

# Actively Managed Historic Places: West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservancy

## Buller : Hokitika : Franz Josef : South Westland



Actively managed historic places are of high value and a priority for preservation and visitors

SITE	HERITAGE TOPIC	PRESERVED FABRIC	Easy Access
<b>Buller–Kawatiri Area Office</b>		<b>Telephone: 03 788 8008</b>	
Argyle Water Race, <i>near Charleston</i>	Mining–gold; Mining–coal	Water races, 1873	Yes
Brighton Cemetery, <i>near Punakaiki</i>	Mining–gold	Graves, 1866	Yes
Britannia Track & Battery, <i>near Westport</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–horse machinery	Pack track, 1882 Complete gold processing plant, 1882	Yes
Cape Foulwind Railway, <i>near Westport</i>	Mining–general (limestone); Transport–rail; Maritime	Lighthouse ruins, 1876 Rail route, 1885 Tunnel	Yes
Charming Creek tramway, <i>near Seddonville</i>	Mining–coal; Transport–rail; Timber industry; Machinery	Coal mine sites, 1930s Coal wagons, 1930s Log hauler, 1920s Rail tractors, 1930s Sawmill sites, 1903 Tramway with rails, 1912 Tunnels, 1912	Yes
Coalbrookdale, <i>Denniston</i>	Mining–coal; Transport–rail;	Building ruins Fanhouse, 1882 Rail route, 1886 Tunnel, 1886	Yes
Conns Creek Yards, <i>near Denniston</i>	Mining–coal	Hydraulic crane, 1878 Q–wagons, 1878 Railway Route, 1878 Stone walls, 1878	Yes
Constant Bay, <i>near Charleston</i>	Maritime; Mining–gold	Mooring rings, 1866	Yes
Denniston Breakhead, <i>Denniston</i>	Mining–coal	Q–wagons, 1878 Railway tracks, 1878 Stone walls, 1878 Aerial ropeway tower, 1878 Building ruins, 1878 Stone bridge, 1878	Yes
Denniston Bridle Track, <i>Denniston</i>	Transport–horse	Pack track, 1887	Yes
Denniston Incline, <i>Denniston</i>	Mining–coal; Transport–rail	Middle brake ruins, 1878 Rail route, 1878	No



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Fenian Goldfields, <i>Kahurangi National Park</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–horse	Gold sluicing remains, 1882 Hut, 1860s	Yes
Heaphy Track, <i>Kahurangi National Park</i>	Transport–horse	Pack track, 1886	Yes
Heaphy River mouth, <i>Kahurangi National Park</i>	Maori	Archaeological site, 14th century	Yes
Inland Pack track, <i>Paparoa National Park</i>	Mining–gold, Transport–horse	Pack track, 1867	Yes
Lyell, <i>Buller River</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–horse; Transport–road; Machinery; Settlement	Croesus stamper battery, 1901 Dray track, pack track, c.1870 Graves, 1869 Township Site, 1962	Yes
Millerton Bath House, <i>Millerton</i>	Mining–coal	Building ruins, 1918	Yes
Oparara Pack Track, <i>Kahurangi National Park</i>	Mining–gold	Pack track, 1880s	Yes

### Greymouth–Mawheranui Area Office

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Alborns Coal Mine, <i>Victoria Conservation Park</i>	Mining–coal; Machinery	Leyland truck & coal wagons, 1880	Yes
Big River Gold Mine, <i>Victoria Conservation Park</i>	Mining–coal; Mining–gold; Transport–rail; Timber industry; Machinery; Settlement	Babcock boiler, 1913 Coal tramway route, 1914 Engine house (shelter), 2003 Poppet head structure, 1890 Robey winding engine, 1913 Sawmill machinery, 1914 Settlement ruins, c.1880	Yes
Blackball Coal Mine, <i>Blackball</i>	Mining–coal	Chimneys, 1894	No
Boatmans Sawmill, <i>Victoria Conservation Park</i>	Timber industry; Mining–gold	Machinery (turbine & milling), 1932	No
Blacks Point Historic Reserve, <i>near Reefton</i>	Machinery; Mining–gold	Museum building Stamper battery (operational), 1870	Yes
Blackwater Winding Engine, <i>Waiuta</i>	Mining–gold	Engine building & chimney, 1906	Yes
Brownlees Steam Shovel, <i>near Haupiri</i>	Timber–industry	Steam shovel, 1920s	No
Brunner Mine Historic Reserve, <i>near Greymouth</i>	Mining–coal; Transport–rail; Machinery; Bridges	Beehive coke ovens Brick works ruins Coke ovens, 1864 Memorial, 1994 ( <i>Grey District Council</i> ) Railway coal wagon Suspension bridge, 1877 ( <i>Grey District Council</i> ) Ventilation Chimney ( <i>Historic Places Trust</i> )	Yes
Murray Creek Tracks, <i>Victoria Conservation Park</i>	Transport–road; Mining–gold; Mining–coal; Transport–horse	Pack track, 1870 Road route, 1880s	Yes
Croesus pack track, <i>Roaring Meg Ecological area</i>	Transport; Mining–gold	Pack tracks, 1881	Yes

