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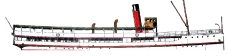
**TRANSPORT DETAILS**

**SHERPA SHUTTLE TRANSPORT**



- 1 Between Queenstown & Kingston
- 2 Between Lumsden/Mossburn & Mavora Lakes

**BOAT TRANSPORT**



**Real Journeys TSS Earnslaw**  
 Walter Peak Homestead to Queenstown



**Southern Discoveries Spirit of Queenstown**  
 Mount Nicholas Station to Queenstown

**MAP KEY**

- Around The Mountain Cycle Trail
- Distance between two points
- Time between two points (at an average riding speed of 10km/hr)
- Southern Discoveries Spirit of Queenstown
- Real Journeys TSS Earnslaw

- Accommodation
- Toilets
- Food
- Coffee
- Pub/Beverages
- Petrol
- Camping
- Bakery



# Kingston to Lumsden

via Garston, Athol and Five Rivers

*Experience the charm  
of Northern Southland's  
country towns*



## Kingston to Athol - 30km



Take a shuttle bus from Queenstown to Kingston, a small town on the southern edge of Lake Wakatipu, Kingston has a café, a camping ground and a number of B&B lodges.

### Kingston to Garston

From Kingston, the trail passes over old formations of a glacier moraine at the foot of the Eyre Mountains and past old stone ruins of the original homestead of the area. The trail then crosses over the Matura River on a suspension bridge before entering Garston.

### Garston to Athol

Garston has reinvented itself with a mobile café called the Air Stream and a honey shop. Garston is also home to two small and attractive historic churches. The cycle trail from here has been constructed on an old disused railway line.

The trail crosses the Matura River along the way where there are two cycle suspension bridges which are 67m and 92m in length. The locals have named them Athol's Golden Gates. Looking over the bridge you can often see brown trout swimming around in the pristine, crystal clear waters.

## Athol to Lumsden - 35km



### Athol to Five Rivers

Along this section of the trail you predominately ride on the old railway line, encompassing panoramic views of Mid Dome, a prominent Northern Southland mountain, and the surrounding mountains before reaching Five Rivers.

Due to the agricultural nature of this section of the ride, at times you may find some of the gates are locked to protect to safety of the animals in the area.

The track is certainly still rideable, and if this circumstance arises, another aspect of adventure can be added to the already thrilling trail. Lifting your bike is the only way forward, but what better way to give your legs a break!

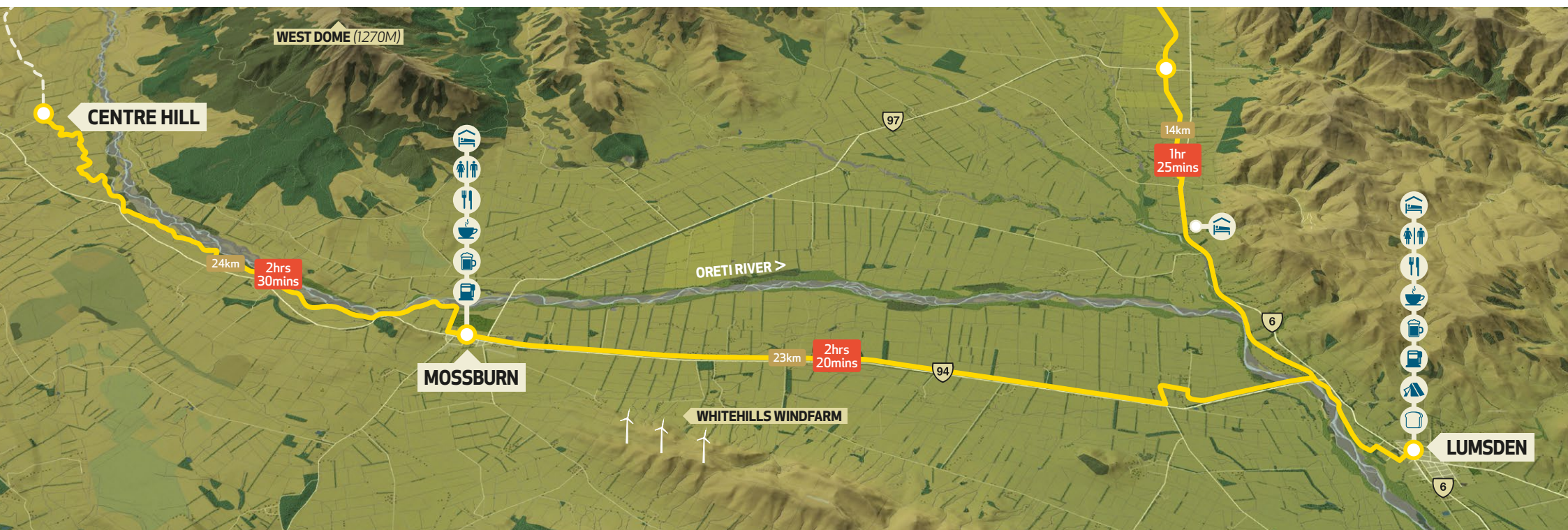
### Five Rivers to Lumsden

The trail from Five Rivers to Lumsden is slightly downhill and passes through rich farmlands by the banks of the Oreti River, another great river to spot the brown trout sunning themselves. Stopping in Lumsden, enjoy relics of the steam train era around the old local railway station.

