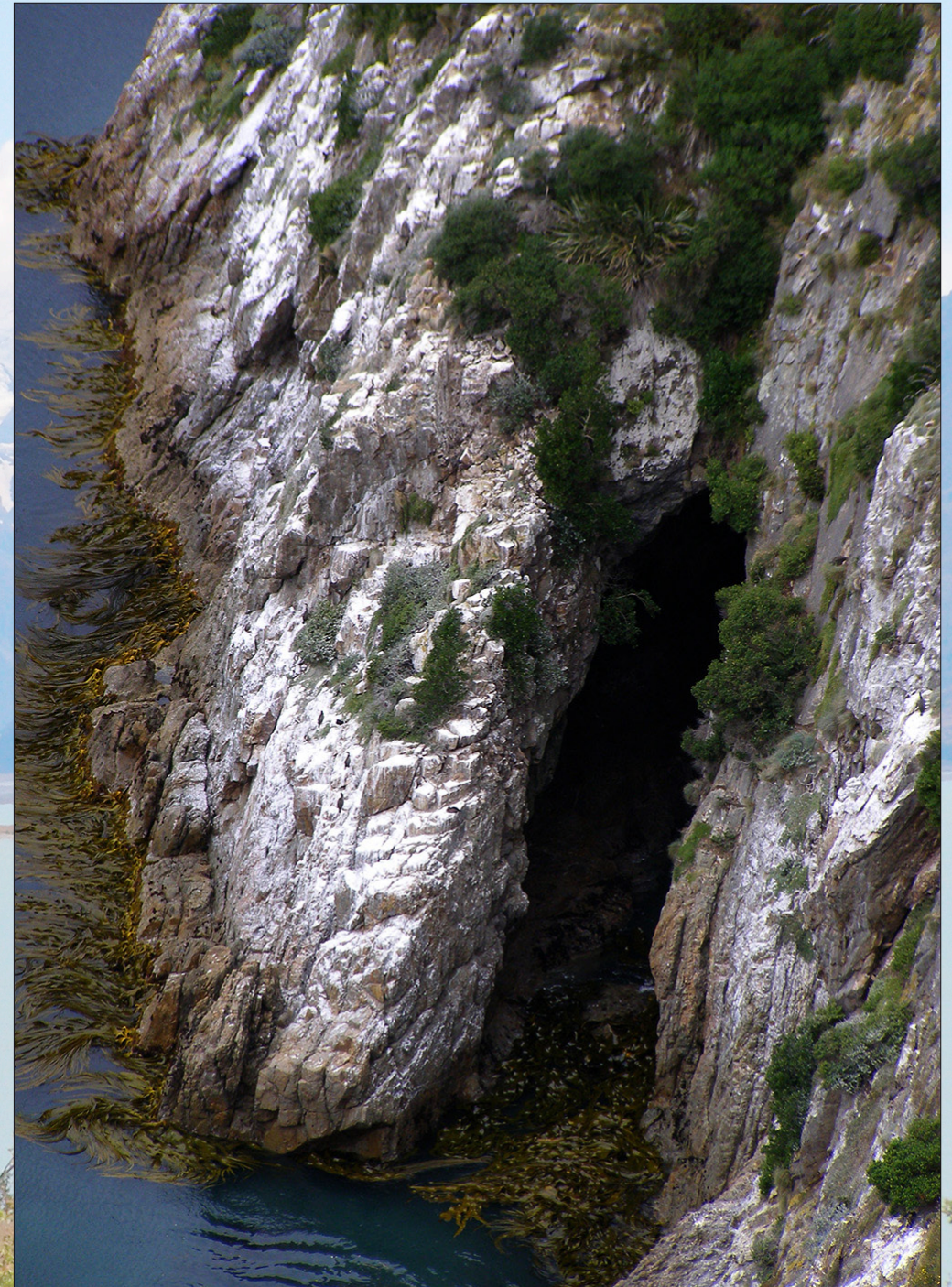






Nugget Point - the last place on this day I visited.





Nugget Point - the last place on this day I visited.

We could hear the pups howl.





Wednesday 10th February 2010

Balclutha - Dunedin

From Balclutha I drove up to Waihola and came thence South Scenic Route to the Taleri Mouth of the Pacific and continued up to Dunedin, where I ran out on the tip of Otago Peninsula, where the Albatross Sanctuary is located.

After a little walk in the area by Albatross Reserve, I went in and ordered a 60 min. tour, where we just talk and film, walked up the hill to inspect the big birds. For starters, it was possible to see 3 albatrosses, who incubated their eggs.

