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SOUTH ISLAND

2020/2021

# Conservation Campsites



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Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

New Zealand Government



## More DOC campsites will be able to be booked online

Over the next year, DOC is adding more campsites to its online booking system so you can plan ahead, pay more easily and modify your booking. Check the DOC website when making your holiday plans.

If a campsite is bookable, you'll need to book and pay online before you go.

For help, visit **[booking.doc.govt.nz](http://booking.doc.govt.nz)** or a DOC Visitor Centre.



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New Zealand's  
environment  
and find out what makes  
this country unique*

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of Conservation

## Visitor Centres

DOC Visitor Centres are located nationwide and are staffed by DOC rangers who have first-hand, in-depth local knowledge about conservation places and activities. Visit to plan and prepare your outdoor adventures.

Find out about DOC Visitor Centre opening hours at **[www.doc.govt.nz/visitorcentres](http://www.doc.govt.nz/visitorcentres)**



# At the campsite

## Camping care code

- Be a careful camper and practise 'no trace' camping.
- Choose your campsite carefully; set up your camp on firm, high or sandy ground. Camp only in designated areas.
- Be tidy and always leave campsites clean. Take your rubbish with you if bins are not provided.
- Use a cooker, fireplace or BBQ. Light fires only where allowed, collect dead wood and keep the fire small. Soak the fire with water before you go.
- Detergents, soap and toothpaste can harm aquatic and marine life. Use biodegradable products and wash in a container well away from water sources.
- Always use toilets provided.
- Campgrounds are social places but everyone needs some rest and relaxation. Please respect the rights of others for quiet enjoyment of the outdoors. Limit generator use (where permitted) between 9 pm and 8 am.
- Pay your fees to help keep campsites available in the future.
- Always thoroughly clean your equipment before and after trips to minimise the spread of weeds and diseases.
- Protect native plants and animals.
- Always dispose of waste from motor caravans at official dump stations.



## Beware of thieves

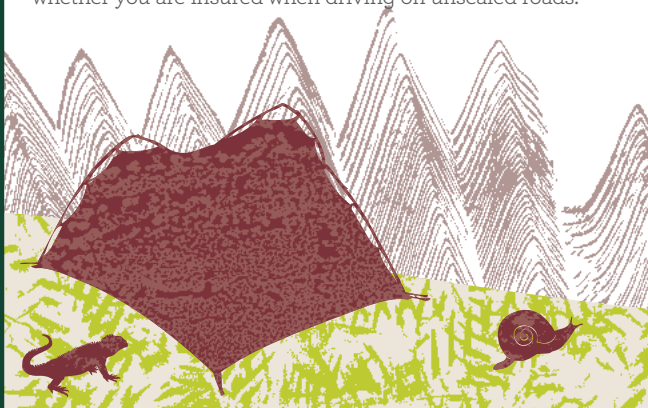
Remember to lock your vehicle and take your valuables with you.

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*Toitū te whenua*

*Leave the  
land undisturbed*  
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## Gravel roads and insurance

If you are driving a rental vehicle, remember to check whether you are insured when driving on unsealed roads.





# TIAKI PROMISE

WHILE TRAVELLING IN NEW ZEALAND I WILL



CARE FOR LAND, SEA AND NATURE,  
TREADING LIGHTLY AND LEAVING NO TRACE



TRAVEL SAFELY, SHOWING CARE  
AND CONSIDERATION FOR ALL



RESPECT CULTURE, TRAVELLING  
WITH AN OPEN HEART AND MIND



— HOW TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND —



BE  
PREPARED



DRIVE  
CAREFULLY



KEEP NZ  
CLEAN



PROTECT  
NATURE






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


# MAP KEY

## Public conservation land

-  National park
-  Conservation park
-  Other public conservation land

## Marine protected areas

-  Marine reserve
-  Marine mammal sanctuary



Campsite



DOC Visitor Centre



Town/city



Great Walk



State/provincial highway

## Abbreviations

SH = State Highway; VC = Visitor Centre; NP = National Park

## GPS coordinates

The GPS coordinates in this guide can be entered into your GPS unit or smartphone to find a campsite. For example, to find the Fantail Bay campsite, enter -36.52479, 175.32816. Remember to enter the negative symbol and separate the numbers by a comma.

## Water



Water from tap is treated, suitable for drinking



Water from tap is not treated, boil before use



Water from stream



No water, bring your own

## Facilities



BBQ (wood or gas)



Cookers/electric stove



Cooking shelter



Cold shower



Hot shower



Dump station\*



Shop



Café



Petrol available



Boat launching



Pack in, pack out – take your rubbish with you

## Access



Wheelchair accessible<sup>†</sup>



Wheelchair accessible with assistance<sup>†</sup>



Campervan accessible



No campervans

## Animals



Dogs allowed. Keep your dog under control at all times



Dogs with a DOC permit only



Dogs on a leash only



No dogs



No horses

## Booking



Able to be booked online at [booking.doc.govt.nz](http://booking.doc.govt.nz)

## Campfires



Fires permitted in fireplaces or firepits provided by DOC. No open fires elsewhere



Fires not permitted at any time



Number of campsites



Number of powered sites

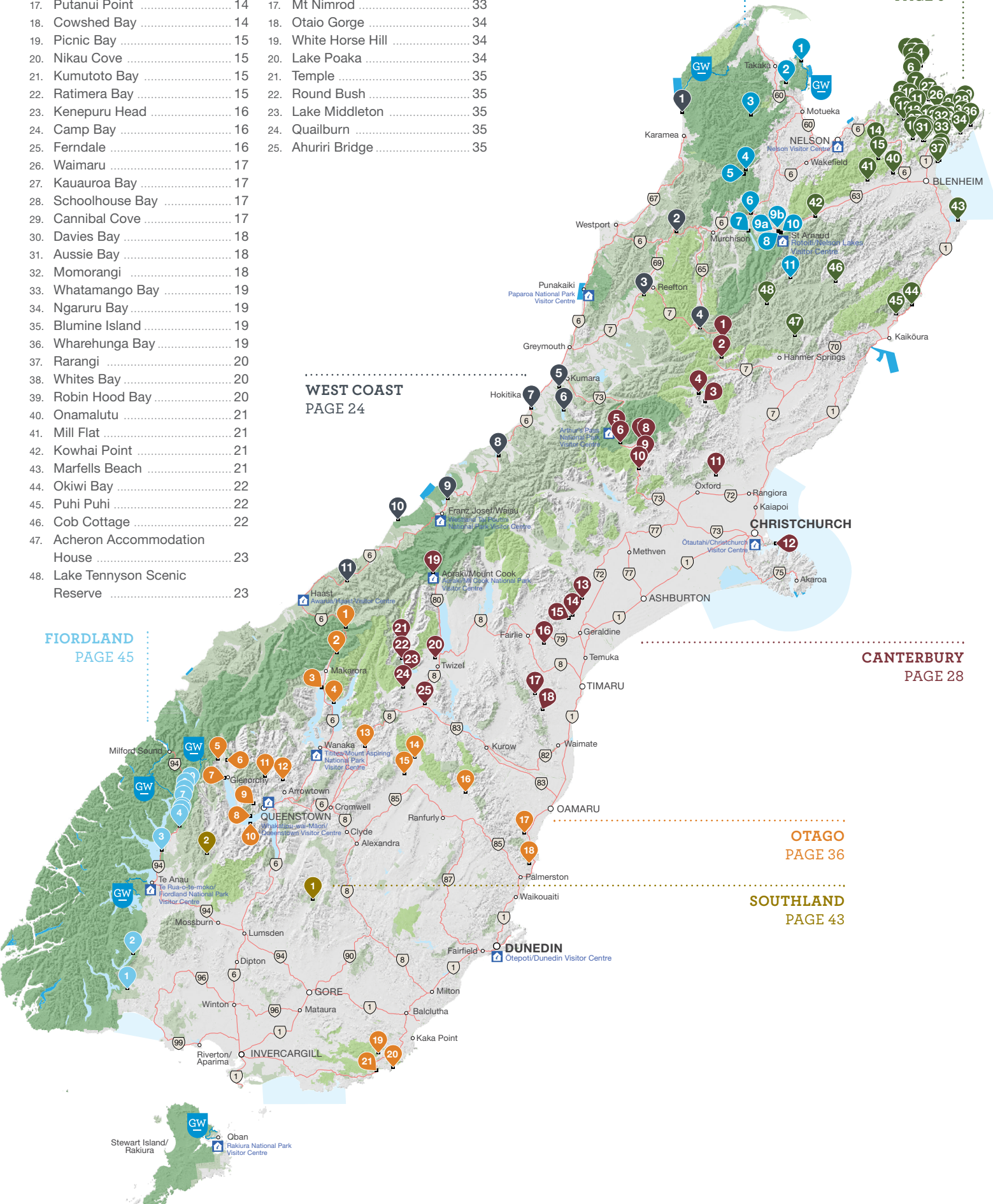
\* For more information on dump stations in your area, visit the local DOC Visitor Centre or i-SITE, or go to [www.rankers.co.nz/respect](http://www.rankers.co.nz/respect)

<sup>†</sup> Wheelchair accessible facilities may include toilets, water supply, showers, picnic tables, kitchens and pathways.

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For more information on responsible camping, visit [www.doc.govt.nz/freedomcamping](http://www.doc.govt.nz/freedomcamping)

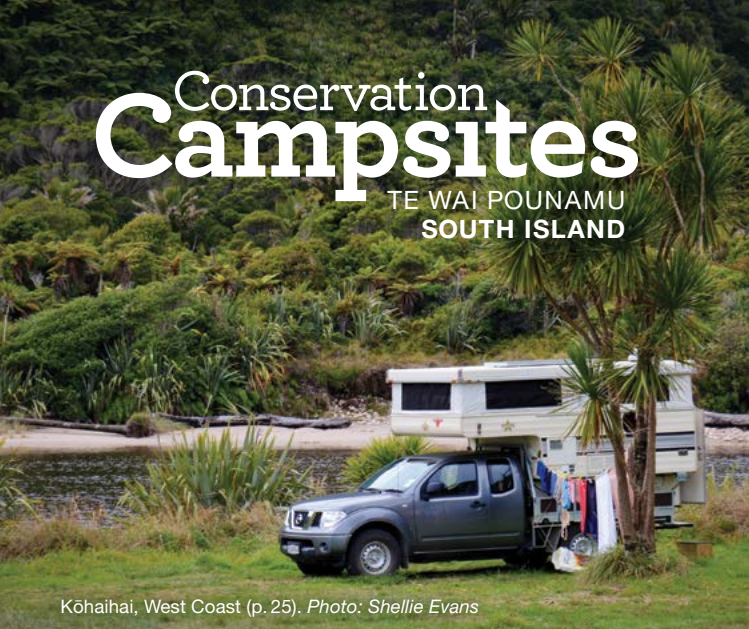
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# Conservation Campsites

TE WAI POUNAMU  
SOUTH ISLAND



Kōhahai, West Coast (p. 25). Photo: Shellie Evans

Conservation Campsites are places to relax, enjoy and explore the great outdoors. The Department of Conservation (DOC) manages more than 200 campsites throughout New Zealand. Choose from lush forest settings, lakeshores and sandy beaches.