# Lumsden to Centre Hill

via Mossburn

*A relaxing ride through idyllic pastures and rich farmland*



## Lumsden to Centre Hill - 43km



### Lumsden to Mossburn

The cycle trail back tracks from Lumsden along flood banks and over the Lumsden/Mossburn Bridge. This section is 5 km on old railway line and 10 km beside the State Highway and farm paddocks. The trail leads you to Mossburn, which in the 1970's was named the deer capital of New Zealand.

### Mossburn to Centre Hill

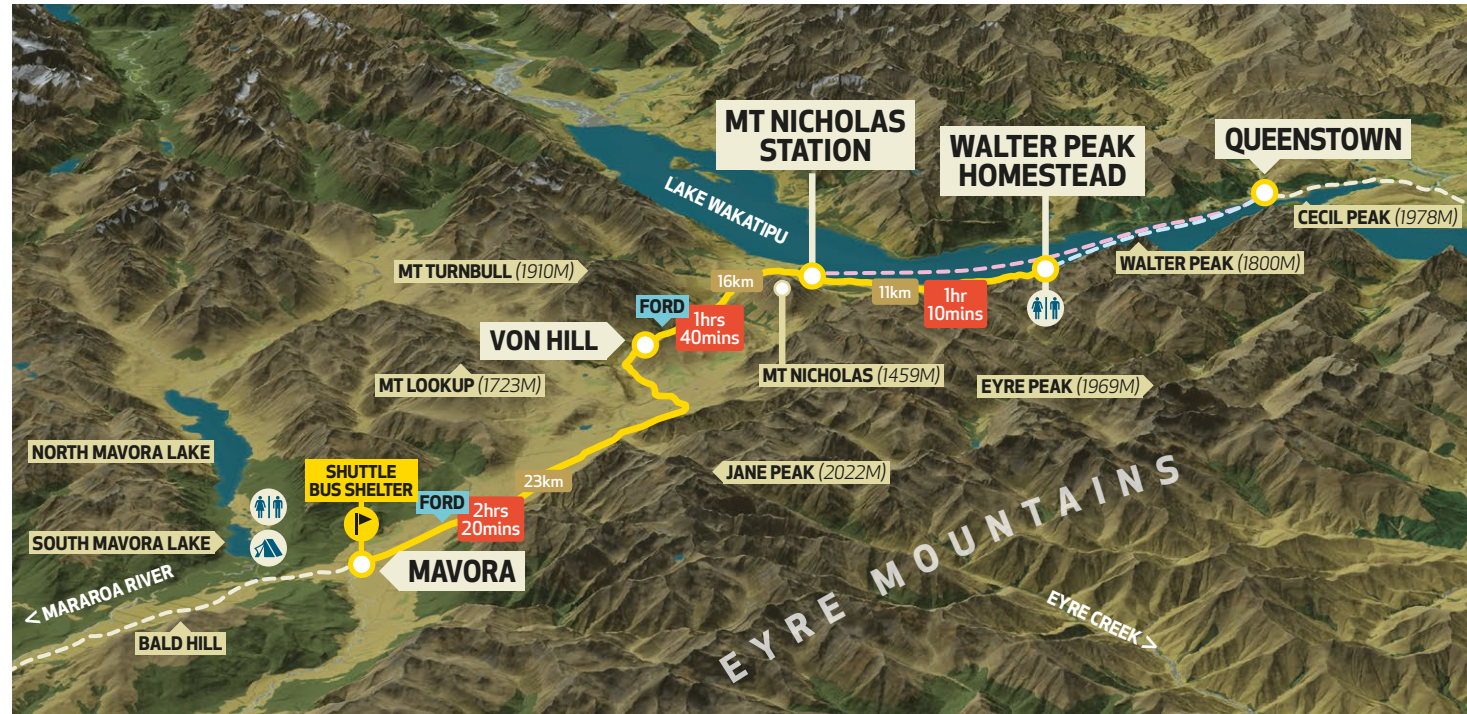
As the trail passes through Mossburn it travels between farms and beside the Oreti River.

It then meanders along the side of Starvation Creek before coming back to the Oreti River and crosses to Center Hill and The Eyre Mountains Conservation Park on the other side.



# Mossburn to Walter Peak via Centre Hill and Mavora Lakes

Ride through stunning  
backcountry and the foothills  
of the Eyre Mountains



## Centre Hill to Mavora Lakes - 35km

Cyclists have two options from Center Hill to Mavora Lakes - either get a shuttle bus or ride along the Center Hill Road.

As a note of precaution this is a gravel road and can have a lot of traffic during the summer months as well as dusty to ride on at times.

*If taking the shuttle bus preference, please note you must book in advance and this service only runs between 01 November to 15 April.*

## Mavora Lakes to Walter Peak - 50km



The trail follows the beautiful, natural tussock valley along Mt Nichols Road. Crossing a ford at the Gorge Burn and crossing the bridge at Black Spur Creek you will arrive at the Southland Otago boundary.

The trail then passes the show stopping Von Valley River through to Mt Nicholas and Walter Peak Stations and onto the Walter Peak Homestead.

Mt Nicholas Station was the first station to supply "Ice Breaker" merino wool .

At Walter Peak you board the iconic, over 100 year old, vintage steamship the TSS Earnslaw to cruise across Lake Wakatipu back to Queenstown.