

# No.1 Studholmes Bush

(Developed by Gamma Foundation)

**Area:** Waimate Gorge (SH82)

**Time:** 1 hour to 3 hours

**Level of Fitness:** Low - High

**Start: Railway Embankment Track (up to 45 minutes each way, low level of fitness)**

At the carpark in the entrance to Waimate Gorge go through the gate and turn left. This is a well formed flat gravel track that follows an old railway line established in 1882. The track follows the road through the Gorge until it finishes 2km from the start. You can then either retrace your footsteps and stay on the flat or ascend to the heights via...

**Waterfall track (1.5-2hrs return)**

This track is accessed off the above track by walking for 15 minutes up a vehicle track. Allow another 30 minutes to complete the loop track via the waterfall. Then either return, or onwards and upwards along the...

**Bellbird track (2 hours return)**

This is 2km ridgeline track where you can, either, drop down half way along onto the **Quail Track**, a 20 minutes decline that takes you back down to the Railway Embankment



Track, or yet more onwards and upwards, until you reach the...

**Ngaio Track (3 hours round trip)**

This rather steep track either drops from 330m down to the carpark at 55m, or you can tackle the whole round trip vice versa.

## Features:

- Landscape:** Visit the waterfall. Great views of Waimate plain, Hunters Hills, Coast, inland vistas - Arno Basin, Kurow range.
- Vegetation:** Natives including ngaio, mahoe, totora, matai, wineberry, marble leaf, lancewood, coprosma, ti, and so on.
- Wildlife:** Bellbirds, tomtits, fantails waxeyes, quail, woodpigeon, and tui in the spring. Wallabies in evening and early morning.
- Farm tracks SHUT GATES and please don't disturb stock.**

