

Actively Managed Historic Places: Otago Conservancy

Central Otago : Coastal Otago : Wakatipu : Wanaka



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SITE	HERITAGE TOPIC	PRESERVED FABRIC	Easy Access
Alexandra Courthouse Historic Reserve, <i>Alexandra</i>	Government (justice); Mining–gold	Courthouse building, 1878 (leased as cafe)	Yes
Alpine stamper battery, <i>Kopuwai Conservation Area, near Alexandra</i>	Mining–gold	Stamper battery, 1882	Yes
Bannockburn Post Office Historic Reserve, <i>near Cromwell</i>	Government; Mining–gold	Post office building, 1902 (private use)	Yes
Buster Diggings, <i>Oteake Conservation Park</i>	Mining–gold	Prospecting pits, 1863 Sluice workings, 1863 Water races, 1863	Yes
Come in Time battery, <i>Bendigo Historic Reserve</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Stamper battery, 1880	Yes
Earnsclough Dredge Tailings Historic Reserve, <i>Alexandra</i>	Mining–gold	Dredge tailings & ponds, 1863	Yes
Flat Top Hill Conservation Area, <i>Alexandra</i>	Mining–gold	Explosives magazine, 1862 Mining relics, 1862 Sluice workings, 1862	Yes
Golden Progress Mine, <i>Oturehua, Central Otago</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery, Huts	Steam boilers (3), 1928 Poppet head structure Stamper battery Stone Hut	Yes
Gorge Creek Recreation Reserve, <i>between Alexandra and Roxburgh</i>	Mining–gold	Graves, 1863 Memorial, 1920s	Yes
Lonely Graves Historic Reserve, <i>Millers Flat, Clutha River</i>	Mining–gold	Graves, 1865	Yes
Mitchell's Cottage Historic Reserve, <i>Fruitlands, Alexandra</i>	Mining–gold	Stone house, c.1880	Yes
Naseby Post Office, <i>Naseby</i>	Government; Mining–gold	Post office building, 1900 (information centre)	Yes



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Otago Central Rail Trail: <i>Daisybank to Clyde section</i>	Farming–general (sheep) Transport–rail; Bridges	Bridges, 1897—1907 (29) Clyde station building, 1907 (locally managed) Omakau goods shed, 1904 Railway route, 1897 (115.8km) Ranfurly station building & goods shed, 1911 (locally managed) Tunnels, 1904 (2) Wedderburn station building & goods shed, 1900 (locally managed)	Yes Icon site
Quartz Reef Point Historic Reserve, <i>near Cromwell</i>	Mining–gold	Herringbone tailings, 1862	Yes
Serpentine Scenic Reserve, <i>near Manorburn Reservoir, Alexandra</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Church 1873 Huts (3) Iron water wheel Ten stamp battery	Yes
St Bathans's Historic Buildings, <i>St Bathans</i>	Mining–gold; Government,	Blacksmith building, 1860s Gold office, 1860s Post office, 1909 (leased as post office) Public hall, 1880s	Yes
Stewart Town & Menzies Dam, <i>Bannockburn Sluicings Historic Reserve</i>	Mining–gold	<i>Founded in 1876</i> Hut site ruins Reservoirs & water races Sluice workings Stacked stone reservoir Tailings	Yes
Welshtown & Logantown; <i>Bendigo Historic Reserve</i>	Mining–gold	<i>Founded in 1865</i> Building ruins Bullock tracks Mine shafts Water races	Yes
Young Australian Historic Reserve, <i>near Bannockburn and Cromwell</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Overshot water wheel, 1875 Stamper battery, 1875	Yes

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Dead Horse Pinch Historic Reserve, <i>SH85 Palmerston to Ranfurly</i>	Transport–road; Mining–gold; Maori	Road route, 1862	Yes
Gabriel's Gully Historic Reserve, <i>Lawrence</i>	Mining–gold	<i>Founded in 1861</i> Reservoirs & water races Elevator workings	Yes
Glendhu Conservation Area, <i>near Gabriel's Gully</i>	Mining–gold	Race hut, c.1880 Water races, c.1880	
Golden Point Historic Reserve, <i>Macraes Flat near SH85</i>	Huts; Mining–gold; Machinery	Battery building, 1889 Callery's house, 1930s Hughie Fraser's Hut, 1930s Huntingdon mill, 1890 Ned's Hut Operable stamper battery 1889 Sod Hut	Yes

