

Title of dataset	Use of public conservation land, Great walks, 2005–17
Variables	<p>great_walk: Great walk.</p> <p>seasonality: Denotes when units are able to be booked (year-round or seasonal).</p> <p>hut_or_campsite: name of the bookable hut or campsite.</p> <p>measure: booked units, and bookable capacity of the site.</p> <p>date: month and year.</p> <p>count: count of the measure. If the count is blank the asset is closed or not bookable at that time.</p>
Environmental reporting topic	Resource use and management and other human activities
Environmental reporting category	Case study
Environmental report	Our land 2018
Relevant measure on the Environmental Indicators, Te taiao Aotearoa website	Use of public conservation land
Other data and reports which relate to this measure	Use of public conservation land, concessions, 2012–17
Methodology (collection & analyses)	<p>The Department of Conservation manages walks, huts and campsites across public conservation land to enable recreational opportunities. Nine walks have been designated “Great Walks”. Three are on the North Island (Waikaremoana Track, Tongariro Northern Circuit, Whanganui River Journey), five are on the South Island (Abel Tasman Coastal Track, Heaphy Track, Routeburn Track, Milford Track, Kepler Track) and one is on Steward Island (Rakiura Track). Apart from the Waikaremoana Track (found in the former Te Urewera National Park), all the Great Walks are found in National Parks. All tracks are in mountainous and high country areas, except for Abel Tasman Coast Track (along the coast) and Whanganui River Journey (along a river with overnight stays on campsites or huts).</p> <p>The Great Walks have an online booking system in place. The number of huts and campsites able to be booked online for a Great Walk ranges from five for the Rakiura Track and 24 for the Abel Tasman Coast Track.</p> <p>All Great Walk bookable units (bed nights) are bookable between 1</p>

	November and 30 April whereas only Abel Tasman Coast Track, Heaphy Track, and Lake Waikaremoana Track are bookable all year around. Bed nights are not the same as visitor numbers. The number of bed nights per person can vary depending on how many huts or campsites they stay at, and how many are available.
Limitations to data & analysis	Most bookable assets have some level of verification at place, for example hut rangers or campground managers, who check actual use against bookings.
Changes to time series	We provide data since 2005 when the booking system was in place. The time series begins for each Great Walk when the asset was created, this varies between walks.
References	