

# Otago Peninsula

## X marks the spot

The Otago Peninsula Fallen Soldiers Memorial can be accessed from a signposted point on Highcliff Road. A brief walk up over farmland will lead to the monument and great views of the city below.

## Local lingo

Locals may refer to the 'low road' which is the lower of the two access roads, and the 'high road' which is the road that travels up and over the top of the Peninsula.

## Those were the days...

At the turn of the 19th century, ferries regularly delivered picnicking groups to various points along the harbour side of the Peninsula including Macandrew Bay, Broad Bay, Company Bay, Ross Point and Portobello so that they could enjoy relaxing on the beaches in the sun.

Stunning views, rolling green hills, abundant wildlife, and beautiful coastline mere minutes from the centre of the city characterise the Otago Peninsula. This ancient peninsula is the divider between the harbour and the sea, providing shelter for the city behind. There are many attractions on the harbour, most notably the spectacular wildlife, from albatross and penguins to sea lions, seals and more. Art and craft has flourished, as well as gardens and many outdoor pursuits.

Harbour Cone is a standout feature of the Peninsula, but contrary to popular belief, is not volcanic. The Otago Peninsula Fallen Soldiers Memorial, unveiled in 1923, is a Peninsula icon visible from many parts of Dunedin city. The view from Peggy's Hill out towards Taiaroa Head and the Pacific Ocean beyond is a spectacular panorama of both sides of the Peninsula and the city beyond.

Glenfalloch Woodland Garden, just 15 minutes drive from the city on Portobello Road, is a garden of national significance. Many of the mature trees in the garden were planted in 1872, but it was not made private until 1917. Glenfalloch, which means 'hidden valley' in Gaelic, is owned by the Otago Peninsula Trust and is a popular tourist destination and function venue. The headquarters of the Otago Peninsula Potters Group is situated within the garden, and there is an artist in residence on site.

Further around Portobello Road you will find the Happy Hens Emporium. These bright little hens are inspired by the beautiful chickens brought to Dunedin by early European settlers. They are available in a range of themes and colours and are certain to brighten up a room. Various pottery and craft shops are dotted around the rest of the harbour road.



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A bright and colourful flock of nesting Happy Hens

