



Rabbit Pass Trek Equipment List

A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the New Zealand backcountry, and participants need to be suitably equipped with suitable clothing. Your guide will do a comprehensive check of your gear at the start of the trip to ensure it is in good working order and fit for purpose, and there will be the opportunity to purchase or hire gear that is not deemed suitable.

The first night is spent at Top Forks Hut in the Wilkin Valley. Afterwards, the accommodation is wilderness camping. Tents are provided, or you are welcome to bring your own. If there is anything you don't have or have any questions, please get [in contact](#) with us.

Body

- Trekking shirt or lightweight long-sleeved technical base layer
- Mid-layer top (fleece or windproof)
- Insulating jacket (synthetic fill preferred)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Trekking trousers, leggings and/or shorts

Head / Face / Hands

- Sunhat or cap
- Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- Sunglasses
- Lightweight gloves

Accessories

- Backpack, around 40-litre capacity, with the ability to carry personal and group overnight gear*
- Water bottles (1-2 litres capacity)
- Small container of sunblock & lippy

Feet

- Trekking boots
- Gaiters
- Spare socks

Overnight

- 2-season sleeping bag and liner*
- Camping air mat*
- Head torch and spare batteries
- Personal toiletries (blister kit & personal medication)
- Cup, bowl and eating utensils
- Hut shoes (optional)

Recommended

- Trekking poles
- Insect repellent

*Available for hire \$20 per item per day



What to Expect

The Rabbit Pass Trek travels through the wilderness of Mount Aspiring National Park. After the first night at Top Forks Hut, accommodation is wilderness camping. Trekkers need to have some experience on off-track routes, including scree, boulders and tussock slopes. Good fitness is required to undertake ascents and descents of up to 1000m in a day with 10-15kg overnight packs.

The traverse of Rabbit Pass itself is steep and exposed and requires a good head for heights. A rope may be used for security.

Especially on the route down the East Matukituki Valley, there are multiple unbridged river crossings. This means that boots and feet will get wet and stay wet. We recommend a light fabric boot with good support, as these will be more comfortable and quicker to dry than heavy leather boots.

Logistics

If you need accommodation in Wānaka the night before and after the trip, shared and private rooms are available for clients in our [Kea Lodge](#), which is adjacent to the WMG Base.

Unless otherwise agreed, trips start at the WMG Base at 8:30 on the first day of the trip where there is off-street car parking and luggage storage available. It is also possible to arrange to be picked up from your accommodation in town.

Insurance

Trip fees do not include insurance for personal circumstances (including but not limited to travel, injury, medical, and equipment).

We strongly recommend you obtain:

- Travel insurance to cover you in the event of a trip cancellation by either you or us, for trip changes, or for medical emergencies to cover you for your personal health needs;
- Personal and third-party insurance is required to cover damage or loss of equipment and property.

We do not accept liability, responsibility, or any expenses for insurance-related costs incurred by participants in preparation for or participation in our trips and courses.

