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**arrowtown**  
*pure gold*

**MAPS & WALKING GUIDES**



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**TRAVELLING TIMES:** Arrowtown - Queenstown 25mins  
 Arrowtown - Cromwell 45mins  
 Arrowtown - Wanaka (via Cardrona) 50mins  
 Arrowtown - Wanaka (via Cromwell) 1 Hr 10mins  
 Arrowtown - Area Ski Fields all within 50mins



**ARROWTOWN...** The fascinating little settlement of Arrowtown literally sprung up overnight with the discovery of gold in the Arrow River in 1862. Thousands of miners from around the globe flocked to the area and the river became famed as one of the world's richest sources of alluvial gold.

At the height of the rush, the population of the town rose to over 7,000 people. These pioneers constructed small cottages of stone and timber, established churches and planted handsome avenues of trees, and of course, businesses such as hotels, saloons, gambling dens and dance halls flourished.

Their legacy is a picturesque town that retains its old world charm through careful preservation of its colourful history.



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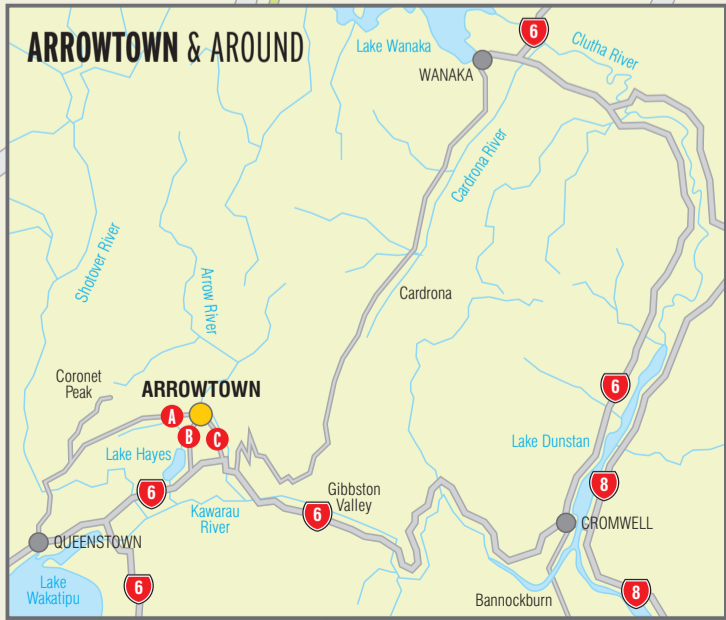
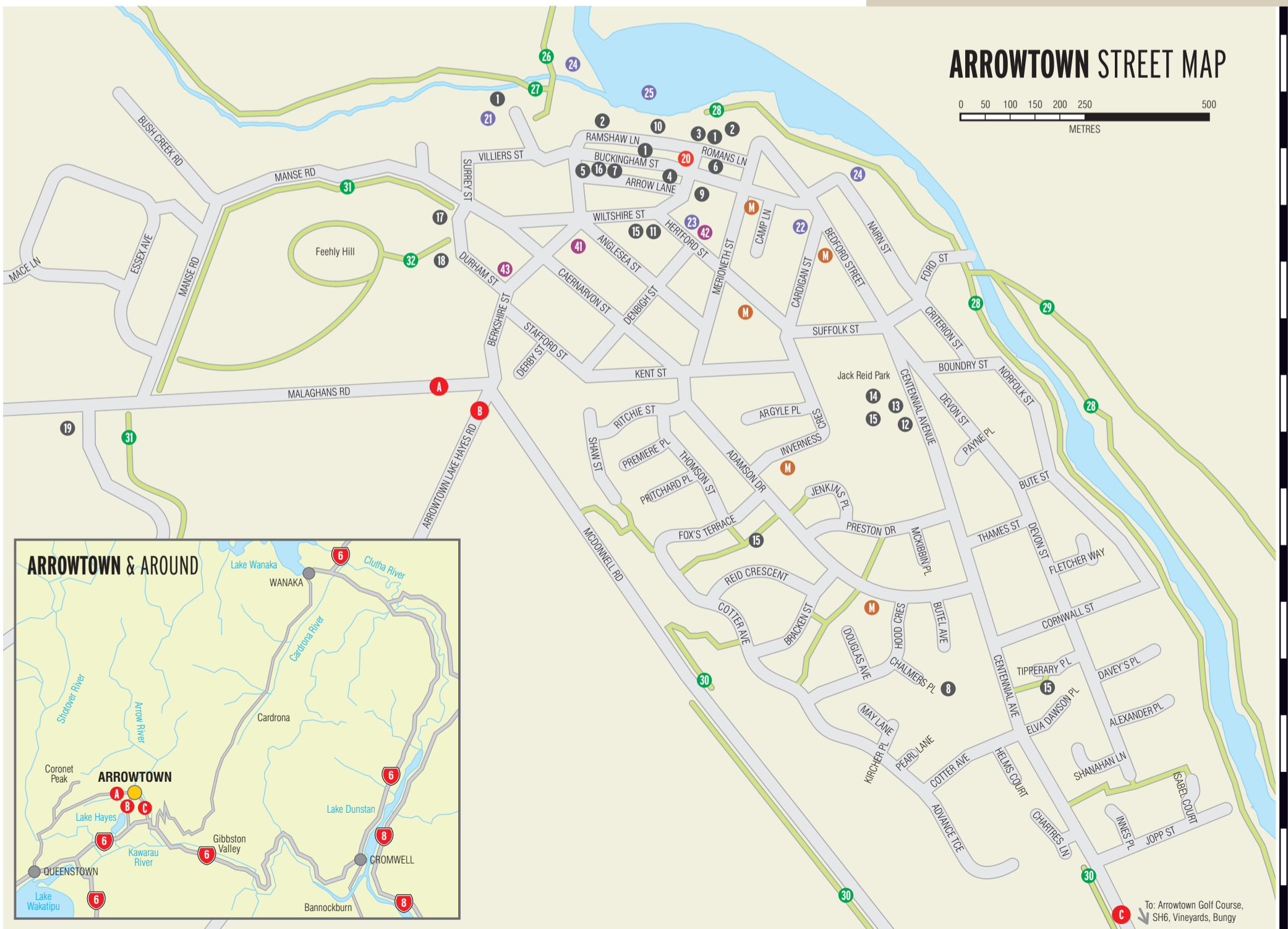
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**ARROWTOWN STREET MAP**