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Croesus Top Hut, <i>Roaring Meg Ecological area</i>	Huts; Mining–gold	Hut, 1931	Yes
Davidson Loco, <i>near Ngahere</i>	Timber industry; Transport–rail	Locomotive, 1928	Yes
Energetic Mine & Tram Track, <i>Victoria Conservation Park – near Reefton</i>	Mining–gold; Mining coal	Cages, 1877 Coal mine tram, 1877 Foundations Shaft, 1877	Yes
Garden Gully Hut, <i>Roaring Meg Ecological Area</i>	Mining–gold; Huts; Machinery	Hut, 1930 Stamper battery, 1901	Yes
Ajax/Golden Fleece Boiler & Battery, <i>Victoria Conservation Park – near Reefton</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Boiler, 1872 Battery, 1872 Remnants, 1872 Tramways, 1872 Shaft, 1872	Yes
Golden Lead Battery Site <i>Victoria Conservation Park</i>	Mining–gold	Stamper battery machinery, 1891	Yes
Hatters Terrace, <i>Nelson Creek</i>	Settlement	Church, 1869 ( <i>Community management</i> )	Yes
Hochstetter Dam, <i>near Nelson Creek</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Dam, Control gate Pug mill, 1875	Yes
Inglewood gold mine, <i>Victoria Conservation Park – near Reefton</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Boiler, 1871 Cyanide tanks, 1871 Mullock heap, 1871 Shaft, 1871 Stamper battery, 1871 Winding engine; 1871	Yes
Jacks Mill School Historic Reserve, <i>Kotuku</i>	Government (education)	Miniature bungalow ( <i>former classroom</i> ), 1909 Gardens, 1909	Yes
Joker Level Incline Winch & Tramway, <i>Waiuta</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–rail	Winch, 1908 Tram route, 1908	Yes
Kirwins Hill Pack Track, <i>Victoria Forest Park</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–road	Pack track, 1870s	Yes
Kirwins Reward Open Cast Mine, <i>Victoria Forest Park</i>	Transport–rail; Mining–gold; Transport–road	Aerial ropeway, 1900 Reward opencast quartz mine, 1896 Tram return wheels, 1900 Tram route, 1900	Yes
Lord Brassey Gold Battery, <i>Victoria Forest Park</i>	Machinery; Mining–gold	Battery, 1900 Building ruins, 1900 Pelton wheel, 1900	Yes
Lankey Creek Mines, <i>Victoria Conservation Park – near Reefton</i>	Mining–gold; Mining–coal; Transport–rail	Tramway remnants, 1877 Cement battery, 1883	Yes
Larrys Creek Battery, <i>Victoria Conservation Park</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	No.2 south battery, 1874	Yes
Caledonian Gold Mine, <i>Victoria Conservation Park</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery	Portable steam engine Water wheel remains, 1872	Yes
Meikles Hut, <i>Moonlight Track</i>	Huts	Hut (not for visitor use), 1930s	Yes

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Moonlight Pack Track, <i>Moonlight Valley</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–road	Dray track, 1865 Pack track, 1865	Yes
Nelson Creek Swingbridge, <i>Nelson Creek</i>	Bridges	Wood suspension bridge, 1872 (replica)	Yes
Prohibition Mine Site, <i>Waiuta</i>	Mining–gold	Building ruins & Ball mill remains, 1936	Yes
Waiuta Big River Pack Track, <i>Victoria Forest Park</i>	Mining–gold; Machinery; Transport–horse	Pack track, 1912	Yes
Waiuta Town Site, <i>near Reefton</i>	Settlement; Mining–gold	Settlement ruins, 1906	Yes
Reefton School of Mines Historic Reserve, <i>Reefton</i>	Mining–gold, Government (education)	Building (former school), 1986	Yes
Slaty Creek Hut, <i>Waiheke River</i>	Huts (wild animal control); Tourism & recreation	Hut, 1952	Yes
Snowy River Battery Site, <i>near Waiuta</i>	Mining–gold, Machinery	Stamper battery machinery ruins, 1908	Yes
Snowy River Water Race & Power House Site, <i>near Waiuta</i>	Mining–gold; Power generation	Water race, 1920s Building ruins, 1920s	Yes

