## Kawakawa Station Walk

## 3 Day Walk Departs from Martinborough 05-08 Nov 21

Escorted by Jenny Nilsson $\$ 650$ pp escorted*

This three-day walk is one of the Wairarapa's best kept secrets and is the absolute best way to explore Kawakawa Station. An impressive and contrasting landscape from the foot of the Aorangi Forest Park to the bush-clad high country down to the braided river streams and out to the stunning South Wairarapa coast. You will experience endless coastal views, crystal clear streams, bird and wildlife; the list goes on.
Suitable for fit and keen walkers.

Includes:
3 Nights accommodation • All meals plus morning and afternoon tea • Luggage transfers


## Itinerary

Walkers can arrive at Kawakawa Station anytime from 4pm and will spend the first night at Farm Cottage. Farm Cottage was once the Station's shearers' quarters. This cottage, bursting with character has a distinct beachy feel with sea views and the babbling Otakaha Stream at the door. Your hosts, Rebecca and lain, look forward to meeting you and discussing any questions you might have before leaving you to enjoy your first hearty meal: a taste of what's to come.

## WALK DAY ONE

Covering 9 kms and roughly 4-5 hours of walking time, day one starts out as an easy stroll along the rugged beachfront before you ascend 'The Ant' which takes you 616m above sea level. A challenge taken at your own pace that will reward your effort with majestic 360 views including the South Island! Once you have made it to 'The Ant' it's downhill to Jakeb's Cabin where your evening meal awaits you.

ACCOMMODATION NIGHT TWO
Night two will see you at Jakeb's Cabins in the middle of Jakeb's Ladder, the Station's largest paddock at 343 hectares. Aptly named after the biblical 'Jacob's Ladder - a ladder leading to heaven' and after the day's walk you will understand why.

While it might feel as if you are in the middle of nowhere, Jakeb's Cabins are situated right in the middle of Kawakawa Station (sometimes in the clouds!). The cabins are solid with large built-in bunk beds, an openair kitchen and a bathroom with a hot shower and flushing toilet. The sea and native bush views are to die for, and you will be so comfortable you won't want to leave.

## WALK DAY TWO

Covering 9 kms and roughly 4 - 5 hours of walking time, day two takes you onto Double Saddle, an undulating bush track which showcases stunning examples of mature native bush. You'll truly be in a world of your own until you reach clearings where those spectacular views, once again, unfold before your eyes.

## ACCOMMODATION NIGHT THREE

Your lodging for the night is Purple Hut, an ex-army hut set amongst native bush with the sound of the Otakaha stream nearby. Here you will have all the home comforts as well as a delicious dinner, dessert and your drinks waiting for you. Purple Hut is located near the Kawakawa Station boundary which is also at the foot of the Aorangi Forest Park. This sets you amongst some of the most beautiful bush on the property. Full of ancient trees and bird song, it really replenishes the soul.

WALK DAY THREE
Covering 7 kms and roughly $2.5-3$ hours of walking time, day three is a scenic, easy walk back to the homestead to finish your adventure. Take your time over breakfast and enjoy the tranquil surroundings before heading out on the last day of your journey. You will meander through bush and crystal-clear braided streams before you arrive back at the Station Homestead for a cuppa and a hot shower before


