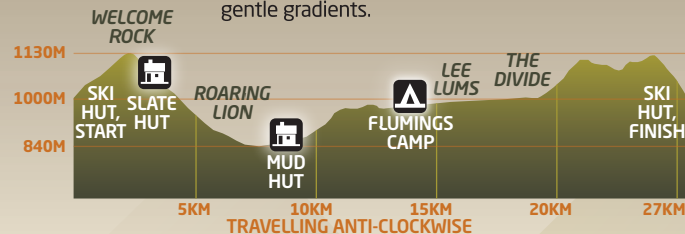


# Trails & Accommodation

## ROARING LION TRAIL



Like a Lion, the creek that fed the race roared with intensity. This trail celebrates the Chinese water race builders, who 110 years ago built the meandering bermed profile that follows the folds of the landscape. Today half the hand crafted trail is on this flat race with the remaining on gentle gradients.



## ACCOMMODATION

We encourage visitors to stay in our huts to allow time to soak in the backcountry.

### Mud Hut



The Mud Hut sleeps four, has breath taking views, outdoor bath, gas cooking, utensils, fireplace and wood.

### Slate Hut



The Slate Hut sleeps two, has expansive sunset views at 1000m, gas cooking, outdoor bath.

## Other Information

If you are not overnighing allow enough time to ride or walk the trail, if staying in huts bag delivery is available. The trail is subalpine and weather changes quickly, a personal locator beacon may be hired. Suitable for those with a good level of fitness for hikers or intermediate technical grade 3 riding.

We recommend bringing:

- enough food and clothing for warm or cool conditions
- water bottles (streams are safe to drink)
- spare tube and helmet for riders

Welcome Rock has been in the O'Brien family for over 100 years. A premier private trail, it offers a historical and ecological journey. Hand built, stunning scenery and remote high country, one hour from Queenstown exists a truly unique pioneering story. Trail booking and payment details online.

# Highlights Guide

## WELCOME ROCK

It's the highest point of the trail at 1,130m with the Mataura Valley and Eyre Mountains to the west, Nokomai to the east and the Nevis to the north. The landmark is a junction of three catchments, it's small spring was a welcoming spot for early settlers to meet and trade.



## ROARING LION WATER RACE

In 1898, 30 men toiled with pick and shovel to build one of NZ's longest water races. After three years, the 47km race brought water from the Nevis to the lower Nokomai to sluice alluvial gold. An engineering feat, the race was critical to the fortunes of NZ's longest running goldfield. 110 years on, Tom and his volunteers took two years to hand craft this trail.



## THE FLUMINGS

Men had to maintain race and flumings (large steel pipes), clearing snow, rebuilding stone walls, and repairing sections after slips and flooding was back breaking work for these tough men. The 'Flumings' pass an active slip where several attempts to reconstruct them is visible. The last attempt used fluming pipes on stone plinths to transport water over this area beside the trail.

## PACKAGES AND TRANSPORT

For those who have their own vehicle you may self drive and walk or ride from the start of the trail. From Queenstown or Te Anau half day, full day or overnight trips with transport options are available. Independent or locally guided, at Welcome Rock you will feel a sense of place, preservation, culture and adventure.

For information on details including package description, what to bring, self drive or transport rates, times and guiding options visit [www.welcomerock.co.nz](http://www.welcomerock.co.nz)



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## Mountain Biking & Hiking Near Queenstown