This brochure highlights campsites managed by DOC on conservation land. For more information on individual campsites, check out [www.doc.govt.nz/campsites](http://www.doc.govt.nz/campsites). Enjoy camping with DOC!

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# What to expect

**Fees will vary at some campsites. For prices at individual campsites, go to [www.doc.govt.nz/campsites](http://www.doc.govt.nz/campsites)**

## Serviced campsites\* \$20\* adult; \$10 child

Serviced campsites have a wide range of facilities and services: flush toilets, tap water, kitchen/cooking bench, hot showers, rubbish collection and road access for all types of vehicles. Laundry facilities, BBQs, fireplaces, cookers and picnic tables may be provided.

## Scenic campsites\* \$15\* adult; \$7.50 child

These campsites are in high use locations and have a more limited range of facilities and services than Serviced campsites: toilets, water supply (tap, stream or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Wood BBQs and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter and rubbish bins may be provided.

## Standard campsites \$8\* adult; \$4 child

These campsites have toilets, water supply (tap, stream, or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Wood BBQs and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter and rubbish bins may be provided.

## Backcountry campsites fees vary

Backcountry campsites have toilets and a water supply, which may be from a stream. Picnic tables, cooking shelters and fireplaces may be provided.

## Basic campsites no charge

These have very limited facilities so campers need to be fully self-sufficient. Basic toilets and water may be from a tank, stream or lake.

**Age categories for fees:**

Adult:	18+ years
Child:	5–17 years
Infant:	0–4 years, no charge.

\* Extra charges apply for powered sites: \$3 per adult; \$1.50 per child.

## Booking and paying fees

Bookings required for all Serviced campsites and some Scenic and Standard campsites in peak season (usually 1 October – 30 April). Most bookings can be made at [booking.doc.govt.nz](http://booking.doc.govt.nz) or at a DOC Visitor Centre (fees may apply).

Where bookings are not required, pay fees via the self-registration system at the campsite, or Visitor Centre. These campsites are first come, first served.

Fees are generally per person per night. DOC rangers patrol camping areas and will check fees have been paid.



# At the campsite

## Campsites and dogs

Dogs are **not permitted** at Conservation Campsites unless the 'dogs allowed' or 'dogs on a leash' symbol is present.

Where dogs are allowed, it is important to keep your dog under control at all times. Even the most obedient dog has the potential to kill wildlife and most campsites are located in or near protected areas.

Dog owners who take their dogs into dog-prohibited campsites or controlled areas without a permit, or breach the conditions of their permit, are liable to prosecution. Find places where you can take your dog at [www.doc.govt.nz/camping](http://www.doc.govt.nz/camping)



### Take your rubbish with you

DOC operates a pack in, pack out policy at most campsites – there are no rubbish or recycling facilities. Campers should plan to take their rubbish away with them.



### No unauthorised drones

A permit is required from DOC to use drones on public conservation land or near marine mammals for any reason – including private use. To apply, visit [www.doc.govt.nz/drones](http://www.doc.govt.nz/drones)



### Fire risk

Open fires are not permitted at campsites, unless in a fireplace or firepit provided by DOC.

## Protect our wildlife

### from disease

Some DOC campsites are in areas where native species are vulnerable to disease. Help prevent disease from spreading by following simple precautions, including cleaning gear before and after entering these areas. Look for notices at the campsites and DOC Visitor Centres for details. Contact the local DOC office for more biosecurity information.'



BETWEEN WATERWAYS

**Didymo** is an exotic alga that invades waterways. This microscopic pest can be spread by a single drop of water. Even if you can't see it, you could be spreading it.

A large number of Conservation Campsites are near rivers and lakes, so always remember to **Check, Clean, Dry** all footwear, bicycles, vehicles, fishing equipment and other items before entering, and when moving between, waterways. For more information and cleaning guidelines, go to [www.doc.govt.nz/stopthespread](http://www.doc.govt.nz/stopthespread)

# Protect our wildlife

## from invasive pests

Some special campsites are located on islands free of most of our invasive pest animals and plants. We rely on you to help keep them this way.

### **! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE**

Inspect and clean your tent and other camping gear thoroughly before leaving home and between

locations. Remove any mud (check the pegs and peg bag), sand, plant material, insects or animals such as mice or rats, Argentine ants and plague (rainbow) skinks - and don't forget to check inside your tent. It's also important to check your clothing and footwear for weed seeds and soil before and after each trip. If you're taking a boat or kayak, check these too.

DOC staff may make biosecurity checks of your footwear and gear when free.

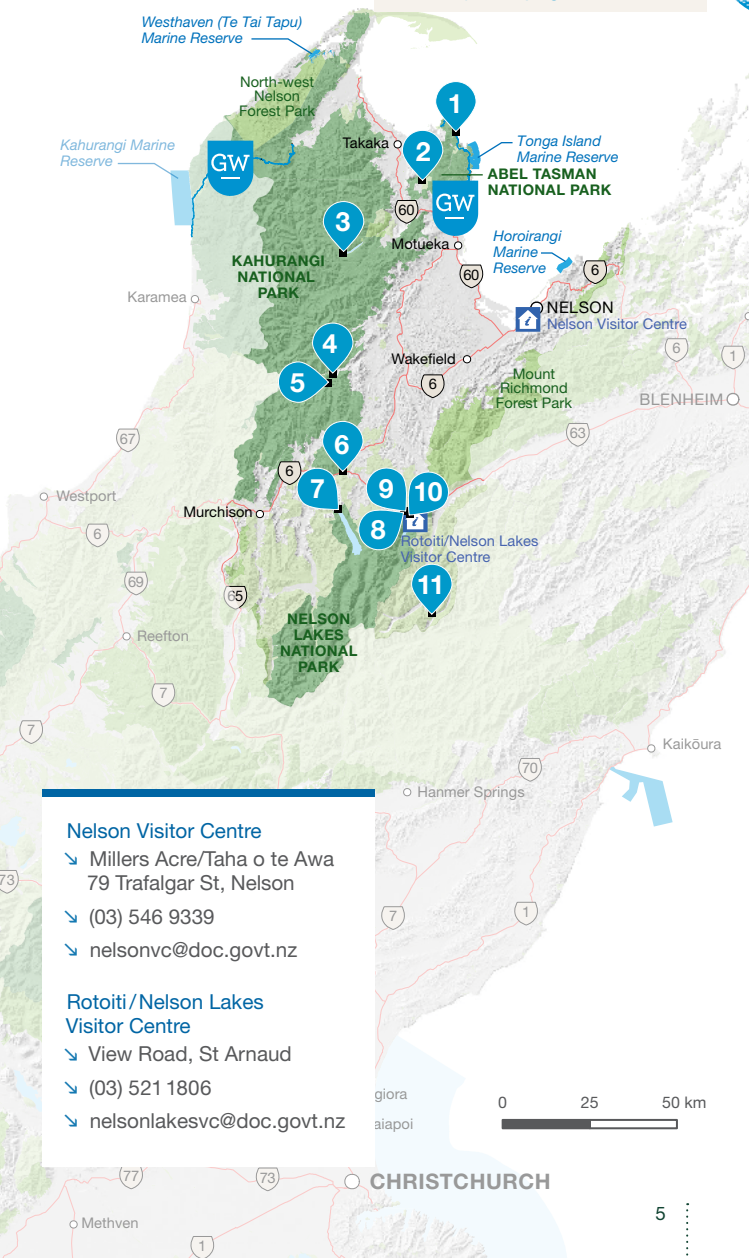
Report sightings of pests on pest-free islands immediately to the DOC HOTline 0800 362 468.

Weka in Sinbad Gully Photo: Sabine Bernert

# NELSON/TASMAN



**Note:** Campsites 1–8 and 11 are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



## Nelson Visitor Centre

- Millers Acre/Taha o te Awa  
79 Trafalgar St, Nelson
- (03) 546 9339
- [nelsonvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nelsonvc@doc.govt.nz)

## Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre

- View Road, St Arnaud
- (03) 521 1806
- [nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz)



Photo: DOC

## 1 Tōtaranui

▲ 269

*This large and popular campsite is a great base for activities and is a gateway to the Abel Tasman Coast Track.*

**Directions:** 32 km east of Takaka. Take Abel Tasman Drive, turn into Totaranui Road and follow to end.

**Access:** 14 km of gravel road, or by boat. Not suitable for large vans or caravans. **Booking:** Book online. Spaces book out well in advance. Gates are locked 1 October to 31 March from 8.30 pm to 7.30 am; 1 April to 30 September from 6.30 pm to 7.30 am.

**Note:** Conditions apply.

LATITUDE: -40.8186

LONGITUDE: 173.0049



SCENIC

## 2 Canaan Downs

▲ 10

*Located near the entrances to several tracks in Abel Tasman National Park; mountain biking, walking and tramping activities nearby.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH60 on the Takaka Hill Road at Canaan Road and follow 11 km to end. **Access:** Gravel, steep and winding. Icy in winter. **Booking:** Online before arrival.

LATITUDE: -40.94287

LONGITUDE: 172.89185



STANDARD

## 3 Cobb River

▲ 20

*Camp beside the Cobb River, which offers good swimming and fishing.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH60 at Upper Takaka and follow the Cobb Dam Road for 35 km. The campsite is at the southern end of the Cobb Reservoir.

**Access:** Unsealed, steep and winding; some sections one way. Icy in winter – 4WD recommended.

**Note:** Take repellent for ferocious sandflies.

LATITUDE: -41.13021

LONGITUDE: 172.62121



BASIC

## 4 Siberia Flat

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*Campsite adjoins the Rolling River, popular for fly fishing, at the start of the Wangapeka Track.*

**Directions:** Turn off Motueka Valley Highway at Tapawera into Tadmor Valley Road. Follow to Bushend Road then turn into Wangapeka River Road. **Access:** Gravel road, not suitable for caravans or larger campervans. Dart River ford crossing can be impassible after heavy rain. **Note:** Take repellent for ferocious sandflies.

LATITUDE: -41.44274 LONGITUDE: 172.58371

STANDARD



## 5 Courthouse Flat

 25

*Scenic drive to a campsite beside a historical goldfield.*

**Directions:** Turn off Motueka Valley Highway at Tapawera into Tadmor Valley Road. Follow to Bushend Road, turn into Wangapeka River Road and follow to end. **Access:** Gravel road not suitable for caravans or campervans. Dart River ford crossing can be impassible after heavy rain. **Note:** Take repellent for sandflies.

