



# Dunedin Tracks and Trails update

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# RE-INTRODUCTION Dunedin Tracks and Trails

## OUR VISION

*“Our goal is to create an attractive, connected trail for cyclists and walkers from Waiholo to Dunedin and north to Oamaru. The outcome will be a continuous off-road trail over 900km long, linking Mt Cook to Queenstown and connecting to the national Ngā Haerenga Great Rides network.”*



## OUR OUTCOMES

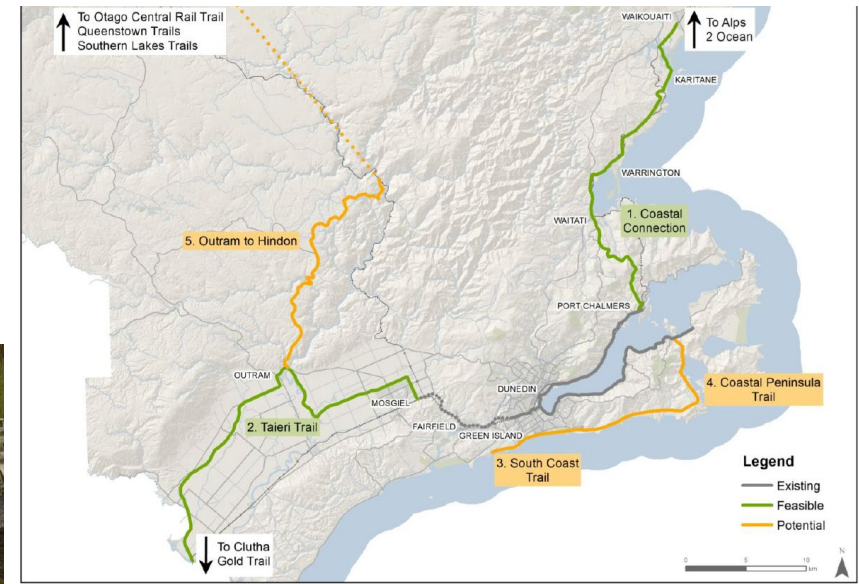
### What does success look like?

- A **connected** trail network across Dunedin and the wider region
- New opportunities for **adventure**, fun and exploration
- **Access** to safe, low-carbon and affordable transport choices
- Thriving and **resilient** communities, with new **economic** and employment opportunities
- Enhanced **wellbeing** and access to nature
- Encouraging **healthy** and active lifestyles
- Fostering **stewardship** –the responsibility to protect and value our places and spaces and build a legacy for future generations.
- Providing the opportunity for **storytelling**–to convey and share our cultural and historical identity