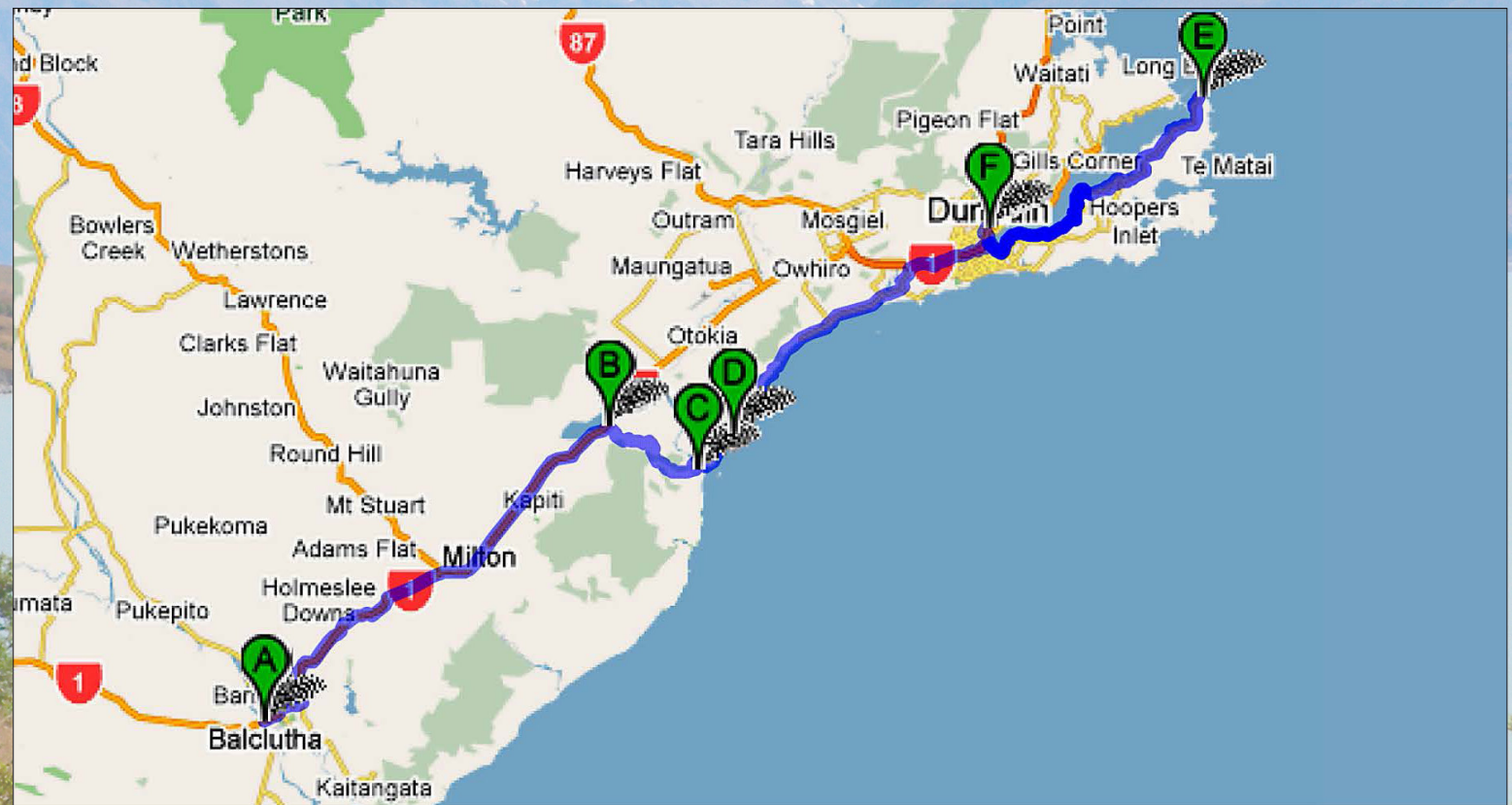
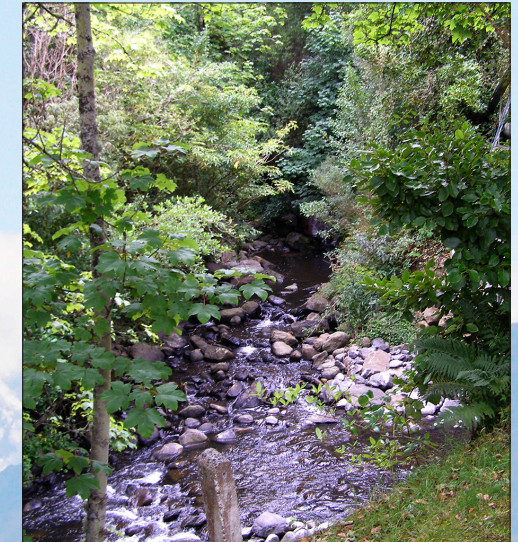
Toward the end there was suddenly an albatross hovering over past the platform we were in. Then consolidate Mon extent of this bird, the body is 1 m long from wing tip to wing tip is 3 meters on a fully grown bird. Just before it was over and we were going down the hill again, took off one of the nesting birds from the nest, about 15 meters from us, to stretch their wings. In the rumen there was a fledgling albatross adolescents.

Back to driving out to the sanctuary. On the way out there, I followed the road along the Otago Harbour, which meanders game much. The 22 km off the tip lasted about 3 minutes, so it says little about the road. Back from the reserve, I had read that it was possible to go back along Highcliff Road. The name alone should have led me to other thoughts, but no. I let go of living down, but I am quite sure if Annette had

one Springer sat beside, she had been good to toil up the back!