LATITUDE: -41.46789 LONGITUDE: 172.56678

STANDARD



## 6 Kawatiri

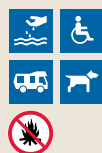
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*Camp at the historical Kawatiri Railway Station site. Explore the old rail bridge, tunnel and station. Walk, fish or picnic.*

**Directions:** Kawatiri Junction, corner of SH63 and SH6, northwest of St Arnaud. **Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -41.69399 LONGITUDE: 172.61756

STANDARD



## 7 Lake Rotoroa

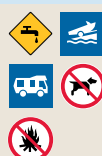
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*Easily accessible camp in a picturesque setting – enjoy water activities or a stroll in the native bush.*

**Directions:** Off SH6, east of Murchison. Follow Gowan Valley Road to end. **Access:** Sealed. **Note:** Take repellent for ferocious sandflies.

LATITUDE: -41.79405 LONGITUDE: 172.59787

STANDARD



## 8 Teetotal

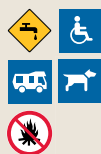
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*Easy access to the Teetotal Recreation Area with its mountain bike trails. Dogs allowed. Close to St Arnaud and West Bay.*

**Directions:** 1 km west of St Arnaud on SH63.

**Access:** Gravel. **Note:** Take repellent for sandflies. Taps not available in winter – during winter, water is only available from a stream.

LATITUDE: -41.7928 LONGITUDE: 172.8337



STANDARD

## 9 West Bay (Buller and Jetty)

40

*Easily accessible camp in a picturesque setting in the Nelson Lakes National Park.*

**Directions:** Lake Rotoiti, West Bay. Just off SH63 on Mt Robert Road, west of St Arnaud. **Access:** Sealed road. **Booking:** Required; book online or phone Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre (03) 521 1808.

**Note:** Open early December to 30 April.

LATITUDE: -41.79783 LONGITUDE: 172.82739



SCENIC

## 10 Kerr Bay

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*Kerr Bay campsite is adjacent to Lake Rotoiti, surrounded by beech forest, near the St Arnaud township.*

**Directions:** Lake Rotoiti, Kerr Bay just off SH63 on Kerr Bay Road. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online booking required 1 Dec – 30 Apr. Serviced campsite available all year with hot showers and washing facilities. Hot shower tokens available from VC.

LATITUDE: -41.80577 LONGITUDE: 172.84795



SERVICED

## 11 Coldwater

8

*This remote campsite is accessible by 4WD, mountain bike or on foot. Activities include fishing or kayaking in the river and hunting.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH63 east of St Arnaud at the Rainbow Ski Field turn-off and follow for 37 km to Coldwater Creek. Access is also possible from Hanmer Springs via the Wairau-Hanmer Springs Hydro Road (66 km) – toll road, only open from 26 Dec to Easter. **Access:** Gravel road with stream fords; accessible by 4WD, mountain bike or on foot.

**Note:** Contact Rainbow Station, [www.rainbowstation.co.nz](http://www.rainbowstation.co.nz) for access details or ph (03) 521 1838. Mountain bike tracks are only along the Rainbow Road, not in the National Park.

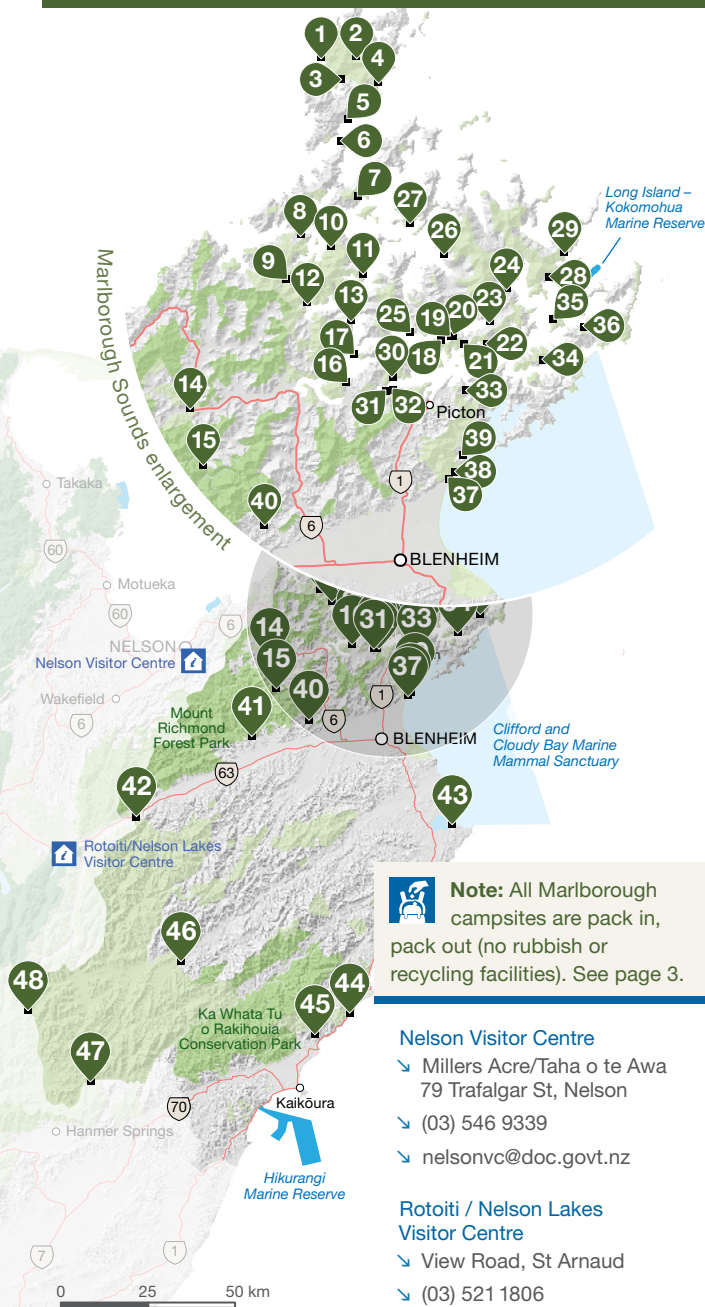
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BASIC



# MARLBOROUGH



**Note:** All Marlborough campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.

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## 1 Moawhitu

 11

*Stunning, remote campsite adjacent to a surf beach with good fishing, hunting, tramping and mountain biking nearby.*

**Directions:** In Greville Harbour/Wharariki, Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island. **Access:** Boat only or barge from French Pass to Kapowai, then a 1-hour 4WD drive to Moawhitu. Airstrip (landing fee applies) for small private aircraft. **Note:** Dog permit required, ph (03) 520 3002.

LATITUDE: -40.81021      LONGITUDE: 173.80386

BASIC



## 2 South Arm

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*Dramatic, remote, sheltered campsite at the head of South Arm. Great base for boating and hunting.*

**Directions:** At Port Hardy, Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -40.80811      LONGITUDE: 173.86656

BASIC



## 3 Mill Arm

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*Picturesque, remote campsite near the head of Mill Arm with well-formed flat campsites and stunning views.*

**Directions:** Greville Harbour/Wharariki, Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island. **Access:** Boat only. **Note:** Stream is prone to flooding, so take care in high rainfall.

LATITUDE: -40.84054      LONGITUDE: 173.84096

BASIC



Photo: Pete Brady

## 4 Penguin Bay

 2

*Small campsite with a picturesque stream and stunning views to the mainland. Catherine Cove Resort is nearby.*

**Directions:** On the east coast of Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -40.84456      LONGITUDE: 173.90837

BASIC



## 5 Lucky Bay

 2

*Small, scenic campsite with great views, popular with sea kayakers and boaties.*

**Directions:** On the east coast of Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -40.89076 LONGITUDE: 173.86078

BASIC



Photo: Shellie Evans

## 6 French Pass

 18

*Gateway to Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island; watch the waters moving through Te Aumiti/French Pass, go fishing and boating, or just relax.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH6 north of Rai Valley into Ronga Road which becomes Croiselles–French Pass Road and follow 60 km to the end.

**Access:** Sealed and gravel, narrow winding road; or boat access. **Booking:** Required in peak season and holiday weekends; book online.

LATITUDE: -40.92601 LONGITUDE: 173.84247

SCENIC



Photo: Pete Brady

## 7 Waiona Bay

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*In striking surroundings, campground mainly used by kayakers. Hunting, boating and walking.*

**Directions:** At Apuau Reach, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoire. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.00259 LONGITUDE: 173.87387

BASIC





Photo: Shellie Evans

## 8 Elaine Bay

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*Good base for exploring Pelorus Sound by boat, and walking or mountain biking nearby tracks.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH6 north of Rai Valley into Ronga Road which becomes Croiselles–French Pass Road. Continue through Ōkiwi Bay and after approx 10km turn into Elaine Bay Road to the end.

**Access:** Sealed, narrow, winding road.

LATITUDE: -41.05527      LONGITUDE: 173.76967



STANDARD

## 9 Harvey Bay

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*A large, flat, sheltered camping area that makes a great base for exploring Tennyson Inlet.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH6 north of Rai Valley into Ronga Road, right into Opouri Road/Tennyson Inlet Road, follow this for 27 km over Ōpōuri Saddle to the campsite. **Access:** Sealed, steep, winding, narrow road. Not suitable for light towing vehicles.

LATITUDE: -41.11878      LONGITUDE: 173.74322



STANDARD



Photo: Pete Brady

## 10 Tawa Bay

4

*Scenic campsite suitable for kayaks and boats.*

**Directions:** Tennyson Inlet, Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere.

**Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.0714

LONGITUDE: 173.8248



BACKCOUNTRY

**11 Jacobs Bay** **8**

*Enjoy short walks at this campsite, sheltered from the prevailing northwest winds.*

**Directions:** Inner Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere.

**Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.10968      LONGITUDE: 173.88482

**BACKCOUNTRY****12 Nydia Bay** **8**

*Sheltered, scenic bay with opportunities for walking, biking and boating.*

**Directions:** Nydia Bay in Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere.

**Access:** Walk or mountain bike from the Nydia Track, or by boat. **Note:** Dog permit required; ph (03) 520 3002.

LATITUDE: -41.15005      LONGITUDE: 173.78171

**BACKCOUNTRY****13 Pipi Beach** **4**

*Scenic campsite, great for water-based activities and picnicking. Exposed to northerly winds.*

**Directions:** Hikapu Reach, inner Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.17501      LONGITUDE: 173.86306

**BACKCOUNTRY****14 Pelorus Bridge** **14**  **40**

*Camp, surrounded by giant trees, in one of Marlborough's last river-flat forests bordering the Pelorus River. Swim, walk, kayak and relax.*

**Directions:** On SH6 54 km from Nelson, 60 km from Blenheim. **Access:** Short, unsealed, well-formed narrow road from café on SH6 to campsite.