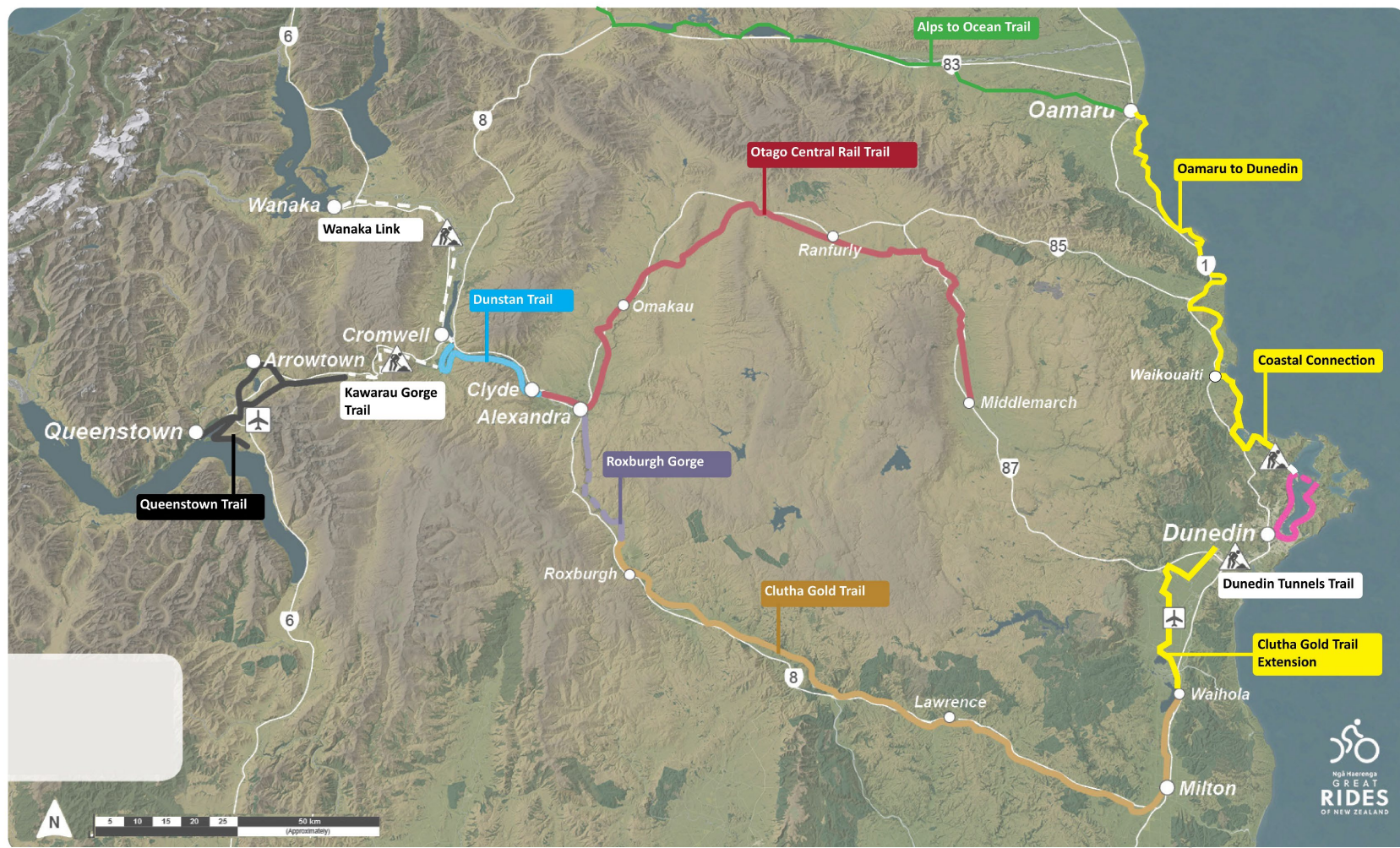


## OUR NETWORK

Our initial network consists of five potential trails. These connect the harbour shared path, Te Aka Ōtākou and the planned tunnels trail to the other major trails across our region.



# OTAGO REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK



Map sourced and adapted from Otago Trails Hub ([www.trailhub.co.nz](http://www.trailhub.co.nz))

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# COASTAL CONNECTION

- ▶ Port Chalmers to Waikouaiti
- ▶ Construction completed between Mopanui and Waitati (4.6km)
- ▶ Opened by Mayor Sophie Barker on 13 February

## Otago Daily Times

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### Connection one step closer after cycling trail





# CLUTHA GOLD EXTENSION

**Taieri-Mosgiel cycle trail  
consent application lodged**





# OTHER RECENT DNTN ACTIONS

- ▶ MBIE meeting
- ▶ NZ Cycles Inc. meeting
- ▶ Discussions with MP's
- ▶ Mayor Sophie Barker
- ▶ Business case development
- ▶ Feedback to DCC in December
- ▶ Waitaki DC and Clutha DC conversations to discuss wider regional strategy
- ▶ ORC RLTP feedback

