



Recreational hunting

Nelson/Marlborough

Introduction

The Nelson/Marlborough Conservancy offers some good opportunities for hunting. The Department of Conservation administers approximately 55% of the 2.3 million hectares of land in Nelson and Marlborough.



Red deer.

Red deer and goats can be found throughout the area and fallow deer in limited locations. Chamois frequent high altitude alpine and sub-alpine zones. Pigs are generally found around forest margins and shrublands. Further information can be found in Conservancy fact sheets for red deer, fallow deer, chamois, pigs, possums and goats.

High numbers of introduced animals have a devastating impact on plant species and communities, forest structure, native animals, and soil and water conditions.

Recreational hunters are recognised as playing an important role in controlling these animals within the Conservancy.

Permit system

Permits are required to hunt on Crown land administered by the Department of Conservation. These apply to individuals only. That is, each hunter requires a permit.

Permits may be obtained by applying online at <http://huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz>. They may also be obtained by contacting your local Area Office.

Permits are valid for four months and may be issued for any open areas throughout the country. Permits may be renewed online or by contacting your local Area Office. Please retain your current permit number as this will automatically bring up hunter details to avoid re-entering them.

Information on hunting, permits, pesticide use and where to hunt can be found on the DOC website at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/hunting/>.

Please ensure that you read the conditions on the permit and in this hand-out. Have a safe and enjoyable hunt.

Access to boundaries

It is not practical to provide a complete list of all adjoining landowners and access conditions with this information sheet. For specific information on any areas (including boundaries, contact numbers for obtaining access across private land, restrictions on use of dogs, etc) refer to the hunting block information under the 'Where to Hunt' section of the DOC website (<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/hunting/where-to-hunt/>) or contact the nearest DOC office. The overall DOC boundaries can be freely viewed under "DOC Public Conservation Land" at <http://koordinates.com/maps/department-conservation>.

Note that the permit does not entitle hunters to cross private or leasehold land or land administered by other agencies (e.g. Nelson City Council waterworks reserve).

Access is entirely at the discretion of the landowner, lessee, or land manager. **Obtaining access permission is the hunter's responsibility.**

Closed areas

- **Farewell Spit Nature Reserve.**
- **Within Marlborough Sounds:** Pipi Beach and Sounds Foreshore Reserves; all island reserves except D'Urville and the south-western reserves of Arapawa i.e. Ngaruru and Ruamoko (all other reserves on Arapawa Island are closed to hunting).
- **Farm parks** (Titirangi and Puponga) and other Crown leasehold land, except with the permission of the lessee.
- **Mt Tapuae-o-Uenuku Scenic Reserve** (South Marlborough).
- **Mt Uerau Nature Reserve** (Seaward Kaikouras).
- **Canaan Scenic Reserve** (Golden Bay).
- **Mt Burnett, NW Nelson Forest Park** (Golden Bay).
- **Rotoiti Nature Recovery Area:** part of Nelson Lakes National Park on the western side of the St Arnaud Range from Lakehead Hut through to SH63 and from St Arnaud village west to the Buller River and south to include the front face of Mt Robert.



Further information

Nelson/Marlborough

Conservancy Office

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Nelson Regional Visitor Centre

79 Trafalgar Street, Nelson 7010

Phone: 03 546 9339

Fax: 03 546 9612

Email: nelsonvc@doc.govt.nz

Golden Bay Area Office

62 Commercial Street,
Takaka 7110

Phone: 03 525 8026

Fax: 03 525 8444

Email: goldenbayao@doc.
govt.nz

Motueka Area Office

Cnr King Edward & High
Streets, Motueka 7120

Phone: 03 528 1810

Fax: 03 528 1811

Email: motuekaao@doc.govt.nz

Sounds Area Office

Port Marlborough Building,
14 Auckland Street

Picton 7220

Phone: 03 520 3002

Fax: 03 520 3003

Email: soundsao@doc.govt.nz

South Marlborough Area Office

Gee Street, Renwick,
Marlborough 7240

Phone: 03 572 9100

Fax: 03 572 8824

Email: southmarlboroughao@
doc.govt.nz

Kaikoura Field Centre

Ludstone Road, Kaikoura 7300

Phone: 03 319 5714

Fax: 03 319 6884

Nelson Lakes Area Office

View Road, St Arnaud 7053

Phone: 03 521 1806

Fax: 03 521 1896

Email: nelsonlakesao@doc.
govt.nz

Murchison Field Base

Fairfax Street, Murchison

Phone: 03 523 9106

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- **Heaphy & Wangapeka Tracks:** 500m either side of the track.
- **All walkways.**

Restricted areas

These require a specific permit from the relevant Area Office.

- **Northern Abel Tasman National Park** (issued from Golden Bay Area Office).
- **Molesworth Station and Clarence Reserve** (issued from South Marlborough Area Office).
- **D'Urville Island Scenic Reserve land - Current Basin**, at the southern end of the island (issued from Sounds Area Office).

Periodic closures

Areas closed annually from sunset of 22 December until sunrise of 9 February:

- **Kahurangi National Park** (Cobb valley floor, Mt Arthur Tablelands, Flora headwaters).
- **Nelson Lakes National Park** (500m adjoining the shores of Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoroa, and upstream to Travers swingbridge, Sabine Gorge bridge and Bull Creek).
- **Marlborough Sounds reserves** (including D'Urville Island).
- **Isolated Hill Scenic Reserve**, South Marlborough.
- **Abel Tasman National Park.**

Caution areas: extensions to the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Area (Teetotal/Big Bush, Sabine/D'Urville delta, Rotoroa lake head). Take extreme care - staff may be working in these areas at any time.

Other areas may be closed from time to time for management purposes (e.g. possum poisoning) or at lambing/calving time. These will generally be advertised. If in doubt contact your local DOC office.

Pesticides use summary

A summary of areas where pesticides have been, or are planned to be used on Crown land is produced in February, June and October, covering the subsequent four months. A summary is provided with each new permit. When your summary expires, you can obtain a current version from your local permit office, or when you renew your permit, or request one to be mailed or emailed to you, or download from the DOC website (<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/hunting/pesticides/>).

Additional permit conditions

- **Dog restrictions:** Permits to enter public lands administered by the Department **with a dog are to be obtained from the relevant Area Office**. Not all areas are open to dogs. Permission may be restricted due to the presence of ground birds, such as kiwi, weka and blue duck, access issues across private land, and conflict with other recreational or management activities.
- **Bow/crossbow hunting** is permitted subject to the specified permit conditions.
- **.22s/shotguns** may be permitted in some localities for small game hunting (rabbits, hares, game birds). A separate permit is required from the relevant Area Office.
- **Muzzle loaders:** Permits for use of black powder propellant will relate to specific sites and be issued by the relevant Area Office. As a guide, a minimum 45 cal round ball with a charge of 60 to 80 grains will be considered.
- **It is the hunter's responsibility** to ensure that they hold a current firearms licence.
- **Hunting is not permitted during the hours of darkness.** Targets can not be safely identified at night.

Positively identify your target. Be sure - not sorry.