# ARROWTOWN AREA WALKS

## 1 Arrow River Trail **Time:** 50 mins return to bridge **Grade:** Easy

Start by the Trails Notice Board at Butlers Green and walk diagonally to your left to cross a small footbridge over Bush Creek. Turn right and just around the corner towards the Arrow River this is another sign. Keeping to the left you will head on to a foot track that goes up and over the Arrow Irrigation Pipeline. The trail follows the pipeline for much of the way. This is a relaxing wander high above the Arrow River. 20 mins into the trail you will pass a spot where the Sawpit Gully stream falls down a picturesque waterfall (ideal spot for a rest). Not far on from this you'll reach the turn off to the Sawpit Gully trail, and 3 mins on from this point, you will reach the Norman Smith foot bridge where the trail joins the Macetown Road. You can either retrace your steps back to Arrowtown or return to Arrowtown via the Macetown 4WD road (some river crossings may be necessary).

## 2 Bush Creek Trail **Time:** 1 hour return **Grade:** Easy



Start by the Trails Notice Board at Butlers Green and walk diagonally to your left to cross a small footbridge over Bush Creek. Then turn left and follow the dirt road west, the irrigation pipe is on your right. Approx 5mins into the trail you will pass what remains of one of Arrowtowns old outdoor ice skating rinks. Continue up the road until you walk over the irrigation pipe and through a sheep gate. The trail now winds gently along next to Bush Creek. Look out for stone walls in the centre of the river. These were reportedly built by Chinese miners in an effort to divert the water from one side to the other. They then worked the dry side, always profitably. After 15 minutes, the trail will lead up over a footbridge where the Big Hill and Sawpit Gully trails start. Veer left at this point and continue along Bush Creek to the old water supply intake (1881). To return, retrace your steps back to Arrowtown.

## 3 Big Hill Trail **Time:** 5-6 hours return **Grade:** Medium - High Fitness



This is a route rather than a well formed trail. The inexperienced trumper is best to access Macetown via the River Trail. This walk crosses private land. Landowner's property is to be respected at all times. Please remain on the trail. Strictly no dogs or trail bikes. Until the opening of the Macetown road in 1884, this trail was the main route over to Macetown. It often took days to reach the town battling harsh mountain weather and often an impassable track. Today the trail follows the old bridle trail and climbs steadily from Bush Creek for an hour to reach Eichardt's Flat where there are grand views over the Arrow Basin and Lake Hayes. Here the trail branches right to Sawpit Gully, but looking ahead two distinctive water races traverse the slopes towards Big Hill itself. The trail follows the races through dry tussock lands to a patch of mountain beech forest before climbing up to Big Hill Saddle, where Advance Peak stands out behind Macetown. From the Saddle drop down to the Eight Mile or Coronet Creek via a poled route. From here follow the road for a further 20 minutes upstream to Macetown or you can return to Arrowtown via the Arrow Gorge Road.