# MULTIMODAL NETWORKS AND TRANSPORT CHOICE

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# MULTIMODAL NETWORKS AND TRANSPORT CHOICE

High quality PT service offering at key destinations



Facilities for cyclists at key transport hubs



Appropriate bike parking opportunities



Bicycle transportation



Collaboration with DCC to combine safe routes to/  
from PT routes

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# NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Clutha Gold Extension:
  - ▶ Close out the Consent recommendations for Mosgiel to Outram
  - ▶ Construction Stage 1
  - ▶ Business Case development to enable central govt funding
  - ▶ Meetings with key partners and stakeholders
  - ▶ Landowner engagement
  - ▶ Resource consent from Outram to Waihola
- ▶ Coastal connection continued:
  - ▶ Resource consent from Waikaouiti to Karitane
  - ▶ Work with Kiwirail
  - ▶ Orokonui to Port Chalmers connection



# OUR ASK

- ▶ Endorse the concept and vision
- ▶ Support applications to Active Investor Fund, Regional Infrastructure Fund, NZ international visitor levy fund
- ▶ Continued integration of Dunedin Trails network vision into the revised RLTP with a strong focus on PT and active transport connectivity





# SNAPSHOT FROM THE NZ CYCLE TRAILS EVALUATION REPORT 2025

# Impact Snapshot – YE June 2025



GREAT RIDES OF NEW ZEALAND

## Trail usage

**2,577,304**

total trips for the year ending June 2025

**5.8**

trails used across **12.2** separate trips/occasions in the 12 months prior

**73%**

rated their trail experience 9 or 10 (out of 10)



Cyclists 1,245,299  
Pedestrians 1,332,006



**1.3**

trails used on same trip (on average)



**+79**

Net Promoter Score

## Economic Impacts



**3.9**

average party size



**1,333,755**  
estimate of visitors attributable to the Great Rides



**2,920**

estimate of businesses providing facilities & services for trail users



**3.4**

average nights per visitor



**4,534,767**  
estimate of visitor nights attributable to the Great Rides



**546**

official cycle trail partners



**\$964.10**

average expenditure per visitor



**\$1.28 billion**

estimate of expenditure attributable to the Great Rides

Domestic visitors **\$927m** (72% of total)  
International visitors **\$357m** (28% of total)

## Social Impacts



**798,964**

estimate of trips taken by local residents

**85%**

of trail stakeholders agree that their local Great Ride is a source of pride for the local community



**\$696 million**

value of health benefit resulting from trail use by NZers

**57%**

of trail users say their mental health has improved as a result of their experience



**\$622,825**

total value of volunteer contribution



**87%**

of trail stakeholders agree that their local Great Ride is valued by the community

**57%**

of trail users say their physical fitness has improved as a result of their experience

## Environmental Impacts



**397,530**

native trees/bush planted by trail managers (total to date)



**48%**

of trail users report that they have a greater appreciation of the natural environment as a result of their experience



**2,671**

traps laid for pests (total to date)



**30%**

of trail users report that they have a greater appreciation of the local culture and heritage as a result of their experience



**118km**

waterways fenced by trail managers (total to date)

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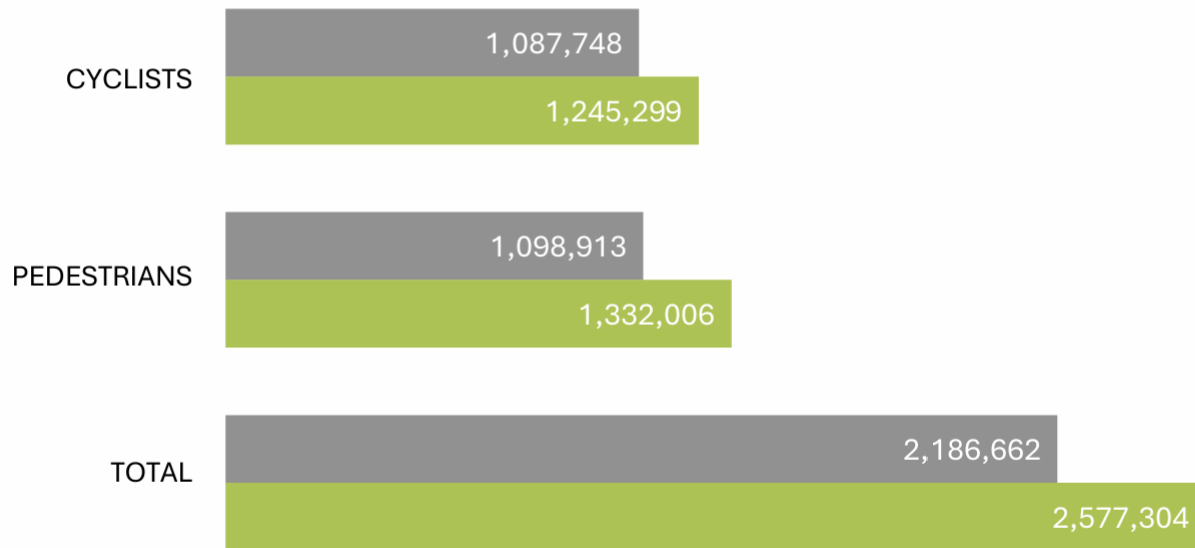
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## TRAIL USAGE

