

# **Targa Rally Day Trip Itinerary for The Catlins**



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## The Catlins - Day Trip

Enjoy a day trip through The Catlins which offers a glimpse of rural New Zealand set amid native forests, fringed by high cliffs and golden beaches. Travel along the Southern Scenic Route and experience the natural and cultural attractions laid out one after the other. Please click here for link to [map](#).

Drive time 50 minutes	<p><b>Waipapa Point</b> Walk to the historic lighthouse and keep an eye out for sea lions who are often seen resting on the beach and amongst the tussocks.</p>
Drive time 30 minutes	<p><b>Slope Point</b> The most southerly point on the South Island of New Zealand, Slope Point is a marked route across private farmland, giving good views of Stewart Island/Rakiura, Bluff and the Tiwai Point aluminium smelter. The cliff tops are dangerous, so please take extra care.</p>
Drive time 30 minutes	<p><b>Curio Bay</b> Curio Bay is of international significance for its fossilised forest dating back to the Jurassic period. The tree fossils you see here are 160 million years old and the forest was alive when New Zealand was part of Gondwanaland. While there visit the soon to be opened Tumu Toka Curioscape.</p>
<b>Cafe Suggestion</b>	<p><a href="#">Niagara Falls Cafe</a> Set in a historic Niagara school house, enjoy delicious New Zealand cuisine and wine. During summer the café is open for breakfast, lunch and extensive a' la carte evening dining. Specials include whitebait, Bluff oysters, green lipped mussels, salmon, venison and a dessert board to die for!</p> <p>256 Niagara Waikawa Road, Niagara Tel: +64 3 246 8577 Email: niagarafallscafe@xtra.co.nz</p>
Drive time 35 minutes	<p><b>Mclean Falls</b> Travel 3km off the main road to the car park where this 40 minute return walk begins. This is a forest walk to what some say is the most striking of the Catlins' waterfalls.</p>
<b>Cafe Suggestion</b>	<p><a href="#">Whistling Frog Café and Bar</a> Enjoy a refreshing beverage, dessert or a delicious hot meal, accompanied by a spectacular sunset from the heated &amp; glass enclosed viewing deck. They offer speedy service during the day and leisurely evening dining experiences.</p>

	<p>10 Chaslands Highway, Papatowai 9586  03 415 8338  Email: info @whistlingfrogcafe.com</p>
Drive time 10 minutes	<p><b>Cathedral Caves</b>  This outstanding natural feature is known for the two sea-formed passages together measuring just on 200 metres - and their impressive height of up to 30 metres.</p> <p>Only Accessible 1.5 hours either side of low tide -  Thursday 8 Nov - 3:57 pm  Friday 9 Nov - 4:57 pm  Saturday 10 Nov - 5:54 pm  Sunday 11 Nov - 6:45 pm</p>
Drive time 10 minutes	<p><b>Lake Wilkie</b>  Lake Wilkie has a boardwalk around the edge of the lake to keep your feet dry while you enjoy the still reflective waters of the tranquil setting.</p>
<b>Photo Opportunity</b>	<p><b>Florence Hill Lookout</b>  This is a great place to stop and enjoy the spectacular views of Tautuku Bay and Tautuku Peninsula to the south; and Tahakopa Bay and Long Point to the north. It has become popular for 'big wave' surfing competitions.</p>
<b>Cafe Suggestion</b>	<p><a href="#">Catlins Cafe</a>  Catlins Café offers fantastic espresso coffee using world class Allpress Coffee. Their menu boasts homemade cafe style food, traditional fish and chip takeaways and all the tasty NZ treats like Tip Top rolled ice creams and milkshakes.</p> <p>3 Main Road, Owaka 9535  Tel: +64 3 415 8040  Email: catlinscafe.co.nz</p>
Drive time 1 hour	<p><b>Nugget Point</b>  A short 20min stroll from the carpark, the wave-eroded rocks, which are likened to the shape of gold nuggets, can be seen from the viewing platform at the Nugget Point Lighthouse.</p>
<p>Take Southern Scenic Route to Balclutha then follow SH 1 back to Invercargill. Approximately 2 hours travel time.</p>	