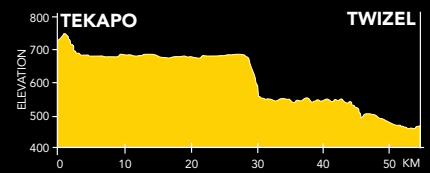


54km

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: Lake Tekapo to Twizel

Fitness: Easy • Skill: Easy • Traffic: Low • Grade: 2



The alternative route begins in the Tekapo township near the police station. There is an off-road track just up the road. Follow this track until you reach Aorangi Crescent. Following the red arrows, turn left and continue along Aorangi Crescent until it turns into Andrew Don Drive. Eventually Andrew Don Drive becomes a gravel road. Passing Tekapo A Power Station **3km** continue along the Tekapo Canal Road to the gate where vehicles are excluded **9km**. Take care crossing SH8 **15km** then continue on past the Salmon farm and toilet **24km**, before dropping down to Lake Pukaki **30km**. Turn left onto Hayman Rd and ride **5km** to the start of the off-road trail on your right **35km** which follows the Lake Pukaki shoreline. With Aoraki/ Mt Cook as a backdrop, the trail passes over the Pukaki dam, taking you to the car park

at the Mt Cook Alpine Salmon shop **44km**. You then cross the highway and follow the trail across Pukaki Flats – an expansive area of dry grasslands that are characteristic of the Mackenzie landscape. This takes you to the town of Twizel **54km**. Take care crossing the State Highway.



Highlights:

- Lake Tekapo
- Church of the Good Shepherd
- Tekapo Canal
- Pattersons Ponds
- Tekapo River
- Lake Pukaki
- Aoraki Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve
- More Lake Pukaki to Twizel highlights on SECTION 2 map

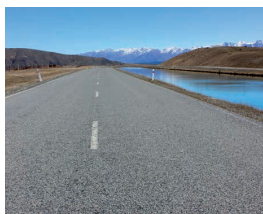
Safety Notes:

There can sometimes be strong wind gusts along the Tekapo Canal Road. Although vehicle access is restricted along most of the Tekapo Canal Road, there may be service vehicles operating. The road may be closed for operational and public safety purposes. Please check TRAIL STATUS page on website.

Trail Surfaces:



Gravel Road (19%)



Sealed Road (46%)



Smooth Shingle (35%)

Trail route and weather conditions subject to change. Please check website before daily departure.



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