## 4 Sawpit Gully Trail **Time:** 2-3 hour loop **Grade:** Medium - High Fitness



This walk crosses private land. Landowner's property is to be respected at all times. Please remain on the trail. Strictly no dogs or mountain bikes or trail bikes. This is a great loop with a variety of scenery. The easier way to walk is to follow the Arrow River Trail first ie: approach it from an anticlockwise direction. The Arrow River trail sidles high above the river before you reach the turn off to Sawpit Gully. Once in Sawpit Gully itself parts of a water race are followed and piles of stone gold mining tailings are evident once down near the creek. The vegetation changes from beech forest pockets to tussock covered slopes interspersed with prickly matagouri, and the sharp pointed speargrass, common in the Central Otago landscape. Look out for the remains of an old stone hut on your right on a grassy terrace just before you begin to climb out of Sawpit Gully. The cottage was home to a succession of miners and serves as a good resting place. Up the hill you meet the Big Hill trail at Eichardt's Flat and walk down towards Arrowtown with Lake Hayes in full view.

## 5 Arrowtown Anniversary Walk **Time:** 1 hour **Grade:** Easy



A 4.2km loop walkway along the banks of the Arrow River. This trail was built by the Otago Regional Council in 1998 to commemorate 150 years of European Settlement in Otago. It travels downstream passing the site of the Criterion Quartz Mining company, one of the first quartz mines in New Zealand which began extracting gold from there in the 1860's. It is a wide easy track overhung with Willow, Sycamore and Larch Trees. Part of this trail was the location for "The Gladden Fields" of Lord of the Rings. For more information on Lord of the Rings sites, you can purchase "The Lord of the Rings Location Guidebook" from the Lakes District Museum Shop. This trail is maintained by the Otago Regional Council.

## 6 Macetown 4WD Road **Time:** 6 hours return

This is a 4WD road which crosses the Arrow River many times. Vehicles should not go in alone. The river can rise rapidly when raining and should not be accessed during the winter months. Walkers and bikers and horses take care of vehicles on the Road. There are many historical points of interest along the way, almost a story at every bend. It's worthwhile purchasing a small booklet from the Lakes District Museum which locates and describes the historic features along the way. The book is called "Macetown and the Arrow Gorge"

## 7 Hayes Creek Trail **Time:** 1 hour loop to road **Grade:** Medium - High Fitness

For experienced walkers, keep to the poled route and respect private property.

## 8 Lake Hayes Walkway **Time:** 2 hour loop **Grade:** Medium Fitness



Easy grade walk on a well formed track providing outstanding views of the lake and surrounding environs. Please keep dogs on a leash around the wetlands area which is one of the few sites you can observe the Australasian Crested Grebe. Parking and access.

## 9 McDonnell Trail **Time:** 50 mins one way **Grade:** Easy

An easy and pleasant loop walk affording intimate glimpses of the immediate Arrowtown area.

## 10 Motatapu Track

This three day track is a serious walk suitable for experienced trampers only. It takes you from Arrowtown to Wanaka via Macetown, Roses Saddle and the Fern Burn. Opening Easter 2008. Please contact Department of Conservation offices for further information.

## 11 Tobins Track **Time:** 30 - 40 mins each way **Grade:** Medium/Easy



A brisk walk to the top of Tobins track will reward you with unsurpassed views of Arrowtown and the further Wakatipu basin.

## 12 Manse Road/Millbrook to Lake Hayes **Time:** 1hr 20 mins each way **Grade:** Easy



This walkway running beside the road allows users to walk/bike along Manse Road to Millbrook (walkers can also divert off the trail through to the Chinese Village and onto Arrowtown Anniversary Walkway or Bush Creek). Once at Millbrook follow the signs through to Speargrass Flat Road then on to Lake Hayes.

## 13 Feehly Hill Track **Time:** 25 mins one way **Grade:** Medium/Easy

Look down on Arrowtown after a great little climb to the top of this prominent town landmark.

## 14 New Chums Gully Trail **Time:** 2.5 hours **Grade:** Med/High, Slippery & Steep in places.



This loop track offers great variety in both terrain and scenery. It can be undertaken from both directions. From the Arrow River end walk upstream on the Arrow River Trail until the first bridge. Cross the bridge and you will see the start of the trail through a gate to the right (look for the orange triangles). From here it is steep in places but finishes with the uniform descent of Tobins Track. From the Tobins Track end walk up until you see a gate on the left (half way). From here it is a gradual climb to the summit affording great views over Arrowtown and the Wakatipu basin, before descending into New Chums Gully and then out to the Arrow River. New Chums Gully was well mined during the gold rush era and the evidence of sluicing and the remains of water races still exist.

## 15 Macetown Miners Trail **Time:** 20 - 30 minutes **Grade:** Medium - High Fitness

This trail is part of the original miners track, used when the Big Hill Track was snowbound in the winter. It enables you to get from the Eight Mile Creek to Macetown without having to cross the Arrow River. Parts of this trail are challenging but afford elevated views of the Arrow River.

