

# Camp Iona Information Pack

Camp Iona is owned by the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

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Please contact our caretakers for general enquiries and camp bookings.

Camp Iona is a self-catering camp providing basic sleeping accommodation in cabins and shared communal facilities of toilets, showers, kitchen and dining room space.

The Camp Iona Management Boards goal is to encourage the use of the camp by community, church, educational, family and cultural groups at an affordable cost. Our desire is to provide an environment where children and adults can learn new skills and so experience a more self-sufficient way of life.

## The Buildings

For sleeping accommodation there are 106 beds available in rooms of up to 6 beds each.

Ablution facilities are available in some of the cabin blocks and there are also separate ablution blocks.

All accommodation blocks have lighting and some have power outlets.

The Moeraki Block Hall and kitchen complex is central and well equipped and is the main hall and kitchen.

The Kakanui Block Hall (10) is carpeted, has a modern kitchen and can be used for smaller groups in conjunction with cabins 7, 8 and 9.

The Lodge (1) is a self-contained unit that sleeps 10 in 4 rooms, together with kitchen, bathroom and living areas. Rooms are carpeted and there is a log fire in the living area.

The Shed and Campers Storage Room are available for storage of equipment, gear and supplies.

The laundry is situated opposite the back door of the kitchen. Cleaning equipment is kept here.

The drying room is located off the passage by the laundry. The dryer is operated with \$2 coins.

Barbeque. Please clean after use.

## The Grounds

The majority of the site around the buildings is mown lawns with a range of trees and landscaping.

The land ranges from flat to sloping areas suitable for many recreational uses.

To the West of the site there is a confidence course consisting of a range of challenging obstacles.

This is located in native bush. Please observe the signs at the entrances.

The Department of Conservation Glencoe Domain is directly to the south and the Waianakarua River is to the South West of the property.

Other properties surrounding the site are privately owned with access by permission only.

The privately owned Herbert Forest has walking tracks in native bush that are open to the public, though access is best via the Waianakarua township.

## What We Provide and What Gear to Bring

### We Provide

Beds, bunks and mattresses with mattress protectors.

Showers with hot and cold water.

All shower and basin cleaners and detergents

Flush toilets,

Toilet brushes, toilet cleaner

Kitchens, food storage, electric or gas stoves, pots, pans cooking utensils, eating utensils and plates, toasters, microwaves, washing machine, large freezers and fridges.

Dish wash liquid.

Brooms, brushes, shovels, floor mops, buckets, vacuum cleaners and bags.

Cleaners, detergents, rubbish bins.

\$2 coin operated drying room.

\$2 coin operated heat pump in the hall.

White board.

2 Pianos.

Log burners in the Hall and Lodge.

### What You Should Provide

Sleeping bags, pillows, sheets and blankets

All personal hygiene requirements

Toilet paper

Tea towells

Soap powder

Bag liners to take away **ALL** rubbish. The removal cost of any rubbish left will be added to your account.

\$2 coins

Whiteboard pens

First aid equipment

Firewood: You can bring your own, or purchase it from our caretakers at \$8 per bag.

If you forgot to bring some items, we may be able to supply this at cost.

# General Information

*Here is some information that will help you enjoy your stay with us.  
See also the Conditions of Hire and Booking Contract Form*

## **Camp Condition**

Please notify the caretaker if you have any concerns regarding the condition of camp facilities.

## **Damages**

Please report any damages to the Caretaker immediately.

## **Cleaning**

All cleaning is the responsibility of those hiring the camp. Please leave the camp in the same condition you found it. Most cleaning items are provided.

## **Supplies**

Herbert Garage, located on the main road State Highway 1, has some supplies such as milk bread and a small range of general groceries. The Hampden 4 Square is 15 k south and Oamaru 25k north.

## **Vehicles**

Please keep vehicles off the grass unless the caretaker indicates otherwise. Speed limit 5kph.