**Booking:** Required in peak season and holiday weekends; book online.



**Warning:** The camp floods during periods of high rainfall—a flood warning system is in place.

LATITUDE: -41.29807      LONGITUDE: 173.56972

**SERVICED**



## 15 Butchers Flat

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*This grassy, flat camping area was a gold mining area and is great for picnicking or swimming.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH6 into Wakamarina Road at Canvastown and follow 15 km to end. **Access:** Narrow, winding gravel road with two fords to cross.

**Note:** Dog permit required; ph (03) 520 3002. There are high, unfenced cliffs at this campsite – children must be supervised.

LATITUDE: -41.3763

LONGITUDE: 173.5943

STANDARD



## 16 Moetapu Bay

 4

*A scenic spot for boating, fishing and swimming.*

**Directions:** Turn off Queen Charlotte Drive into Kenepuru Road, then turn into Moetapu Bay Road and walk the last 200 m down a steep hill to the campsite. **Access:** By boat or a short walk from the road. **Note:** Dog permit required; ph (03) 520 3002.



**Warning:** Flooding possible during king tides.

LATITUDE: -41.2603

LONGITUDE: 173.85462

STANDARD

## 17 Putanui Point

 4

*Popular with kayakers; camp on terraces amongst the bush and enjoy short walks nearby.*

**Directions:** Inner Pelorus/Kenepuru Sound.

**Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.22147

LONGITUDE: 173.86843

BACKCOUNTRY

## 18 Cowshed Bay

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*This popular campsite close to the Queen Charlotte Track has coastal and bush camping options within walking distance of Portage.*

**Directions:** Turn off Queen Charlotte Drive at Linkwater into Kenepuru Road; and follow for 28 km.

**Access:** Narrow, winding road, by walking or mountain biking from the Queen Charlotte Track or by boat.

LATITUDE: -41.20147

LONGITUDE: 174.02783

SCENIC



**19 Picnic Bay** 4

*This is a scenic area with walking, sea kayaking, motor boating, fishing and birdwatching.*

**Directions:** Turn off Queen Charlotte Drive at Linkwater into Kenepuru Road and follow 2 km past Portage. **Access:** Narrow, winding road or by boat.

**Note:** Dog permit required; ph (03) 520 3002.

LATITUDE: -41.19527      LONGITUDE: 174.04645

**STANDARD**

Photo: Margot Ferrier

**20 Nikau Cove** 6

*This flat campsite is in a sheltered bay and offers a good base for exploring by sea or by land.*

**Directions:** Turn off Queen Charlotte Drive into Kenepuru Road and follow 3 km past Portage.

**Access:** Narrow, winding road or by boat.

**Note:** Dog permit required; ph (03) 520 3002.

LATITUDE: -41.1953      LONGITUDE: 174.04948

**STANDARD****21 Kumutoto Bay** 4

*A sheltered east-facing bay with a short walk, boating, water skiing and fishing close by.*

**Directions:** In the inner Queen Charlotte Sound/ Tōtaranui. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.20537      LONGITUDE: 174.06974

**BACKCOUNTRY****22 Ratimera Bay** 12

*A popular site with a long sandy beach for fishing, boating and picnicking.*

**Directions:** Ratimera Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound/ Tōtaranui. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.20458      LONGITUDE: 174.11259

**STANDARD**



Photo: Margot Ferrier

## 23 Kenepuru Head

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A great base for a range of activities including boating, fishing, walking and mountain biking.

**Directions:** Turn off Queen Charlotte Drive at Linkwater into Kenepuru Road and follow for 40 km.

**Booking:** Available online. **Access:** Narrow, winding road. **Note:** Dog permit required; ph (03) 520 3002.



LATITUDE: -41.17382      LONGITUDE: 174.11808

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## 24 Camp Bay

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Walk or mountain bike the Queen Charlotte Track from this camp or go fishing and boating. There is a lodge with a bar, small shop and restaurant nearby.

**Directions:** Endeavour Inlet, Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui. **Access:** Mountain bike or 30 min walk from Kenepuru Saddle on the Queen Charlotte Track, or by boat.



LATITUDE: -41.12766      LONGITUDE: 174.14734

STANDARD



Photo: DOC

## 25 Ferndale

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Camp beside a sandy beach (rare in the Sounds) that is sheltered from the norwesterly wind.

**Directions:** Kenepuru Sound. **Access:** Boat only.

**Note:** Dog permit required; ph (03) 520 3002.



LATITUDE: -41.19005      LONGITUDE: 173.97182

BACKCOUNTRY

**26 Waimaru** **30**

*Isolated campsite in a rural area, ideal for those wanting a remote experience.*

**Directions:** Turn off Queen Charlotte Drive at Linkwater into Kenepuru Road, after 42 km turn left to stay on Kenepuru Road, turn into Manaroa Road, then follow Clova Bay Road to the end.

**Access:** Gravel, narrow and winding road.

LATITUDE: -41.08065      LONGITUDE: 174.03187

**STANDARD****27 Kauauroa Bay** **2**

*Campsite for boaters and sea kayakers in a peaceful setting.*

**Directions:** Kauauroa Bay, Tawhitinui Reach, outer Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.03875      LONGITUDE: 173.9695

**BASIC**

Photo: Margot Ferrier

**28 Schoolhouse Bay** **15**

*Walk or mountain bike the Queen Charlotte Track or go boating and fishing from this sheltered campsite.*

**Directions:** Resolution Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui. **Access:** Mountain bike or walk from the Queen Charlotte Track or by boat.

LATITUDE: -41.11135      LONGITUDE: 174.22488

**BACKCOUNTRY****29 Cannibal Cove** **3**

*A remote campsite with hunting and water-based activities near by.*

**Directions:** Outer Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui.

**Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.07628      LONGITUDE: 174.25193

**BACKCOUNTRY**



Photo: Margot Ferrier

### 30 Davies Bay

24

*Large accessible site with boating activities close by. Choose from a waterfront site or a bush clearing.*

**Directions:** A 3 km walk or mountain bike from Anakiwa. **Access:** Mountain bike or walk from the Queen Charlotte Track or by boat.

LATITUDE: -41.25231 LONGITUDE: 173.94073

BACKCOUNTRY

### 31 Aussie Bay

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*A popular waterfront campsite with great views and vehicle access.*

**Directions:** Off Queen Charlotte Drive in the Grove Arm of Queen Charlotte Sound, 15 km from Picton.

**Access:** Steep driveway with tight turn, no vehicles over 6 m. Access also via the Link Pathway.

**Note:** Dog permit required; ph (03) 520 3002.

LATITUDE: -41.27233 LONGITUDE: 173.92878

STANDARD



Photo: Herb Christophers

### 32 Momorangi

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*A north-facing family camp beside a sheltered bay, popular for swimming, boating and fishing; short walk and glow-worm grotto on site. Two small cabins are also available.*

**Directions:** On Queen Charlotte Drive in the Grove Arm of Queen Charlotte Sound, 13 km from Picton or 17 km from Havelock along Queen Charlotte Drive. **Booking:** Required in peak season and holiday weekends; book online.

LATITUDE: -41.27033 LONGITUDE: 173.94077

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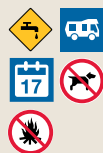
**33 Whatamango Bay** **50**

*Camp beside the sea, fish or go kayaking from this roomy campsite close to Picton and the Cook Strait ferries.*

**Directions:** From Picton head east past Waikawa on Port Underwood Rd for 10 km. A 20-min drive to/from the ferries.

**Booking:** Book online.

LATITUDE: -41.27033      LONGITUDE: 174.07538

**STANDARD****34 Ngaruru Bay** **4**

*An isolated campsite with water-based activities for those who want to get away from it all.*

**Directions:** Southern side of Arapawa Island in the Tory Channel. **Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.22737      LONGITUDE: 174.21443

**BACKCOUNTRY**

Photo: J. Stephens

**35 Blumine Island** **CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE** **6**

*Be amazed by the birdsong at this seafront site on a picturesque predator-free island with historic WWII gun emplacements.*

**Directions:** Outer Queen Charlotte Sound. **Access:** Boat only. **Note:** Check your gear for stowaways to help keep the island predator free – see page 4.

LATITUDE: -41.16952      LONGITUDE: 174.23363

**BACKCOUNTRY****36 Wharehunga Bay** **10**

*North-facing site; great for water-based activities in the outer Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui.*

**Directions:** Northern side of Arapawa Island.

**Access:** Boat only.

LATITUDE: -41.1797      LONGITUDE: 174.29104

**BACKCOUNTRY**



**37 Rarangi** **55**

*Camp next to the beach and enjoy the sound of the surf at this dog-friendly campsite.*

**Directions:** 8 km north of Blenheim turn off SH1 at Tuamarina into Hunter Road, left into Pembers Road/Rarangi Road, and follow left into Rarangi Beach Road until you reach the campsite. **Access:** Sealed.

**Note:** Dogs with a DOC permit only, contact [renwick@doc.govt.nz](mailto:renwick@doc.govt.nz).

LATITUDE: -41.39289

LONGITUDE: 174.047

**STANDARD**

Photo: Herb Christophers

**38 Whites Bay** **67**

*This camp has lovely scenery and is situated at a safe swimming beach.*

**Directions:** 8 km north of Blenheim turn off SH1 at Tuamarina into Hunter Road, left into Pembers Road/Rarangi Road, and follow left into Rarangi Beach Road. Take sharp left into Port Underwood Road and follow to Whites Bay campsite. **Access:** Sealed, narrow winding road.

LATITUDE: -41.3829

LONGITUDE: 174.05708

**STANDARD****39 Robin Hood Bay** **10**

*Camp next to the beach, with a surf beach nearby and watch for Hector's dolphins.*

**Directions:** 8 km north of Blenheim turn off SH1 at Tuamarina into Hunter Road, left into Pembers Road/Rarangi Road, and follow left into Rarangi Beach Road. Take sharp left into Port Underwood Road and follow to Robin Hood Bay.

**Access:** Winding and gravel road from Whites Bay. **Note:** Dogs with a DOC permit only, contact [renwick@doc.govt.nz](mailto:renwick@doc.govt.nz).

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LONGITUDE: 174.07021

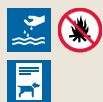
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Photo: Rebecca Mitchinson

## 40 Onamalutu

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*This campsite is set in remnant podocarp forest and has a safe swimming hole.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH6 west of Blenheim into Northbank Road for approx 6 km. Turn right into Onamalutu Road and follow for 7 km to the camp.

**Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -41.45852      LONGITUDE: 173.70636



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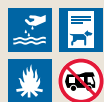
## 41 Mill Flat

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*This isolated campsite, accessible by 4WD only, is in a grassy clearing surrounded by beech forest.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH6 west of Blenheim into Northbank Road. Follow for 22 km then turn into Pine Valley Road. **Access:** Last 2 km 4WD only, river crossing required. **Note:** Dogs with a DOC permit only, contact [renwick@doc.govt.nz](mailto:renwick@doc.govt.nz).