In the year ending June 2025, almost 2.58 million trips were taken across the Great Rides network.<sup>1</sup> These trips were divided more or less equally between cyclists (48% of trips) and pedestrians (52%).

Relative to the year ending June 2021, the 2025 data represents growth of +14 percent in the number of trips taken by cyclists and +21 percent in trips taken by pedestrians – an increase of +18 percent in usage occasions (trips) overall.



Key:

Year Ending June 2021

Year Ending June 2025

### CYCLISTS



**+14%**  
(+ 157,551)

### PEDESTRIANS



**+21%**  
(+ 233,093)

### ALL CYCLE TRAIL USERS



**+18%**  
(+ 390,642)

## TRAIL USE BY ORIGIN OF USER

### TRIPS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS



**+2%**  
(+ 13,952)

### TRIPS BY NZ RESIDENTS



**+5%**  
(+114,166)

### TRIPS BY INTERNATIONAL VISITORS



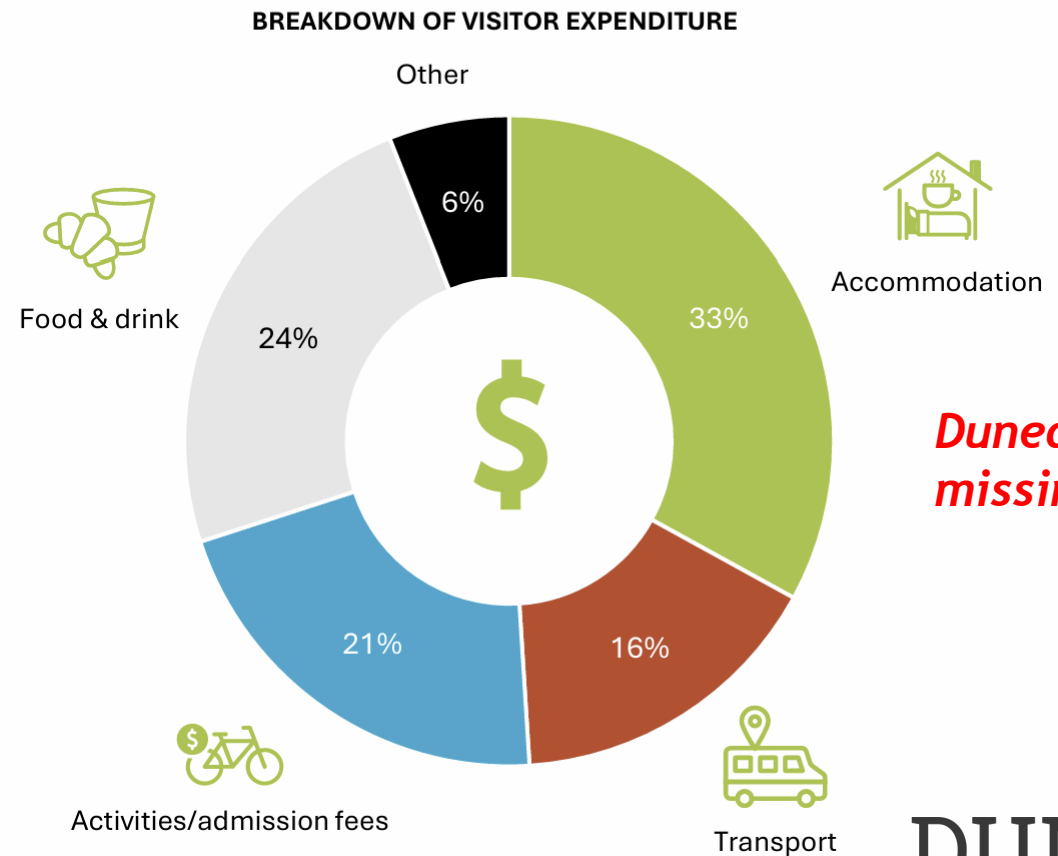
**+843%**  
(+ 276,476)