## **Fire/Emergency**

- \*Be aware of assembly instructions and where alarms and equipment are situated.
- \*All campers need to be aware of evacuation signage and procedures which are displayed in the main buildings.
- \***The Assembly Point** is the **RED CROSS** on the lawn up by the road in front of the hall.
- \*Wardens are to be appointed for occupied buildings.
- \*In the event of a Fire Alarm sounding or other emergency, Phone 111.
- \*Wardens are to ensure their area is evacuated to the Assembly Point and doors are closed. **NO** re-entry is to be permitted until the "all Clear" is given by the New Zealand Fire Service or the Camp Manager.
- \*The Camp Leader is to account for all occupants at the Assembly point.

## **Health and Safety Policy**

The Camp Iona Health and Safety Policy covers campers in the environment of the camp during their stay at Camp Iona.

Our caretaker will brief the leader of the party of campers, advising them of the potential hazards and the safe and correct use of facilities and camp equipment.

It is the responsibility of the leader of the party of campers to ensure that all members of their party are aware and understand this information.

The Camp Iona Health and Safety Policy does not cover camper's activities, or any other parties which campers may bring on to the Camp Iona site to conduct activities of any sort.

## **First Aid**

Please bring your own. However a basic first aid kit is located in the kitchen.

## **Grass and Gardens**

Please try to keep sticks and stones off the lawn areas as it impacts on our mowing equipment.

## **Log Burners**

Please clean out the log burner for the next group.

## **Neighbouring Properties**

The land surrounding Camp Iona with the exception of the DOC reserve is privately owned. To assist us to maintain good relations with our neighbours please do not trespass on to neighbouring land and keep the noise level low between 11pm and 7am. The forest area over the river to the South is owned by Port Blakely, and public access is for the designated walking tracks and connecting roads only. Please refer to the map on our website or the map at Camp Iona.

## **River Access**

The North branch of the Waianakarua River to the South West of the camp is available for public access on the North side (true left) on DOC reserve land. The river is owned to the centre by neighbouring properties and permission is required from these owners to access outside the DOC reserve area. Swimming is

available in the river upstream of the track at the bottom of our camp. Be aware that the river can rise rapidly in the gorge upstream from the camp.

### **Outside Fires**

The Waitaki District Council has a permanent closed fire season and a permit is required from them for the lighting of fires outside.

### **Inside Fires**

Do not burn rubbish especially plastics, as they emit poisonous gases.

### **Portable Heaters**

Portable heaters are not permitted in the sleeping accommodation because of the fire risk.

### **Top Bunks**

Please identify restless sleepers and sleep walkers and ensure they use a bottom bunk.

### **Mattresses**

Leave all the mattresses in place and advise the caretaker if one has been wet. Replacement protective covers are in the hall cupboard. Leave the mattress covers **on** at the end of your camp.

### **Pets**

Animals are not permitted on this site.

### **Walking Tracks**

There are a number of walking tracks in the bush in the DOC reserve South West of the camp.

There are also 3 tracks in the Port Blakely Herbert Forest accessed from Breakneck road Waianakarua. Be aware that track access can change due to such things as high fire danger, high winds or when operations are in progress. Look for relevant notices on the hall notice board or at the start of the tracks and respect any closures and obey any signage that is in place.

### **Native Birds**

There are good numbers of native birds present, such as wood pigeon, tui, bellbirds and many smaller birds. These birds are totally protected.

### **Water Supply**

The water supply to the camp is from the Herbert water scheme and is treated with chlorine.

### **Arrival and Departure Times**

Please arrive after 4pm and depart before 12 noon, unless other arrangements have been made with our Caretaker. Unauthorized early arrivals or late departures will be charged out at an hourly rate.

### **Wireless Coverage**

There is cell phone and radio coverage at Camp Iona.

### **Security**

The Caretaker lives on the site and is there most of the time. If your group is going off site for the day, please advise the caretaker.

***We trust that you will enjoy your stay with us. If you need any help, please contact us.***