LATITUDE: -41.50109      LONGITUDE: 173.51087



BASIC

## 42 Kowhai Point

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*Camp next to the Wairau River, with fishing and swimming nearby.*

**Directions:** Adjacent to SH63, Wash Bridge, Wairau River. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -41.71137      LONGITUDE: 173.11351



STANDARD



Photo: Shellie Evans

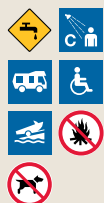
## 43 Marfells Beach

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*Camp next to the sea and enjoy the stunning wildlife and scenery.*

**Directions:** From SH1 follow Marfells Beach Road to the end. South side of Lake Grassmere/Kapara Te Hau. **Access:** Sealed, some gravel.

LATITUDE: -41.72547      LONGITUDE: 174.20446



STANDARD

## 44 Okiwi Bay

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Okiwi Bay Campsite is closed following the 2016 Kaikōura earthquake. Please check the DOC website for updates, as work is under way to re-open the camp.



Located in a grassy area across the road from the beach and near Ōkiwi Bay walking tracks.

**Directions:** On SH1, 30 km north of Kaikōura, 98 km south of Blenheim. **Access:** Sealed.

**Note:** Watch out for trains. Dogs with a DOC permit only.

LATITUDE: -42.21672 LONGITUDE: 173.85897

STANDARD

## 45 Puhi Puhi

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This peaceful grassy campsite is near a short scenic native bushwalk.

**Directions:** Off SH1, 9 km north of Kaikōura, turn inland up Puhi Puhi Road, after Hāpuku River bridge. Camp is 6 km along the road. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -42.27013 LONGITUDE: 173.73765



STANDARD



Photo: Paul Mahoney (DOC)

## Molesworth Recreation Reserve

The following two campsites are on the Acheron Road which runs through Molesworth. Access conditions apply.

**Access:** Gravel road. Not suitable for vehicles with trailers, caravans or buses. **Note:** Acheron Road is open from Labour Weekend to Easter or the second Saturday in April, whichever is later. Weather conditions and fire danger can close it at any time. Check online at [www.doc.govt.nz/molesworth](http://www.doc.govt.nz/molesworth) for current road status.

## 46 Cob Cottage

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Camp near the original Cob Cottage built in 1885, close to the Molesworth Station boundary.

**Directions:** 3 km north of Seddon turn off SH1 into Awatere Valley Road and drive 100 km (approx 2 hr 30 min) to campsite. **Note:** Vehicles over 7 m long are not permitted on Acheron Road.

LATITUDE: -42.08511 LONGITUDE: 173.2702



STANDARD



Photo: Bev Bacon

## 47 Acheron Accommodation House

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*Camp by this historic cob building from 1863, once used as an overnight drovers' stop.*

**Directions:** Take the Clarence Valley Road from Hanmer Springs (via Jacks Pass Road), continue right into Tophouse Road and follow the Acheron Road 17 km to campsite. (Or drive 59 km south of Cob Cottage along the Acheron Road.) Acheron Road is open 7 am – 7 pm between October and April.

**Note:** Vehicles over 7 m long are not permitted on Acheron road.

LATITUDE: -42.39548

LONGITUDE: 172.95638

STANDARD



Photo: James Gilmour

## 48 Lake Tennyson Scenic Reserve

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*This isolated campsite beside Lake Tennyson offers trout fishing, kayaking, boating and walking opportunities.*

**Directions:** From the north, turn off SH63. Follow Wairau-Hanmer Springs Hydro Rd (aka Rainbow Rd). Turn-off to campsite is signposted on right. From Hanmer, drive over Jacks Pass. At the bottom of Jacks Pass turn left into the Clarence Valley/ Rainbow Road. Drive 32 km up this road. Lake Tennyson is signposted to the left. **Access:** Rainbow Road is 4WD only and is a toll road. Contact Rainbow Station: ph (03) 522 4413 (7–9 pm, Mon–Thurs only), email [info@rainbowstation.co.nz](mailto:info@rainbowstation.co.nz) or visit [www.rainbowstation.co.nz](http://www.rainbowstation.co.nz). Road only open 26 Dec to Easter Monday. Alternatively, 2WD from Hanmer Springs all year – gravel road.

LATITUDE: -42.21124

LONGITUDE: 172.73963

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# WEST COAST

## Paparoa National Park Visitor Centre

- 4294 Coast Road, Punakaiki
- (03) 731 1895
- paparoavc@doc.govt.nz

## Arthur's Pass National Park Visitor Centre

- SH73, Arthur's Pass Village
- (03) 318 9211
- arthurspassvc@doc.govt.nz



**Note:** Campsites 1, 2, 8, 10 and 11 are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



## Westland Tai Poutini National Park Visitor Centre

- 69 Cron Street  
Franz Josef Glacier
- (03) 752 0360
- westlandnpvc@doc.govt.nz

## Awarua/Haast Visitor Centre

- Haast Junction, Cnr SH6 and  
Jackson Bay Road, Haast
- (03) 750 0809
- haastvc@doc.govt.nz



Photo: Shellie Evans

## 1 Kōhaihai

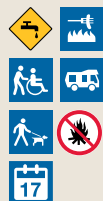
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*This is a sheltered campsite at the mouth of the Kōhaihai River, with beautiful nīkau forest nearby.*

**Directions:** North of Karamea at the end of Council Road and the start of the Heaphy Track.

**Access:** Gravel road for the last 3 km.

**Booking:** Online.



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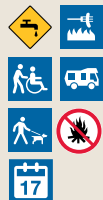
## 2 Lyell

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*The site of the gold-rush town of Lyell, this is a large, grassed campsite with historical gold workings nearby.*

**Directions:** On SH6 in the Upper Buller Gorge, 15 km northeast of Inangahua. **Access:** Sealed.

**Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -41.79697      LONGITUDE: 172.04899

STANDARD



Photo: Ian Wightwick

## 3 Slab Hut Creek

18

*Once a gold mining area, this is now a popular camping site in a park-like setting next to a gold-panning stream.*

**Directions:** Off SH7 on Slab Hut Creek Road; 10 km south of Reefton. **Access:** Gravel road.

**Booking:** Online. **Note:** Be prepared for heavy West Coast rainfall.



LATITUDE: -42.15613      LONGITUDE: 171.79205

STANDARD

## 4 Marble Hill

*Explore this valley's alpine beauty, native birds and amazing red beech forests. Maruia Hot Springs are nearby.*

**Directions:** Beside SH7, 6.5 km east of Springs Junction. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -42.3502 LONGITUDE: 172.22319

## 5 Goldsbrough

*Explore this sheltered campsite, the site of an old gold mining town, and try your luck fossicking in the creek.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH6 at Awatuna, 17 km from Hokitika. Follow Stafford Loop Road to end.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online preferred.

LATITUDE: -42.67586 LONGITUDE: 171.12339

## 6 Hans Bay – Lake Kaniere

*A large, grassy lake-front campsite beside beautiful Lake Kaniere.*

**Directions:** 19 km southeast of Hokitika. From Kaniere, follow Lake Kaniere Road to end. Take Dorothy Falls Road at fork, follow to Hans Bay.

**Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online preferred.

LATITUDE: -42.80872 LONGITUDE: 171.15481



Photo: B Dobbie

## 7 Lake Mahinapua

*Camp beside Lake Mahinapua, a popular overnight and day stop, in stunning forest surroundings.*

**Directions:** 10 km south of Hokitika, turn off SH6 into Lake Mahinapua Access Road, opposite the hotel; 300 m to road end. **Access:** Gravel road.

**Booking:** Online preferred.

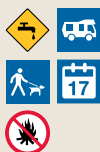
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## 8 Lake Ianthe Matahi

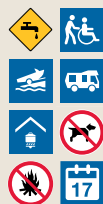
*Camp beside one of Westland's forest-lined freshwater lakes, popular for boating, trout fishing and swimming.*

**Directions:** Adjacent to SH6, 15 km north of Harihari. Short driveway off SH6. **Booking:** Online, required all year.

LATITUDE: -43.0602

LONGITUDE: 170.63395

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STANDARD

## 9 Otto's/MacDonalds

*Boat, fish for trout or swim in the lake at this easily accessible campsite.*

**Directions:** SH6, 13 km north of Franz Josef/Waiiau at the northern end of Lake Mapourika. Short driveway off SH6. **Booking:** Online, required all year.

LATITUDE: -43.29861

LONGITUDE: 170.22522

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## 10 Gillespies Beach

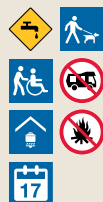
*Camp near an old gold mining settlement and a seal colony. Short tracks lead to relics from the gold mining days.*

**Directions:** From Fox Glacier township turn onto Cook Flat Road and follow the road to Gillespies Beach. **Access:** Narrow, winding road; not suitable for campervans or caravans. **Booking:** Online, required all year.

LATITUDE: -43.40805

LONGITUDE: 169.82862

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STANDARD



Photo: Frans Dellebeke

## 11 Lake Paringa

*Enjoy boating, fishing and swimming in the lake and walk the Haast to Paringa Cattle Track.*

**Directions:** Beside SH6, 40 km north of Haast. **Access:** Short gravel driveway off SH6. **Booking:** Online required.