### Hokitika Area Office

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Browning Pass Noti Raureka Pack Track, <i>Waitaiki Historic Reserve</i>	Transport–horse; Mining–gold	Pack track, 1880s	Yes
Cedar Flat Hut, <i>Toaroha Valley</i>	Huts (wild animal control)	Hut (slab walls), 1957	Yes
Goldsborough Gold Mines, <i>near Hokitika</i>	Mining–gold	Pack track gold sluicing site, 1864	Yes
Kaniere Water Race, <i>near Hokitika</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–road; Power generation.	Water race track, 1875 Water race (operational), 1875	Yes
Lake Mahinapua Paddle Steamer, <i>near Hokitika</i>	Maritime; Machinery; Tourism & recreation; Timber industry	Paddle steamer, 1883	Yes
Locke Stream Hut, <i>Teremaker Valley</i>	Tourism & recreation; Huts	Hut (split timbers), 1939	Yes
Mahinapua Creek Rail Bridge, <i>near Hokitika</i>	Bridges; Transport–rail	Wooden Howe truss bridge, 1905	Yes
Mananui Tramway, <i>near Hokitika</i>	Transport–rail; Timber industry	Tramway route, 1885	Yes
Prices Flat Hut, <i>Whitcombe Valley</i>	Huts (wild animal control); Tourism & recreation	Hut, 1908	Yes
Ross Goldfield Historic Reserve, <i>Ross</i>	Mining–gold; Settlement	Graves, 1865 Building (de Bakker cottage), 1885 Building (gaol), 1913	Yes
Ross Bell & Tower, <i>Ross</i>	Gold mining; Settlement	Bell & tower, late 19th century	Yes
Ross United Water Races, <i>Ross</i>	Huts; Mining–gold	Water race, 1866 Replica hut	Yes

### Franz Josef–Waiiau Area Office

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Almer Hut, <i>Franz Josef Glacier, Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Tourism & recreation; Huts	Hut, 1950	Yes
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Blacks rail tractor, <i>Franz Josef DOC Workshop</i>	Timber industry; Machinery	Rail tractor, 1935	No
Callery Bridge, <i>Franz Josef Glacier, Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Tourism & recreation; Bridges	Suspension bridge, 1935	Yes
Cape Defiance Hut, <i>Franz Josef DOC Visitor Centre</i>	Tourism & recreation; Huts	Hut (relocated), 1913	Yes
Donovan's Store Historic Reserve, <i>Okarito</i>	Mining–gold; Settlement	Building (former shop), 1865	Yes
Douglas Bridge, <i>Franz Josef Glacier, Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Bridges; Tourism & recreation	Suspension bridge, 1900	Yes
Hende's Hut, <i>Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Tourism & recreation	Shelter (former smithy), 1907	Yes
Hendes Gallery, <i>Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Tourism & recreation	Staircase structure, 1907	Yes
Okarito Pack Track, <i>Okarito</i>	Transport–road	Pack track, 1890s	Yes
Okarito Schoolhouse Historic Reserve, <i>Okarito</i>	Government (education)	Building (backpackers), 1901	Yes
Tatare Tunnel, <i>Franz Josef</i>	Mining–gold; Power generation	Tunnel, 1937	Yes
Wanganui Pack Track, <i>a.k.a. Harihari Coastal Walk</i>	Mining–gold; Transport–horse; Transport–rail	Pack track, 1870 Tram route, 1935	Yes

### South Westland–Weheka Area Office

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Blue River (Blowfly) Hut, <i>near Haast</i>	Huts; Transport–horse	Hut, 1908	Yes
Chancellor Hut, <i>Fox Glacier, Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Tourism & recreation; Huts	Hut, 1930	Yes
Copland Track, <i>Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Transport–horse; Tourism & recreation	Pack track, 1895	Yes
Fox River Footbridge, <i>Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Bridges; Tourism & recreation; Transport	Wooden suspension bridge, 1929 (replica)	Yes
Gillespies Beach, <i>near Fox Glacier</i>	Transport–horse; Mining–gold; Machinery; Settlement	Graves, 1867 Tunnel c.1870 Pack track, 1879 Suction dredge ruins, 1891	Yes
Paringa–Haast Cattle Track, <i>near Haast</i>	Transport–horse	Pack track, 1875	Yes
Knights Point Memorial, <i>SH6 near Lake Moeraki</i>	Transport–road	Memorial, 1965	Yes
Landsborough Rangers Hut, <i>Landsborough River Flats</i>	Huts (wild animal control)	Hut, 1941	Yes
Smoothwater Track, <i>near Jackson Bay</i>	Transport–horse	Pack track, 1875	Yes
Welcome Flat Bridge, <i>Westland Tai Poutini National Park</i>	Bridges; Tourism and recreation; Transport–horse	Wooden suspension bridge, 1918 (replica)	Yes

## KEY:

- Heritage Topics = Past history of the site
- Preserved Fabric = What can be found at the site today & date established where known
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Golden Lead restored stamper battery; Garden Gully Hut; Donovan's Store;  
Charming Creek Railway, Jon Thomas; Jack Mill School.

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