

35. BOG LAKE



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Moraine deposits on the edge of Lake Te Anau and the Eglinton River, predominantly covered in manuka/kanuka scrubland, beech (particularly on the riparian margins), and wetland vegetation. Includes Bog Lake, an attractive small lake approximately 500m from the edge of Lake Te Anau. Having followed the edge of the lake from Te Anau north, the Te Anau-Milford Highway turns inland at the edge of this character area towards the Eglinton River Valley. A small side road provides access past Bog Lake to river mouth.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Bog Lake and Eglinton River and lake boundary
- Location at the northern end of the basin, at the edge of Fiordland mountain wilderness

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

HIGH

- Natural Factors:* Bog Lake and other wetlands, mature and regenerating indigenous bush, Riparian margins at lake and river boundaries
- Cultural Factors:* Bush appears to have been cut over in the past; Te Anau-Milford Highway follows southern boundary of this area
- Quality/Condition:* Modified but regenerating bushland - high level of intactness
- Aesthetic Factors:* Attractive riparian river edges and small scenic lake

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY HIGH

- Visibility:* Southern and eastern-most parts visible from Te Anau-Milford Highway. Visible from within from access road, and small areas potentially visible from Lake Te Anau and Eglinton River
- Populations:* Small part of area potentially visible to large number of travellers on highway otherwise most of this area likely to be viewed by recreational visitors

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Bog Lake (identified significant wetland/wildlife habitat in SDCP), wetlands, riparian edges and river mouth
- Extensive indigenous vegetation
- Recreational resource

