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Mt Nimrod Reserve

Area: Hunters Hills. Off Back Line Road in the Cannington area, 45 km north west of Waimate township turning inland off State Highway 1 just south of the Pareora River Bridge.

Look out for Mt Nimrod turnoff on Back Line Road. Drive 2km past the homestead to the Mt Nimrod Scenic Reserve. (It's about the only bush in this area) There are sheltered and private picnic and camping sites amongst the bush and grass terraces by the Nimrod Stream.

Time: 3-4 hours Loop track

Level of Fitness: High

The track is quite demanding and will require a high level of fitness.

Start: Just beyond the camping area and toilets. A good walk will take you in a circuit of the reserve through mahoe forest and grassland, dropping into a gorge. A detour will take you to a pretty 15m waterfall, which falls out from under its own small rock arch. This is about



the halfway point of the track which then climbs steeply onto a tussock lookout (at 670m) with magnificent views in all directions. The track then drops down through more bush and back to the carpark.

A short walk can also be taken from the carpark to the water intake on Nimrod Stream.

Features:

- ☐ **Landscape:** The Reserve is located in hill country and contains a remnant of mixed broadleaf forest spread over two deep and spectacular gorges feeding the White Rock River.
- ☐ **Vegetation:** Native broadleaf forest. In their brief burst of yellow in the spring the many kowhai trees are a real delight.
- ☐ **Wildlife:** A variety of native birds are present in good numbers and wallabies are common about the upper forest fringes.