27km Single Loop Track



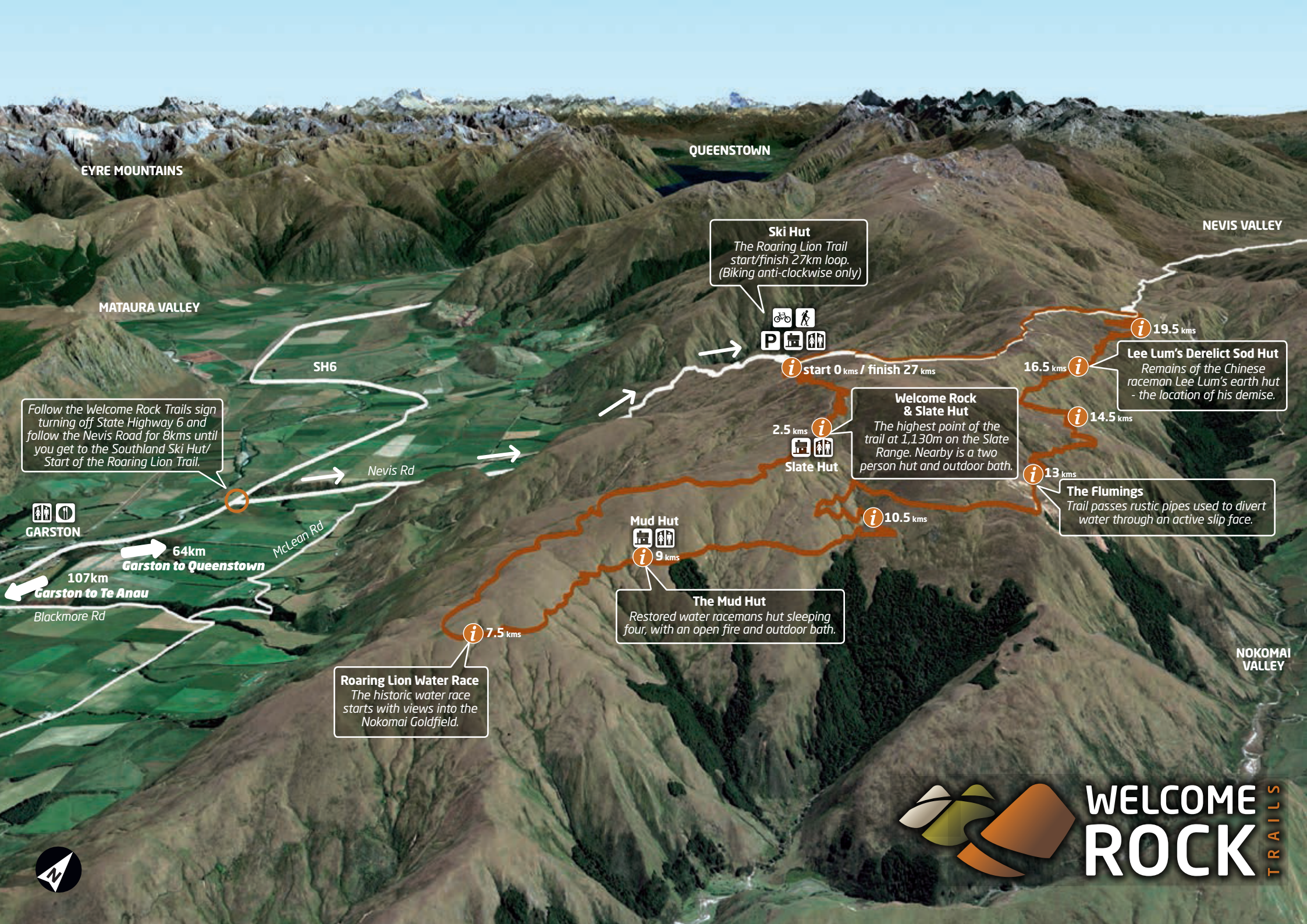
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QUEENSTOWN

EYRE MOUNTAINS

NEVIS VALLEY

MATAURA VALLEY

SH6

Nevis Rd

McLean Rd

Follow the Welcome Rock Trails sign turning off State Highway 6 and follow the Nevis Road for 8kms until you get to the Southland Ski Hut/ Start of the Roaring Lion Trail.

GARSTON

64km  
Garston to Queenstown

107km  
Garston to Te Anau

Blackmore Rd

**Ski Hut**  
The Roaring Lion Trail start/finish 27km loop.  
(Biking anti-clockwise only)



**i** start 0 kms / finish 27 kms

2.5 kms  
**i**  
**Slate Hut**

**Welcome Rock & Slate Hut**  
The highest point of the trail at 1,130m on the Slate Range. Nearby is a two person hut and outdoor bath.

16.5 kms  
**i**

**Lee Lum's Derelict Sod Hut**  
Remains of the Chinese raceman Lee Lum's earth hut - the location of his demise.

**i** 14.5 kms

**i** 13 kms

**The Flumings**  
Trail passes rustic pipes used to divert water through an active slip face.

**i** 10.5 kms

**Mud Hut**  
**i** 9 kms

**The Mud Hut**  
Restored water racemans hut sleeping four, with an open fire and outdoor bath.

**i** 7.5 kms

**Roaring Lion Water Race**  
The historic water race starts with views into the Nokomai Goldfield.

NOKOMAI VALLEY

