No. 4 Kelcey’s Bush

Area: Hunters Hills from Upper Mill Road (8km from Waimate township)

Time: 20 minutes - 1 hour return

Level of Fitness: Low

Kelcey’s Bush has long been a special picnic area for residents and visitors and is one of the few remaining areas of native forest in close vicinity to the Waimate township.

Start: Sanders Falls (20-30 minutes return)
From the car park go through the gate and walk for 5 minutes until reaching a track leading into the bush on the left. A gentle climb of 10 minutes will take you to the Sanders waterfall. Steps take you to a viewing platform overlooking these pretty falls. You can retrace your steps to the car park or return and follow on up the Intake Track …

Intake Track (40 minutes – 1 hour return)
From the car park go through the gate and follow the track on past the Sanders Falls turnoff. This track takes you across numerous little streams (stepping stones provided), through grassland and native bush up to the original intake of the Waimate water supply.

Features:
- Landscape: The walker meanders along a valley stream amongst some lovely native bush.
- Vegetation: a good example of lowland native forest.
- Wildlife: Bellbirds, fantails waxeyes, woodpigeon, and tui in the spring. During early evening walks wallabies may be seen.
- Great picnic areas and toilet facilities are provided.
- Please SHUT GATES and don’t disturb any stock.