

Fox Glacier Guiding

Fox Glacier, West Coast

Glacier Walks & Heli-Hikes



At 12kms, Fox Glacier is the longest of the awe-inspiring New Zealand West Coast glaciers. At its head, soaring peaks of over 3,000m (10,000ft) dominate the vista. These include Aoraki (Mt Cook) and Mt Tasman. This mighty moving river of ice falls 2,600 metres, or a little over 8,000ft, on its journey from the base of the Southern Alps to the West Coast. Guiding on Fox Glacier has attracted visitors to the West Coast for almost 100 years. In 1928 the Fox Hotel, first offered guided trips onto the glacier.

Fox Glacier Guiding offer a premier guiding experience and a full range of trips to suit all fitness levels, budgets and time frames, whilst ensuring the highest level of safety management and service. The company is New Zealand family owned which includes mountaineer Mike Browne who is a founding member of the internationally recognised New Zealand Mountain Guides Association (NZMGA). All Fox Glacier Guiding's guides are either qualified or in training for Glacier Guiding certification through the NZMGA.

Whilst the company has grown and evolved and now employs some 60 staff in peak season, it hasn't lost that 'family' vibe. Experience their friendliness and West Coast hospitality for yourself.

The town of Fox has a wonderful village feel and also benefits from exceptional views of Aoraki / Mt Cook, the views along Cook Flat Road are some of the best of New Zealand's highest mountain.



Flying Fox - Heli Hike

The fly-in, fly-out helihike combines the excitement of walking on the Fox Glacier with the thrill of helicopter flights. By flying in you are able to access and explore a part of the glacier where its forces work hardest and often create spectacular ice caves and arches. Your landing site on the ice is a remote and exceptionally beautiful part of the glacier. You follow the ice steps cut by your guide as you explore the stunning formations which can only be seen here.

Departs 08:50am / 11:50am (All Year) 2:50pm (summer only) | Duration 4 hours

Other departures available on demand

Fox it up - Heli Ice Climbing

This day long experience introduces the adventurous to the exhilarating sport of ice climbing, on the spectacular ice walls in the upper part of the Fox Glacier. Your professional guide will tailor the day to offer variety and challenge to the novice and expert alike. Before heading to the ice you will be equipped with specialised mountaineering boots, crampons, ice axes and technical gear. During your thrilling return helicopter transfers to the ice you will enjoy breathtaking views of the majestic Fox Glacier and surrounds.

Departs 8am | Duration 7-8 hours

Fox Trail - Terminal Face and Ice Walk

This is an informative walk that meanders up the Fox Valley to a viewpoint where you can see the dynamic face of the Te Moeka o Tuawe / Fox Glacier.

Listen as your guide provides a fascinating commentary, interpreting what you can see and hear. On this trip you'll learn about the glacier and its dramatically changeable surrounding environment.

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While your guide may take you closer to the ice than any unguided walkers, the trip may also take you onto the public access track. This is dependent on the dynamic environmental conditions in the valley on any given day.

Please note that this walk has varied gradient.

Departs 09:10am (year-round) or 4:50pm (summer) and 2.20pm (winter) | Duration 2 hours



Directions

All trips depart from our base building on State Highway 6 in Fox Glacier township.

Terms

CHILD POLICY Heli-hike 9 years or older, Ice climbing 13 years or older

CANCELLATION 24 hours 100% | Full refund if trip is cancelled by the operator for any reason

SEASON Open year round

Accommodation in this area

- [Mahitahi Lodge](#)
- [Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki](#)