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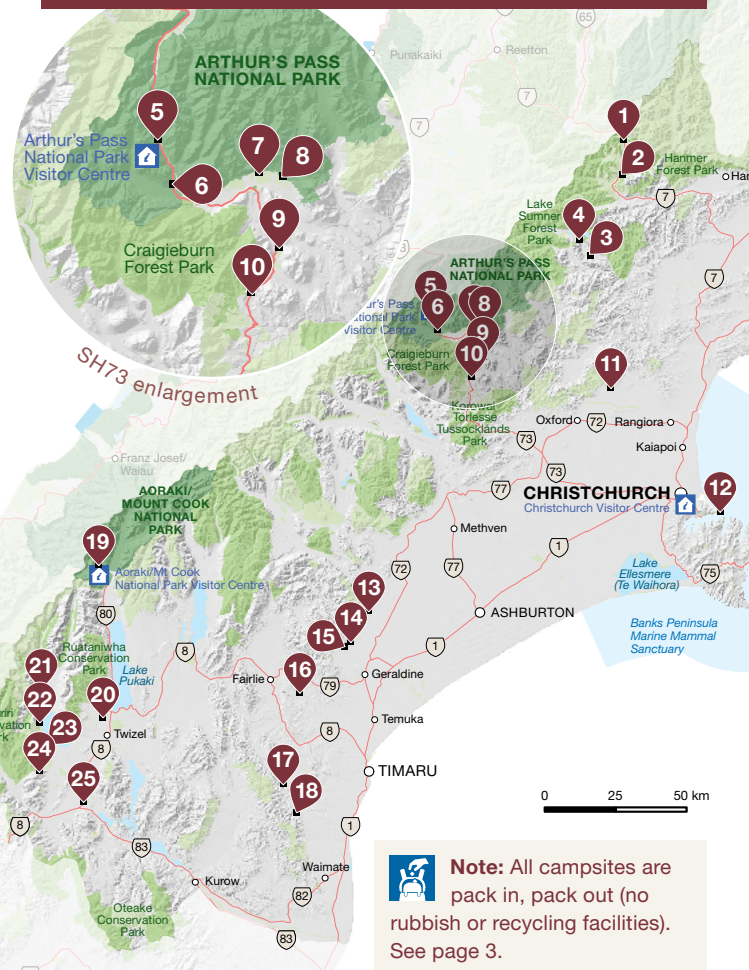
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SCENIC

# CANTERBURY



## Arthur's Pass National Park Visitor Centre

- SH73, Arthur's Pass Village
- (03) 318 9211
- arthurspassvc@doc.govt.nz

## Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park Visitor Centre

- 1 Larch Grove, Aoraki/Mt Cook
- (03) 435 1186
- mtcookvc@doc.govt.nz



**Note:** All campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



**Warning:** Make sure you're well prepared for heavy snow in alpine areas in winter.

## Ōtautahi/Christchurch Visitor Centre

- 28 Worcester Boulevard, Central City, Christchurch 8140
- (03) 379 4082
- christchurchvc@doc.govt.nz

## 1 Deer Valley

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*Camp in beech forest next to the Lewis River. This camp is a short drive to Maruia Springs Thermal Resort.*

**Directions:** Off SH7, 20 km east of Springs Junction.

**Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -42.40483

LONGITUDE: 172.3977



STANDARD

## 2 Boyle

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*Camp among the kānuka forest close to the Boyle River, just off SH7. Boyle Campsite is on the Te Araroa Trail and at the end of the 5-day tramp on the St James Walkway.*

**Directions:** On SH7 between Springs Junction (37 km west of the campsite) and Hanmer Springs turn-off (45 km east of the campsite). **Access:** From SH7, turn off and follow a short gravel road. **Note:** Tent sites are in a separate area with no vehicle access.

LATITUDE: -42.5164

LONGITUDE: 172.3854



STANDARD



Photo: DOC

## 3 Lake Taylor

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*Camp beside the lake and explore this highly scenic area by foot or mountain bike.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH7 at Waikari and follow the road to Hawarden. The road then joins Lake Sumner Road, which leads to Lake Taylor (approx 50 km).

**Access:** Gravel road, suitable for 2WD vehicles only as far as Lake Taylor. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -42.77354

LONGITUDE: 172.25385



STANDARD

## 4 Loch Katrine

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*Camp beside the beautiful lake in a grassy area. Walk, mountain bike, or take a dip in the icy waters!*

**Directions:** From Lake Taylor, continue for another 8 km to Loch Katrine on a rough gravel road. High clearance 4WD required.

LATITUDE: -42.72371

LONGITUDE: 172.20628



STANDARD

**5 Avalanche Creek Shelter** 10

*Explore Arthur's Pass National Park, but be well prepared for quickly changing alpine weather conditions above the bushline.*

**Directions:** On SH73, in Arthur's Pass village. **Access:** Alpine areas may be covered in snow in winter.

**Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -42.94066

LONGITUDE: 171.56259

**STANDARD**

Photo: Alan Cressler

**6 Klondyke Corner** 30

*This large, open campsite is near the junction of the Bealey and Waimakariri rivers.*

**Directions:** SH73, 8 km south of Arthur's Pass village.

**Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -43.00203

LONGITUDE: 171.58924

**STANDARD**

Photo: DOC

**7 Hawdon Shelter** 20

*Camp in the lower reaches of the Hawdon valley on the grassy flats in Arthur's Pass National Park.*

**Directions:** Follow SH73 to Mt White Rd, 24 km south of Arthur's Pass village. **Access:** Gravel road.

**Booking:** Online.



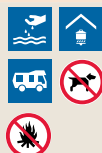
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**STANDARD****8 Andrews Shelter** 20

*A popular starting point for those undertaking the Casey and Binser saddles track.*

**Directions:** Follow SH73, campsite is 5 km along Mt White Rd. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Camp only in the designated area. Do not camp further up the road on private land. Please use the toilet facilities provided at the campsite.



LATITUDE: -42.99407

LONGITUDE: 171.79292

**BASIC**



Photo: Shellie Evans

## 9 Lake Pearson/Moana Rua

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*In the Waimakariri basin, camp beside a high-country lake. The camp is a good base for birdwatching.*

**Directions:** On SH73, 35 km south of Arthur's Pass village. **Note:** No powerboats permitted on the lake.

**Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -43.08999      LONGITUDE: 171.78388

STANDARD

## 10 Mistletoe Flats

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*Set in a landscape of beech forest, tussock and rugged mountains, with mountain biking nearby.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH73 at the signpost, between Castle Hill village and Lake Pearson.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -43.15113      LONGITUDE: 171.73091

STANDARD



Photo: Bev Bacon, DOC

## 11 Wooded Gully

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*Camp beside a stream and near tracks leading to Mt Thomas, about 12 km from Ashley Gorge.*

**Directions:** Access from Rangiora or Oxford to Birch Hill Road. Turn off Birch Hill Road into Hayland Road and follow for 4 km to the campsite.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -43.19356      LONGITUDE: 172.3355

STANDARD



Photo: DOC

## 12 Awaroa/Godley Head

 25

*Camp in the middle of a WWII defence battery site with great ocean views and a range of scenic walks. Nearby Taylors Mistake beach is a popular swimming and surfing spot.*

**Getting there:** From Sumner, follow Evans Pass Rd for 3.5 km. Turn left onto Summit Rd and follow the winding, sealed road for 6.5 km. The campsite is about a 50-minute drive from the centre of Christchurch. **Booking:** Required. If booked online, gate codes will be emailed within an hour. Or contact Ōtautahi/Christchurch Visitor Centre, ph (03) 379 4082 during office hours (7 days/week) to get the gate code. **Access:** Road is sealed but narrow and high.

LATITUDE: -43.58807

LONGITUDE: 172.80398

SCENIC



Photo: Matt Searles

## 13 Peel Forest

 34  47

*Peel Forest is a remnant of the forest that once covered this area. Four cabins are also available.*

**Directions:** 23 km north of Geraldine. Follow SH79 (Main North Road) for 7 km, turn left after the Orari Bridge onto SH72 (Inland Scenic Route); after 3 km turn left into Peel Forest Road for 13 km.

**Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online.

**Note:** Serviced camp is closed in winter; standard camping is available at the adjoining Clarke Flat amenity area during winter.

LATITUDE: -43.88998

LONGITUDE: 171.26615

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**14 Orari Gorge**

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*Campsite set within a remnant of podocarp forest. Explore the forest or the old bush tramway.*

**Directions:** From Geraldine, follow Main North Rd to Tripp Settlement Rd, then Yates Rd. 13km northwest of Geraldine. **Access:** Gravel road for the last 3 km.

**Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -43.98776      LONGITUDE: 171.18478

**STANDARD**

Photo: Laura Honey

**15 Waihi Gorge**

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*Located on the banks of the Waihi River, this campsite is a popular spot surrounded by kahikatea, mataī and lowland tōtara forest.*

**Directions:** From Geraldine, follow Main North Rd, Woodbury Rd, then turn into Waihi Gorge Rd. 14 km northwest of Geraldine. **Access:** Gravel road for the last 1 km. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -44.00259      LONGITUDE: 171.15469

**STANDARD****16 Pioneer Park**

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*Short walks are nearby, and you can visit the remains of the historic Burkes Cottage.*

**Directions:** From Geraldine, follow SH79 for 23 km. Turn into Gudex Rd, then Middle Valley Rd, turn left into Pioneer Park. **Access:** Gravel road for the last 3.7 km.

**Note:** Flooding may close the access road.

**Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -44.1435      LONGITUDE: 170.95614

**STANDARD****17 Mt Nimrod**

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*A quiet campsite on the eastern flank of the Hunter Hills. Take a 3.5 km forest walk to a forest remnant or hike to the Mt Nimrod summit.*

**Directions:** From Timaru follow SH1 south for 10.5 km, turn right into Pareora River Road. Just after Pareora Huts turn left into Pareora Gorge Road; at Motukaika monument turn into Motukaika Road. At the T-junction turn right into Back Line Road, and after about 2 km, turn left into the scenic reserve. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -44.43248      LONGITUDE: 170.87196

**STANDARD**



Photo: George Iles

## 18 Otaio Gorge

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*Camp at a scenic reserve beside forest; swim in the Otaio River.*

**Directions:** From Timaru follow SH1 to St Andrews. Turn right into Blue Cliffs Road and follow for 19.5 km. Turn right into Back Line Road.

**Access:** 5 km gravel road. **Booking:** Online.

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STANDARD



Photo: Colm Keating

## 19 White Horse Hill

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*Camp beneath magnificent alpine scenery, including Mount Sefton.*

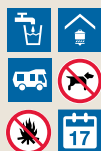
**Directions:** 2.5 km from Aoraki/Mt Cook village at the end of Hooker Valley Road off SH80. **Access:** Sealed.

**Note:** Hot showers at Public Shelter in village 2.5 km from campsite. No showers at campsite.

**Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -43.71964 LONGITUDE: 170.09146

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## 20 Lake Poaka

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*Scenic camping by this man-made lake where the Twizel River flows through the hydro canal.*

**Directions:** Just south of Lake Pukaki take the shingle road on the north side of the hydro canal to the campsite. **Note:** Campers are restricted to four nights only. Suitable for larger campervans.