	YE June 2021		YE June 2025	
	%	Trips (n=)	%	Trips (n=)
<b>Local Residents vs. Visitors</b>				
Local residents	36%	785,012	31%	798,964
Visitors (TOTAL)	64%	1,401,650	69%	1,778,340
<b>Base: Total trips (n=)</b>		2,186,662		2,577,304
<b>Origin of Visitors</b>				
Domestic visitors	98.5%	1,368,850	83%	1,469,064
International visitors*	1.5%	32,800	17%	309,276
<b>Base: Total trips by visitors (n=)</b>		1,401,650		1,778,340

## VISITOR EXPENDITURE

Using a combination of trail user survey data and counter data, it is estimated that the Great Rides delivered around \$1.28 billion in **new expenditure** to host regions in the year to June 2025 (i.e. expenditure by visitors travelling to the regions for the primary purpose of walking/cycling the Great Rides). This is an increase of +35 percent on estimates for the year ending June 2021.<sup>4</sup>

It is estimated that domestic visitors contributed 72% of this new expenditure and international visitors 28%.



*Dunedin is missing out....*



# NEARBY TRAIL STATISTICS

## Queenstown Trails – YE June 2025

### TRAIL USAGE



**480,808**

**Total trips**

+52% vs 2021

(+18% vs 2021 all Great Rides)

**Pedestrians**

**285,647**

+51% vs 2021

(+21% vs 2021 all Great Rides)

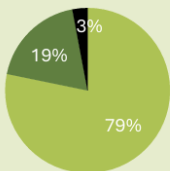


**Cyclists**

**195,161**

+54% vs 2021

(+14% vs 2021 all Great Rides)



- Local residents
- Domestic visitors
- International visitors

(All Great Rides: 31% local residents, 57% domestic visitors, 12% international visitors)

## Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail– YE June 2025

### TRAIL USAGE



**107,497**

**Total trips**

+57% vs 2021

(+18% vs 2021 all Great Rides)

**Pedestrians**

**61,506**

+38% vs 2021

(+21% vs 2021 all Great Rides)

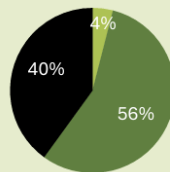


**Cyclists**

**46,991**

+91% vs 2021

(+14% vs 2021 all Great Rides)



- Local residents
- Domestic visitors
- International visitors

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## Lake Dunstan Trail – YE June 2025

### TRAIL USAGE



**71,614**

**Total trips**

(2.58 million all Great Rides)

**Pedestrians**

**14,550**

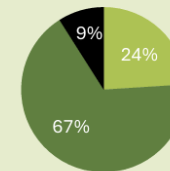
(1.3 million all Great Rides)



**Cyclists**

**57,065**

(1.2 million all Great Rides)



