

Our great bod

Fancy a Sunday drive to Ugly River, Stink Creek, Mount Awful, Refrigerator Valley or Terrible Knob? Perhaps a day trip to the Devil's Armchair, Disappointment Gully or the Greasy Gulch? These and a raft of other wretched-sounding places sit on our own doorstep. While filtering names to include in the *Geographic Atlas of New Zealand*, Roger Smith (ace mapsmith from Wellington company GeographX) found so many place-names with negative connotations (particularly in the South Island) that he couldn't resist creating a separate map titled *A Visitor's Guide To Dubious, Dodgy & Dangerous Destinations, South Island, New Zealand*. It's a corker.

Says Smith: "It turned out these names were invariably bestowed by early European explorers or surveyors whose sense of humour and sanity must have been sorely tested at times by the hardships they experienced. So our poster will show you where to find such exotic places as The Bowels of the Earth, World's End, The Cesspool and The Wart." And if these forlorn places don't titillate, then stick to the *Geographic Atlas of New Zealand* – a lavish publication that showcases New Zealand's great bod. With data from Land Information New Zealand, GeographX was able to produce cutting-edge digital relief maps with an extraordinary level of detail.

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