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**21 Temple** **30**

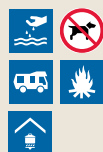
*Camp north of Lake Ōhau, within a beautiful beech forest in a large, flat area. Tramp the North and South Temple Stream tracks.*

**Directions:** 13 km south of Twizel turn off SH8 into Lake Ohau Road. Travel 40 km to Temple valley.

**Access:** Gravel road.

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**BASIC****22 Round Bush** **20**

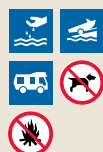
*Beautiful beech forest, hung with mistletoe, grows right up to the lake edge.*

**Directions:** At Clearburn, south of Twizel, turn onto Lake Ohau Road and continue for 25 km.

**Note:** Campers are restricted to four nights only.

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LONGITUDE: 169.81711

**BASIC****23 Lake Middleton** **40**

*Camp at Lake Middleton on the Alps to Ocean trail, beside the beautiful Lake Ōhau.*

**Getting there:** Turn onto Lake Ohau Rd, 13 km south of Twizel. Travel 17 km to Lake Middleton.

**Note:** Standard campsite from 1 October–Easter weekend. Basic campsite at other times.

LATITUDE: -44.2783

LONGITUDE: 169.8517

**STANDARD****24 Quailburn** **15**

*A quiet spot on the edge of a tree-lined stream, close to an historic shearing shed. The Quailburn bush walk is nearby.*

**Directions:** Turn off the SH8 towards the Clay Cliffs and continue along Quailburn Road to the end.

**Note:** Campers are restricted to four nights only.

LATITUDE: -44.36256

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**BASIC****25 Ahuriri Bridge** **30**

*Camp on the bank of the Ahuriri River under the shade of the willows. Fish, walk or ride from here.*

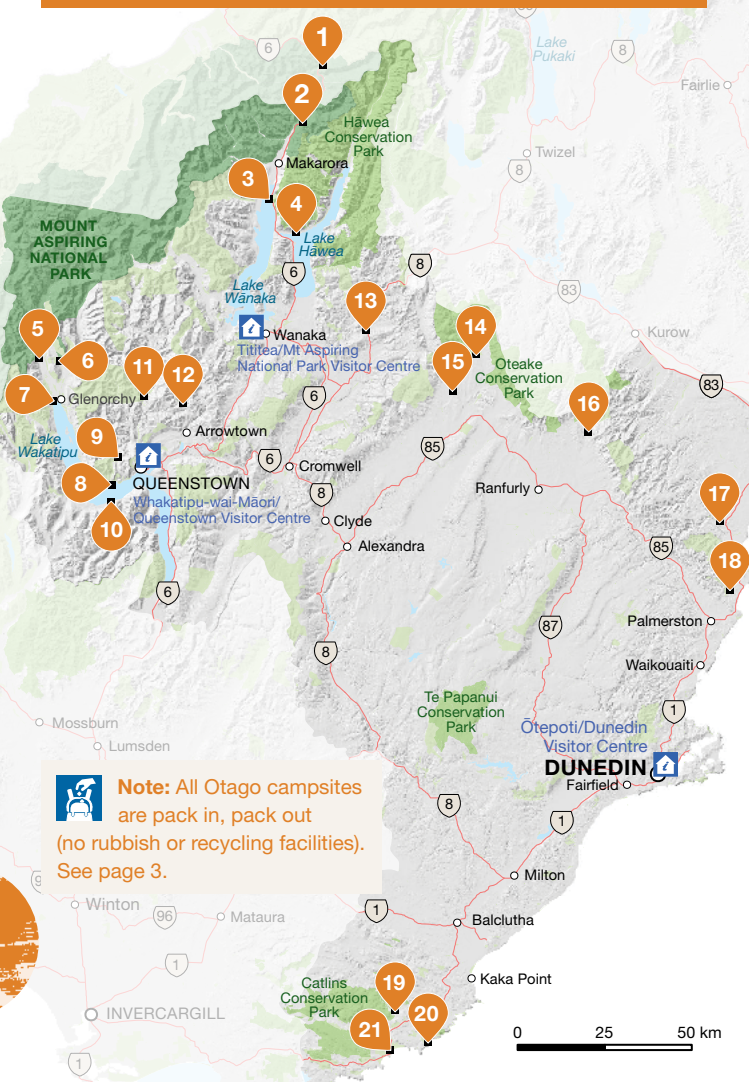
**Directions:** Adjacent to a bridge on SH8, 3 km north of Omarama. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Flooding can restrict access to the site.

LATITUDE: -44.46749

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# OTAGO



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- queenstownvc  
@doc.govt.nz

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- Civic Centre,  
50 The Octagon,  
Dunedin
- (03) 474 3300
- dunedinvc  
@doc.govt.nz

## 1 Pleasant Flat

 22

Take in the magnificent views of Mt Hooker from the campsite and fish in the nearby Haast River.

**Directions:** Beside SH6, 45 km east of Haast.

**Access:** Sealed road. **Booking:** Online.

**Note:** This site has the only mobile phone coverage between Haast and Hāwea, however coverage is intermittent and dependent on solar panels.

LATITUDE: -44.01178

LONGITUDE: 169.381



Photo: DOC

## 2 Cameron Flat

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Camp near the Makarora River, with hunting, tramping or fishing available nearby.

**Directions:** 15 min north of Makarora township, beside SH6. **Booking:** Online.

**Access:** Sealed road to toilets, gravel beyond.

LATITUDE: -44.16122

LONGITUDE: 169.28729

## 3 Boundary Creek Reserve

 23

Relax on the shores of Lake Wanaka at this easily accessible campsite.

**Directions:** Beside SH6 at the head of Lake Wanaka. **Access:** Sealed road. **Booking:** Required, book online. **Note:** This is a popular campsite, often with limited space from December to April.

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## 4 Kidds Bush Reserve

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Camp alongside the lake in a large, grassy area with good shade from mountain beech trees.

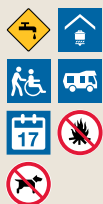
**Directions:** Off SH6 on Meads Road, 40 min (32 km) north of Wanaka, on the shore of Lake Hāwea.

**Access:** Gravel road; no DOC sign at the turn-off.

**Booking:** Required, book online. **Note:** This campsite is very busy between Boxing Day and early February, so book well in advance and have an alternative campsite planned if this one is full.

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## 5 Sylvan

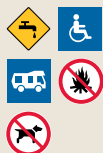
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*Camp beside the river; walk to Lake Sylvan or day-walk the start of the Routeburn Great Walk.*

**Directions:** From Glenorchy, follow the Glenorchy–Paradise Road. Turn left into Priory Road then right into Kinloch–Routeburn Road. **Access:** Gravel road from Dart River bridge. **Note:** This campsite may flood in heavy rain, particularly in winter.

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## 6 Diamond Lake

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*Park up near the shores of Diamond Lake, on the edge of Mt Aspiring National Park. Explore the area around Paradise and along the Dart and Rees tramping tracks. Swim, fish or go kayaking.*

**Directions:** Located 17 km from Glenorchy. Follow the Glenorchy–Paradise Road. **Access:** Gravel road for 9 km from the Rees River Bridge. **Note:** Suitable for campervans and caravans only.

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## 7 Kinloch

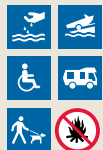
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*Camp on the shores of Lake Wakatipu and explore the hiking tracks in the area.*

**Directions:** From Glenorchy follow the Glenorchy–Paradise Road, turn left into Priory Road then right into Glenorchy–Routeburn Road. Follow to Kinloch Road. Kinloch campsite is 27 km from Glenorchy. **Access:** Gravel road from Dart River bridge. The road and campsite are prone to flooding and can be inaccessible in heavy rain. **Note:** This campsite is managed for DOC by the nearby Kinloch Lodge. The lodge has a shop and you can pay for meals and showers.

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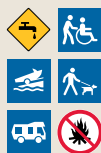
## 8 Twelve Mile Delta

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*Camp on a river delta near the shores of the beautiful Lake Wakatipu.*

**Directions:** Queenstown–Glenorchy Road, 12 km west of Queenstown. **Access:** Road sealed from highway to river delta, narrow gravel roads around campsite. **Note:** This campsite is operated by Twelve Mile Delta Ltd. For inquiries, visit [www.queenstowncamping.co.nz](http://www.queenstowncamping.co.nz).

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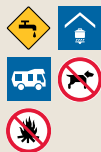
## 9 Moke Lake

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*This is a peaceful place beside a small lake, with boating, swimming, fishing or canoeing.*

**Directions:** Turn off the Glenorchy Road, 6 km west of Queenstown, into Moke Lake Road and follow a further 7 km to the lake. **Access:** 4 km of gravel road. 4WD only in winter.

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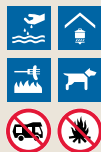
## 10 Beach Point at Walter Peak

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*Camp on the shore of Lake Wakatipu. This camp is part of the Round the Mountains Cycle Trail.*

**Directions:** By boat across Lake Wakatipu from Queenstown, or by foot or mountain bike from Walter Peak Station via Mt Nicholas Road. **Access:** By boat, foot or mountain bike only. **Note:** This campsite is managed for DOC by Real Journeys.

LATITUDE: -45.10341      LONGITUDE: 168.54149



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## 11 Skippers

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*Camp beside the remains of Skippers township, once the largest gold settlement on the Shotover River.*

**Directions:** 28.5 km north of Queenstown, off Skippers Road near Coronet Peak. **Access:** Gravel road – Skippers Road is winding and has steep drop-offs. Rental cars are generally prohibited.

**Note:** The historic site is protected – the removal of any material is illegal.

LATITUDE: -44.84264      LONGITUDE: 168.68112



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## 12 Macetown

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*Camp at the site of an historical goldfield town and visit three remaining buildings. Information panels tell the stories.*

**Directions:** Follow Macetown Road 15 km up the Arrow River from Arrowtown. **Access:** Rough, gravel, 4WD road with 23 river crossings – at times impassible. Check with the local DOC Visitor Centre before you set out. **Note:** The historic site is protected – the removal of any material is illegal.

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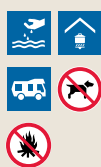
## 13 Lindis Pass Historic Hotel

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*This reserve includes the remarkable historical remains of the Lindis Pass Hotel.*

**Directions:** From SH8 take Old Faithful Road opposite Timburn Road. **Access:** 6 km of gravel road, narrow and steep in places. Not suitable for large campervans. **Note:** No camping permitted within 20m of hotel ruins; do not remove any historical artefacts. This is a popular campsite, often with limited space from December to April.

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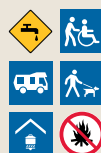
## 14 Homestead

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*This isolated campsite is the ideal base for mountain biking, hunting, fishing and tramping in nearby St Bathans and Hawkdun Ranges.*

**Directions:** From SH85, turn into the Ranfurly end of Loop Road (St Bathans) and follow for 6.5 km. Turn into Hawkdun Runs Road and follow for 15 km to campsite. **Access:** Gravel road, one unbridged ford. 4WD only in winter.

LATITUDE: -44.77556      LONGITUDE: 169.89024



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## 15 St Bathans Domain

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*Explore St Bathans township or mountain bike the Otago Central Rail Trail.*

**Directions:** From SH85 northeast of Alexandra, turn into Loop Road and then into Fish Pond Road. Access is 200m along on the right. **Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -44.86720 LONGITUDE: 169.79890

BASIC



## 16 Danseys Pass

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*Camp beside German Creek while exploring Oteake Conservation Park.*

**Directions:** From Naseby, take Danseys Pass Road north for 16km to Kyeburn Diggings. The campsite is 500m past the Danseys Pass Coach Inn, in Danseys Pass Recreation Reserve. **Access:** Gravel road from Naseby. **Note:** Site closed Mar–Aug 2021. Check [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) before travelling.