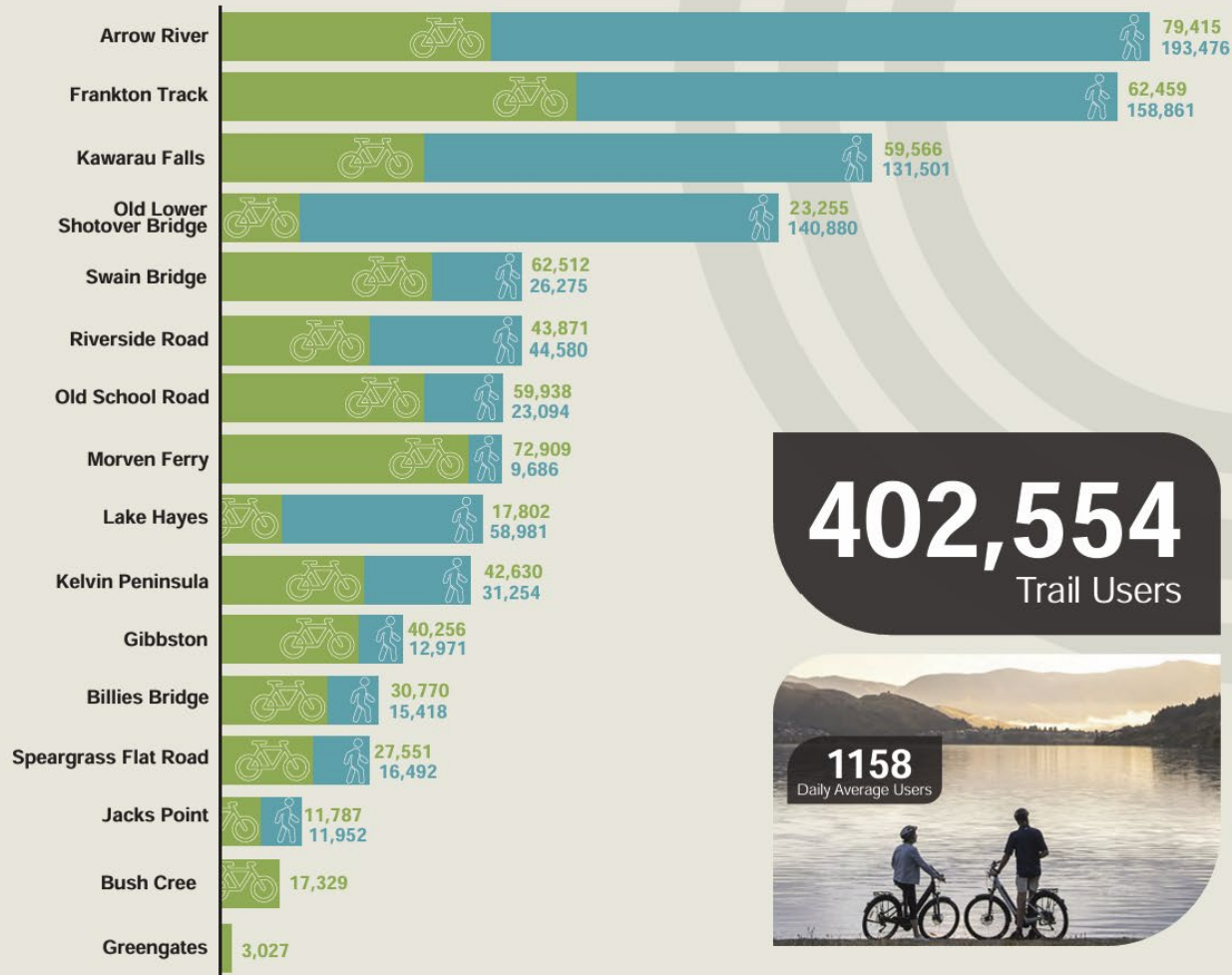
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# Trail Statistics 2023-2024

The Queenstown Trail network saw 402,544 users hit the trails during the 2023-24 period, which was a 12.5% increase on the previous year.



**402,554**  
Trail Users

**55%**  
Pedestrians

Cyclists  
**45%**

