



TRAVELLING ON STATE HIGHWAY 6 BETWEEN FRANZ JOSEF AND FOX GLACIER

There is currently no direct route between Franz Josef Glacier and Fox Glacier. The only alternative route between the townships is via Arthur's Pass and Wanaka, which may take up to 14 hours, depending on conditions.

Check www.nzta.govt.nz/sh6-west-coast-repairs or phone **0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49)** before you travel to check for road conditions and closures.



Photo by Wayne Costello,
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STATE HIGHWAY 6

Following torrential rain on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March, a state of emergency was declared for the West Coast region of the South Island. Flooding, washouts, slips and high river levels affected roads throughout the region.

State Highway 6 between Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers was closed on Tuesday 26 March 2019 after two slips covered the highway and the Waiho River bridge was washed away, triggered by torrential rain.

Until the bridge is installed and reopened over the Waiho River, vehicles are unable to travel between the two townships. There is also no cycling route available until the bridge is replaced. A replacement bridge is expected to take 14-17 days to construct, meaning a possible completion date of mid-April.

Parts of State Highway 6 and State Highway 73 are reduced to one lane as crews work to clear slips. Expect roadworks, reduced speeds and stop/go controls in some areas.

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WHERE CAN I FIND UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION?

Go to www.nzta.govt.nz/sh6-west-coast-repairs or phone **0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49)**.

Please check conditions at least two hours before you travel and while you're on your trip.

Things can change at short notice. Adverse weather or other unexpected events can affect the operation of alternative routes.

Do not rely on your GPS or Google maps for road closure information or accurate journey times.

HOW TO DRIVE SAFELY

Please be patient and obey all traffic signage and any road crew instructions.

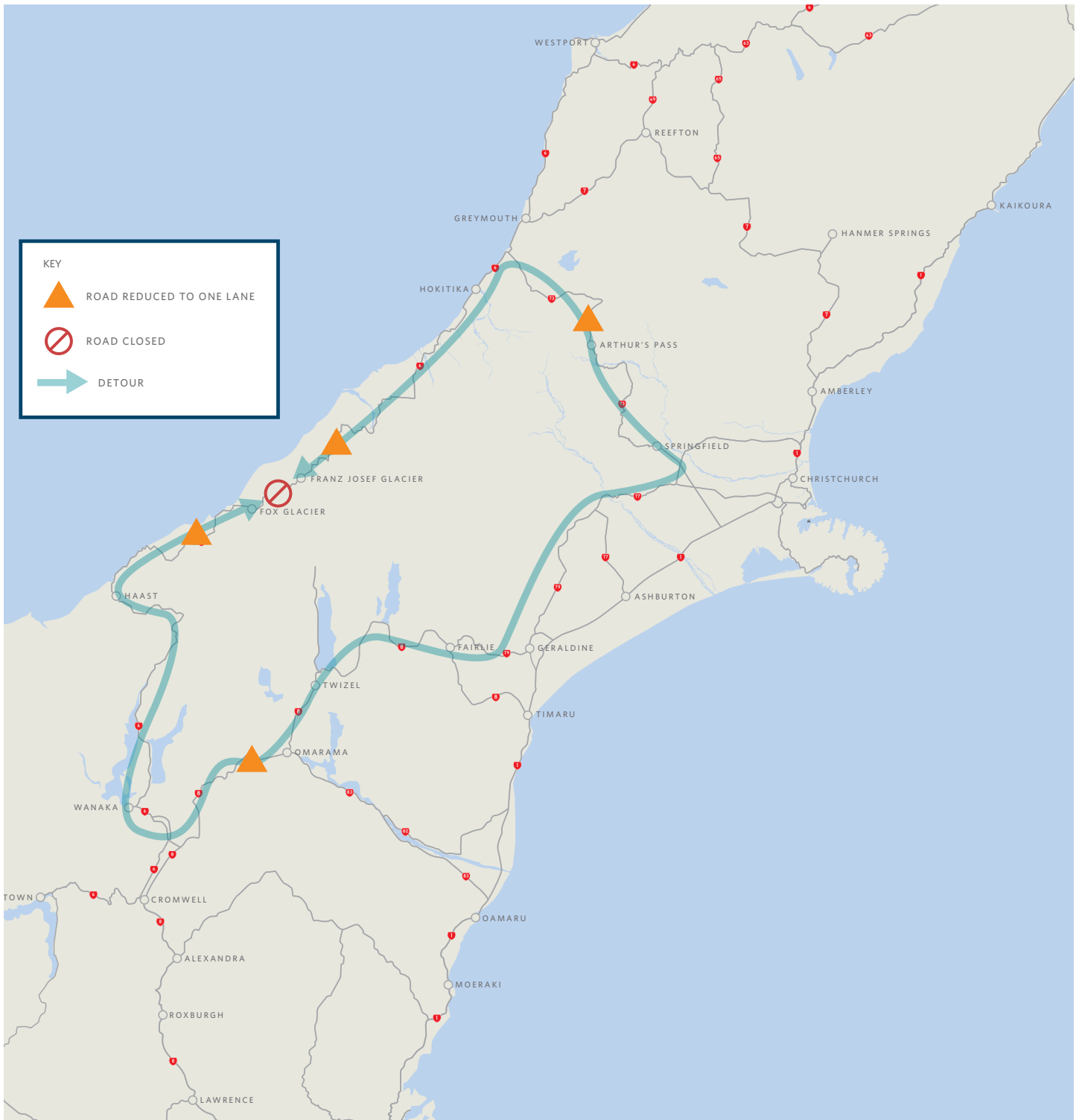
Keep left and pull over (if it is safe to do so) to let traffic pass if you see it backing up behind you.

Stop for regular breaks and be prepared with water, food and other supplies in the car.

Have a safe and enjoyable trip!

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ROAD RULES

Check out *Driving in New Zealand* at www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/driving-in-nz



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