

# The Wineries to Cromwell

Kawarau Gorge Trail

**DISTANCE:** 32km

**TIME:** 3hrs +



## Trail Start to Roaring Meg

16.5km  
1h40m

Begin your journey in the picturesque Gibbston Valley, winding past vineyards as the trail follows the Kawarau River's shimmering bends. This newly formed trail crosses the specially built Nevis Ferry and Citroen Bridges. Take in dramatic gorge views, native tussock and scrub, before arriving at the thundering Roaring Meg Power Station - a striking blend of natural beauty and engineering set against the rugged Central Otago landscape.

## Roaring Meg Power Station to Goldfields Mining Centre

7.5km  
45min

From the thunder of Roaring Meg, the trail follows the contours of the gorge, offering sweeping river vistas and dramatic cliffsides. Riders will find a mix of compacted trail and carved singletrack with a few short, more technical sections that reward careful riding with panoramic outlooks. Keep an eye out for remnants of gold-rush history as the trail descends toward the historic Goldfields Mining Centre - an evocative finish that brings the region's mining heritage to life.

## Goldfields Mining Centre to Bannockburn Road

8km  
50min

Leaving the Goldfields Mining Centre, the trail eases into gentler grades. Expect mostly smooth, family-friendly sections with occasional short climbs and flowing descents that open to expansive views of Lake Dunstan. The route winds past remnants of mining-era landscapes and orchard country, finishing with a gentle approach towards Cromwell - a welcoming riverside town rich in history and local flavours.



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