

## Dynamo Hut, Mt Aurum Recreation Reserve

The tramp starts from the car park near Skippers Point Cemetery and soon passes ruins of an old hotel before descending to Skippers Creek.

The track follows the stream bed for about two hours, winding through a deep gorge with crumbly schist cliffs rising from the streambed. The valley widens in places and thousands of lupins and wild mint grow on the gravelly riverbank.

After about two hours, the Bullendale Track climbs steeply from the true left of the stream and leads, in about 45-minutes, to Bullendale Hut. The turnoff is not signposted, like much of the track, so it pays to have a map and a GPS.

To reach Dynamo Hut, take the left-branching track. Dynamo Hut is about an hour past the Bullendale Track junction and the track weaves in and out of the creek, fringed with beech forest on one side.

The four bunk hut is high above the creek, near a large waterfall and looks onto a dramatic cliff and beech forest over a gorge.

Just behind the hut is the site of New Zealand's first industrial hydropower station, built in 1886.

About 10 minutes further up the valley is the historic Dynamo Red Hut. From there, it's a further hour or two to Aurum Basin and another historic hut, Archie's, at the foot of Mt Aurum.

### Wild file

#### Access Skippers township

**Time** To Bullendale Hut, 3hr; Bullendale to Dynamo Hut, 2hr

**Grade** Easy

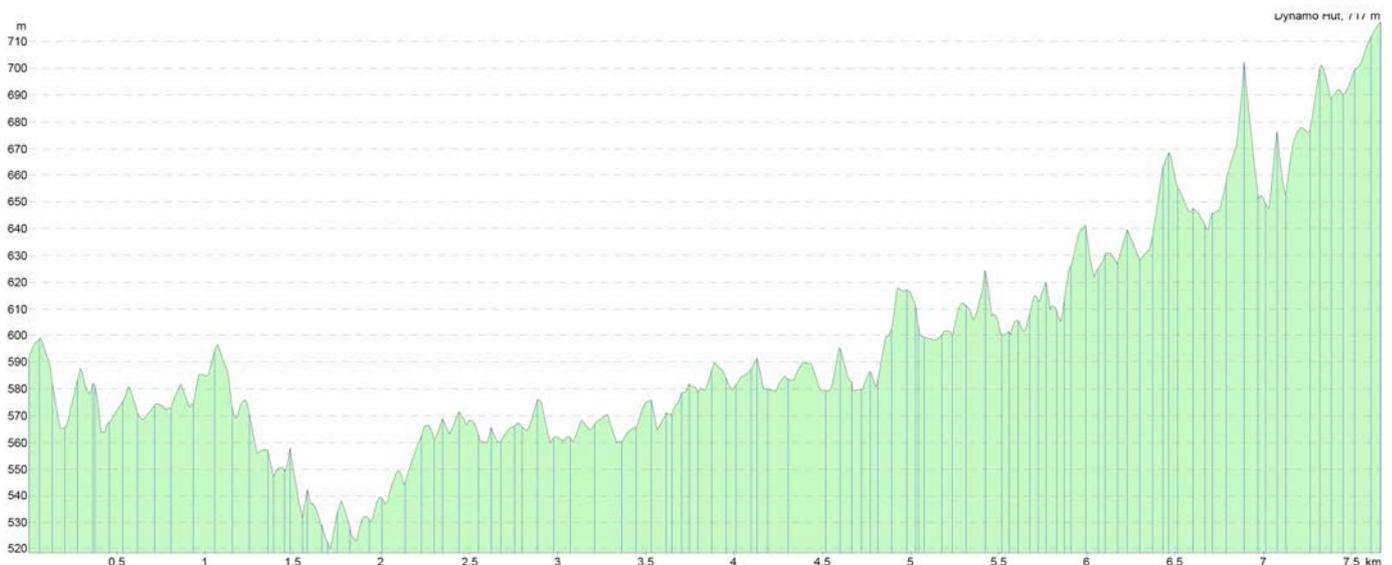
**Distance** 7.67

**Total ascent** 609m

**Accommodation** Dynamo Hut Dynamo Hut (\$5, four bunks)

**Topo50 map** CB11

### Elevation Profile



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