I chose to stay in Dunedin 2 nights in a camper space was 3-4 minutes walk from the Dunedin City - Leith Valley Touring Park is its full name and was an excellent place.

Tomorrow will certainly be on a visit to the local brewery Speight's. And if otherwise the weather is like, around town and look at some of the attractions that parted warmly.

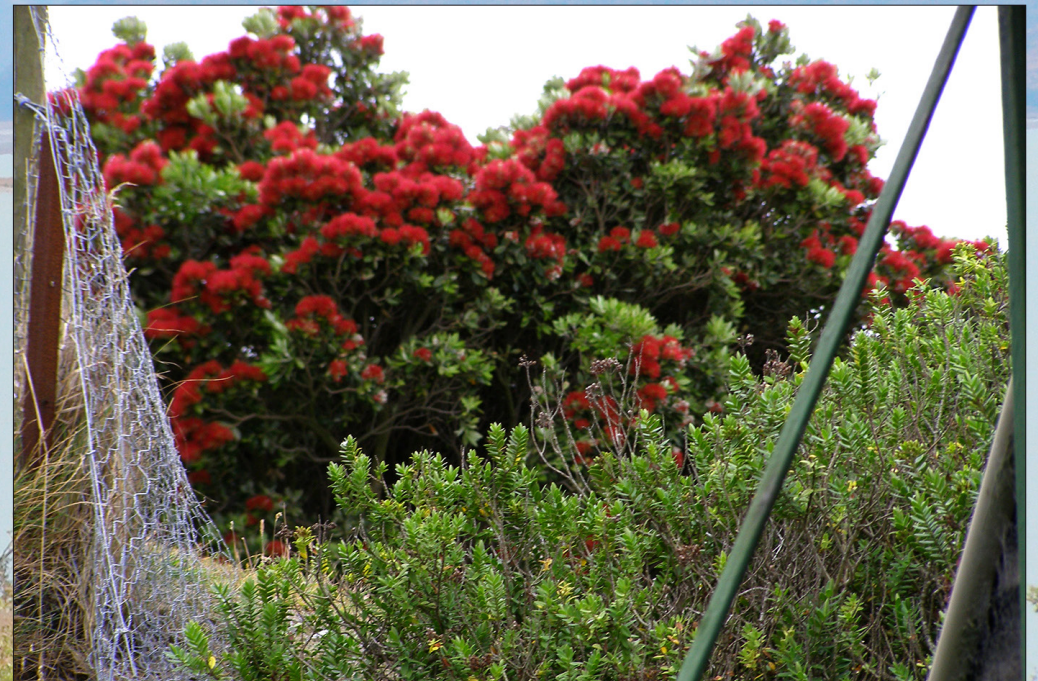
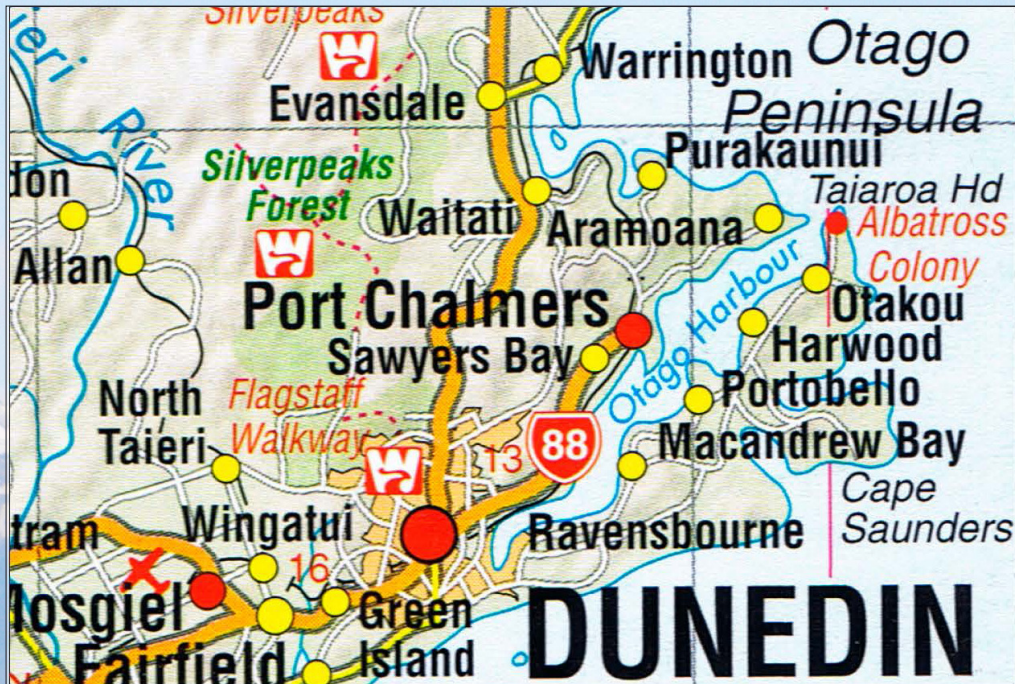






It's a little hard to see it, but on the other side of the rock stays albatrosses themselves.





We had to see 3 albatrosses lying on the nest.