LATITUDE: -44.98498 LONGITUDE: 170.28793

BASIC



Photo: DOC

## 17 Glencoe

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*Camp in a sheltered area surrounded by forest, with the river and walking nearby.*

**Directions:** Off SH1 at Herbert turn onto Ord St, turn left at Monk St, then right into Glencoe Road. **Access:** Gravel road for the last 0.5 km.

**Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -45.22728 LONGITUDE: 170.75739

STANDARD



## 18 Trotters Gorge

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*A quiet family campsite in a bush setting. It connects with two riverside tracks and has walking and tramping tracks nearby.*

**Directions:** Approx 3km south of Moeraki, turn west off SH1 into Horse Range Road, or turn on to Horse Range Road at the north end of Palmerston.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Campsite may be closed during winter due to flooding.

**Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -45.40447 LONGITUDE: 170.78875

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## 19 Tawanui

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*Camp in a clearing beside the river; walk the Catlins River Track through silver beech forest.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH1 at Balclutha, drive south to Owaka. Follow Papatowai Highway for 7 km, turn right onto Catlins Valley Road, right onto Morris Saddle Road, then left at the cattle stop (sign indicates the campsite).

**Access:** Narrow, gravel road. **Booking:** Online.

**Note:** No phone coverage. Fires in designated fireplaces only.

LATITUDE: -46.45836 LONGITUDE: 169.49316

STANDARD



Photo: Cheryl Pullar

## 20 Purakaunui Bay

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*Camp on the coast with Purakaunui Falls, a surf beach and Jacks Blowhole close by.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH1 at Balclutha. Drive south past Owaka until Ratanui turnoff. Follow Purakaunui Falls Road to Long Point Road, then follow Purakaunui Bay Road to end.

**Access:** Narrow and gravel road. **Booking:** Online.

**Note:** No phone coverage. Fires in designated fireplaces only. Bring own wood.

LATITUDE: -46.54501 LONGITUDE: 169.61183

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Photo: Benhi Dixon, DOC

## 21 Papatowai

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*Campsite on the Catlins coast, nestled in the bush with easy access to the beautiful beach and estuary at Papatowai.*

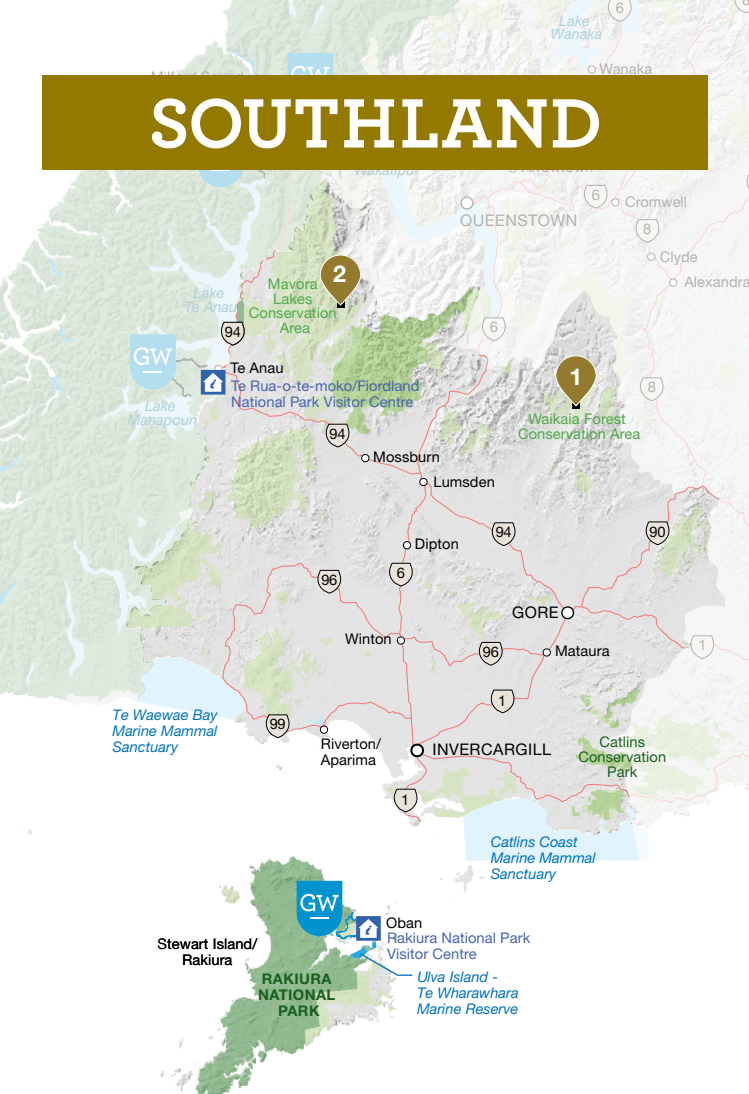
**Directions:** Turn off SH1 at Balclutha. Drive south past Owaka until you reach the Papatowai township.

**Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online. **Note:** Limited mobile phone coverage.

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STANDARD

# SOUTHLAND



**Note:** All Southland campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.

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- [fiordlandvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:fiordlandvc@doc.govt.nz)

## Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre

- 15 Main Road  
Stewart Island
- (03) 219 0009
- [stewartisland@doc.govt.nz](mailto:stewartisland@doc.govt.nz)

## 1 Piano Flat

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*A riverside campsite in a farmland area; go for walks, hikes or horse rides from here.*

**Directions:** 23 km north of Waikaia via Piano Flat Road. **Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online.



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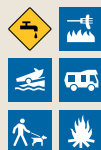
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## 2 Mavora Lakes

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*Walk, mountain bike, hike or fish from this campsite, surrounded by mountains, beech forest and grasslands.*

**Directions:** Off SH94, 30 km north of Mossburn, at the south end of North Mavora Lake. **Access:** 30 km gravel road. **Note:** No tap water in winter.



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Rakiura Track  
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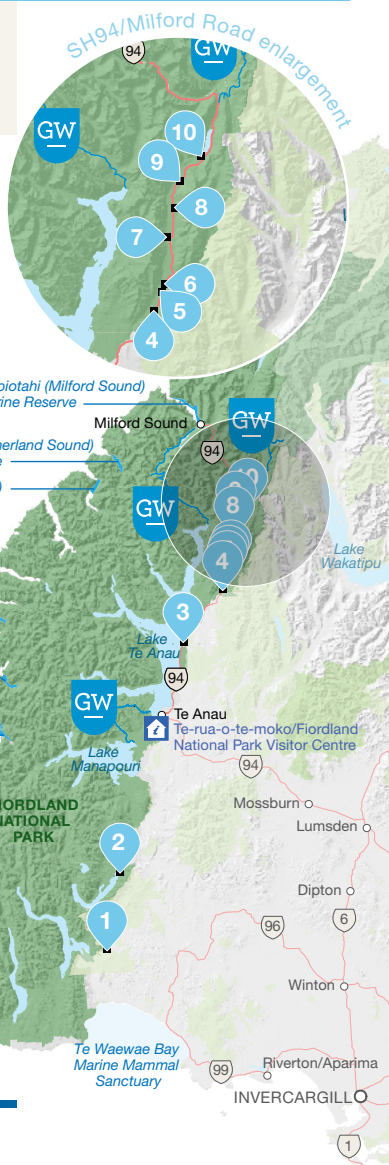
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# FIORDLAND



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## 1 Thicket Burn

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*Camp on the edge of Fiordland National Park, 6 km from New Zealand's deepest lake, Lake Hauroko.*

**Directions:** Off SH99 at Clifden, north of Tuatapere, follow Lillburn Valley Road for 24 km. Campsite is on the left near the National Park boundary.

**Access:** Gravel road.

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## 2 Monowai

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*Enjoy this peaceful campsite beside Lake Monowai and go fishing or boating.*

**Directions:** North of Clifden via SH99, follow Clifden–Blackmount Road, turn left into Lake Monowai Road and follow to the end.

**Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -45.812      LONGITUDE: 167.52153

 BASIC


Photo: Miz Watanabe

## Milford Road

*The following campsites are along Milford Road, gateway to the Milford Sound / Piopiotahi.*

**Directions:** Follow SH94, Milford Road, from Te Anau to Milford Sounds, a 2 hr, 119 km journey. **Access:** Sealed road.

## 3 Henry Creek

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*Camp beside picturesque Lake Te Anau on small private sites in regenerating beech forest.*

**Directions:** 25 km north of Te Anau.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online.

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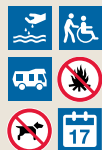
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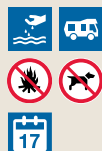
#### 4 Walker Creek

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*A small campsite beside the Eglinton River.*

**Directions:** 49 km north of Te Anau.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online.



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#### 5 Tōtara

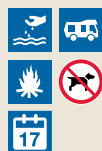
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*Camping area suitable for larger vehicles with sites sheltered by lush beech forest.*

**Directions:** 53 km north of Te Anau, south of Mirror

Lakes. **Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online. **Note:**

Fires in designated fireplace or firepits only.



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#### 6 Mackay Creek

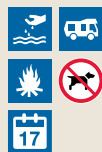
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*A quiet campsite with views of the Eglinton valley, fly fishing in the river and short walks.*

**Directions:** 53 km north of Te Anau.

**Access:** Poor traffic visibility off highway.

Gravel road. **Booking:** Online. **Note:** Fires in designated fireplace or firepits only.



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#### 7 Deer Flat

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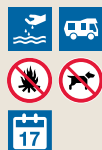
*A scenic campsite in northern Fiordland. Camp beside the Eglinton River in a grassy area surrounded by pockets of beech forest.*

**Directions:** Milford Road, adjacent to SH94,

62 km north of Te Anau. **Access:** Gravel road.

**Note:** Campsite floods regularly. Access to sites may be restricted and facilities affected.

**Booking:** Online.



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## 8 Kiosk Creek

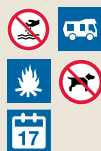
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*A small campsite with spectacular views of glacial moraine deposits.*

**Directions:** Knobs Flat, on the Milford Road, 65 km north of Te Anau. **Access:** Gravel road.

**Booking:** Online. **Note:** Bring own drinking water. Fires in designated fireplace or firepits only.

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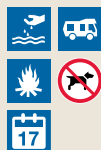
## 9 Upper Eglinton

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*A small camping area near walking and hiking tracks with magnificent valley views.*

**Directions:** On the Milford Road, 71 km north of Te Anau. **Access:** Gravel road, not suitable for large vehicles. **Booking:** Online. **Note:** Fires in designated fireplace or firepits only.

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Photo: DOC

## 10 Cascade Creek

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*This is a good camp for larger vehicles. It offers river fly fishing and the Lake Gunn nature walk.*

**Directions:** On the Milford Road, at the bottom of Lake Gunn, 76 km north of Te Anau.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online. **Note:** Fires in designated fireplace or firepits only.

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