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Huriawa Pa, <i>Karitane</i>	Maori; Whaling	Archaeological sites Pa site Whaling site 1837	Yes
Mapoutahi Pa, <i>Purakanui/Waitati</i>	Maori; Whaling	Pa site Archaeological sites c.1750	Yes
Matakaea / Shag Point, <i>near Palmerston</i>	Maori; Mining–coal	Archaeological sites	Yes
Moturata (Taieri Island), <i>Taieri Mouth</i>	Maori; Whaling	Archaeological site, early Maori Plaque on mainland 1830s	Yes
Nenthorn Conservation Area, <i>near Middlemarch</i>	Maori; Mining–gold	Rock shelters, early Maori Stone building ruins, 1889 Battery sites, 1889	Yes
Old Pioneer Quartz Reserve, <i>Lake Mahinerangi, Waipori</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Canton stamper battery, 1862 Victory water wheel, 1862	Yes
Onewhenua Historic Reserve, <i>Shag River Mounth</i>	Maori	Archaeological site (moa hunting), c.1350	Yes
Otago Central Rail Trail: <i>Middlemarch to Daisybank section</i>	Farming–general (sheep); Transport–rail; Bridges	Bridges, 1894–1897 (4) Hyde railway station, 1894 (privately owned) Railway route, 1894 (34.2 km) Tunnel, 1894	Yes Icon site
Sir John McKenzie Historic Reserve, <i>Palmerston</i>	Farming–general	Memorial 1929	Yes
Te Umu Kuri (Wellers Rock) Historic Reserve, <i>Otago Peninsula</i>	Maori; Sealing & whaling	Plaque	Yes
The Silverpeaks, <i>near Dunedin</i>	Maori; Transport–road; Mining–gold; Tourism & recreation	Hut	Yes
Tunnel Hill Historic Reserve, <i>near Owaka</i>	Transport–rail; Transport–road; Tourism & recreation	Railway tunnel (221m), 1895	Yes

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Arrowtown Chinese Settlement, <i>Arrowtown</i>	Mining–gold	<i>Founded in 1866</i> Ah Lum's Store Ah Wak's Toilet Arrowtown Powder Magazine End Hut Kai's Hut Lum's Hut Old Tom's Hut Rock Shelter	Yes Icon site
Atley Terrace Hut, <i>Shotover River, near Coronet Peak</i>	Mining–gold	Hut ruins, pre–1900	Yes
Bob's Cove Recreation Reserve, <i>Lake Wakatipu</i>	Mining–general	Building ruins, 1870s Lime kiln ruins, 1870s	Yes
Invincible Mine Historic Reserve, <i>Rees Valley</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Concentrator, 1884 Invincible berdans, 1886 Overshot water wheel, 1882 Stamper battery, 1882	Yes

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Kawarau Bridge Historic Reserve, <i>near Queenstown</i>	Bridges; Mining–gold; Transport–road	Suspension bridge, 1880	Yes
Kawarau Gorge Mining Centre, <i>near Cromwell</i>	Mining–gold; Tourism & recreation	Working displays (operated by lessee), open daily	Yes
Macetown Historic Reserve, <i>Arrow River, near Queenstown</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Anderson stamper battery, 1907 Historic trees Homeward Bound stamper battery, 1910 Needham's Cottage, c.1862 Smith's Bakery, c.1862 Steam engine, 1910	Yes
Mill Creek Roadmans Hut, <i>near Kinloch, Lake Wakatipu</i>	Transport–road	Roadman's hut, 1925	Yes
Mt Aurum Recreation Reserve, <i>Shotover River, near Queenstown</i>	Farming–high country; Government–education; Mining–gold; Huts; Power generation; Machinery	Mt Aurum township founded in 1867: Graves Homestead building Murphy's Creek siphon School building Sluice workings Water races Mt Aurum Recreation Reserve: Bullendale power generation site, 1882 Copper Creek stamper battery Crystal hut, 1936 Crystal stamper battery, 1936 McLeod's hut Nugget stamper battery, 1903	
Oxenbridge Tunnel, <i>Arthurs Point, Queenstown</i>	Transport–rail; Mining–gold; Tourism & recreation	Steam engine, 1910 Tunnel, 1910	Yes
Rum Currie's Hut, <i>by the Kawarau River, Gibbston Valley</i>	Settlement; Huts (rabbits)	Stone building (former stables & rabbitier's hut), late 1800s	Yes
Trotters Homestead, <i>Kingston, Lake Wakatipu</i>	Farming–high country (sheep)	Building, 1905	Yes
Whakaari Conservation Area, <i>near Glenorchy, Lake Wakatipu</i>	Mining–scheelite; Huts	Bonnie Jean Hut Boozier Hut Glenorchy Scheelite Battery, cableway & adits c.1880 Jean Hut, c.1912 Scheelite Battery Manager's House c.1880	Yes

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Ben Avon Hut, <i>Dingleburn Valley</i>	Huts; Farming–high country	Hut, c.1932	Yes
Deep Creek Hut, <i>Pisa Conservation Area</i>	Farming–high country; Mining–gold; Huts	Hut	Yes
Lindis Pass Hotel Ruins, <i>Nine Mile Historic Reserve, Lindis Valley just off SH8</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–road	Building ruins, 1870s	Yes

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Reko's Point, Clutha River, Luggate, near Wanaka	Mining–gold; Huts	Huts, 1890 Reservoirs & water races, 1890 Sluice workings, 1890	Yes

KEY:

- Heritage Topics = Past history of the site
- Preserved Fabric = What can be found at the site today & date established where known
- Easy Access = **Yes:** This site is accessible by road (or scheduled ferry) and a track and signs are provided
- = **No:** Access to this site is not straightforward, but with research, a visit may be possible
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