

# Stewart Island/Rakiura Hunting Information



Southland Hunting  
Information Series  
Number 4



## NEW ZEALAND environmental CARE CODE

- Protect plants and animals
- Remove rubbish
- Bury toilet waste
- Keep streams and lakes clean
- Take care with fires
- Camp carefully
- Keep to the track
- Consider others
- Respect our cultural heritage
- Enjoy your visit
- Toitu te whenua  
(Leave the land undisturbed)



## BETWEEN WATERWAYS Check, Clean, Dry

- Stop the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests.
- Remember to Check, Clean, Dry all items before entering, and when moving between, waterways.

## Permits and Hunting Blocks

Stewart Island/Rakiura provides excellent opportunities for hunting deer. Whitetail deer may be found in moderate numbers all over Stewart Island/Rakiura but coastal habitats are favoured. Red deer are found in moderate numbers in the northwest sector of the island, from Mason Bay to Smoky Beach, and occasionally in other areas.

Permits are required for all hunting on Stewart Island/Rakiura and must be applied for in advance from the Department of Conservation or the Rakiura Maori Land Trust. Permits are issued for a maximum period of 10 days for hunting blocks and up to 12 months for the open zone.

Bookings for blocks can be made up to 12 months in advance. Only one hunting party is permitted per block. In order to retain this exclusive service, a non-refundable administration charge of \$30.00 will apply for all new bookings from 1 July 2009. This payment must be received by the Department of Conservation on Stewart Island/Rakiura within two weeks of the booking being made.

Confirmation of the booking is required 60 days prior to your arrival on the island. A form will be sent to you in advance requesting details of the party members. Names of hunters and their firearms licence numbers must be submitted on this form, along with details of transport to the block and any payment due. Failure to do this will result in cancellation of the booking.

Permits may be received by post or collected from the Department of Conservation office in Halfmoon Bay prior to your trip.

A combined open zone and block system is in operation. Most blocks are suitable for six hunters; parties are limited to 12 people and 10 rifles. Depending on demand, some blocks may be balloted. Each party may only book one block per hunting trip.

Advice on camp locations is available from the DOC office.

At the end of your trip please return your completed kill return forms to:

Department of Conservation  
PO Box 3, Halfmoon Bay, Stewart Island.  
Phone: (03) 219 0002, Fax: (03) 219 0003  
Email: [stewartislandfc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:stewartislandfc@doc.govt.nz)

### Permits for hunting on Maori land must be obtained from:

Rakiura Maori Land Trust  
PO Box 77, Bluff.  
Phone (03) 212 8075 (24 hours)  
[www.huntrakiura.co.nz](http://www.huntrakiura.co.nz)

## Access to Hunting Blocks

### BY SEA

#### From Stewart Island

Richard Squires - *Lo Loma*, PO Box 164, Stewart Island, Ph 03 219 1141

Phillip Smith - *Wildfire*, PO Box 104, Stewart Island, Ph/fax 03 219 1144

Matt and Alina - Rakiura Charters, PO Box 112, Stewart Island, Ph 03 2191487, 027 354 9991.

Brett Hamilton- Southern Limits Charters, PO Box 67, Stewart Island, Ph/fax 03 2191234, 0274323163, [brett@southernlimits.co.nz](mailto:brett@southernlimits.co.nz)

#### From either Stewart Island or Bluff

Aurora Charters, PO Box 86, Stewart Island, Ph 03 219 1126. [margandcolin@clear.net.nz](mailto:margandcolin@clear.net.nz)

Herbie Hansen - *Southern Isle*, PO Box 23, Stewart Island, Ph/fax 03 219 1133

#### From Bluff

Chris and Bob Hawkless - *Mana*, 61 Walker St. Bluff, Ph 03 212 7254 or 027 433 5801, Fax 03 212 8321

### WATER TAXIS

Peter Cox, Rakiura Adventures Ltd - *Kaian*, PO Box 100, Stewart Island, Ph/Fax 03 219 1013

Ken Geeson - *Seaview Water Taxi*, PO Box 128, Stewart Island, Ph/fax 03 219 1014.

Ian Wilson - *Stewart Island Water Taxis*, PO Box 143, Stewart Island, Ph/fax 03 219 1394 or 027 228 9388.

Aihe Eco Charters and Water Taxi – Cnr Main Rd and Dundee St, Stewart Island, Ph 03 219 1066, fax 03 219 1078

### BY AIR

Fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters may land on beaches below the mean high tide mark. Helicopter landings may also be made at Long Harry, East Ruggedy and Hellfire Pass hut sites (\* indicates the companies permitted to land at those hut sites).

#### Helicopter Operators

Fiordland Helicopters, Kim Hollows, PO Box 180, Te Anau, Ph 03 249 7575, Fax 03 249 7595.

\* Rakiura Helicopters, Ferngully Heliport, PO Box 54, Stewart Island. Ph: 03 2191155, [rakiheli@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rakiheli@xtra.co.nz)

\* South West Helicopters, PO Box 102 Te Anau, Ph (03) 249 7402, Fax 03 249 7409, Ph 0800 435 476. Invercargill Base – Ph 03 218 4355, Fax 03 218 4356 or 0274 322 227



## Survival Code

Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.

Take:

- a compass
- minimum first aid kit
- emergency blanket
- cigarette lighter
- piece of old car inner tube on hunting belt for fire starter

Remember - the weather can change rapidly.

Observe the firearms safety code.

\* Southern Lakes Helicopters, Richard Hayes, PO Box 156, Te Anau, Ph 0508 249 7167 or 03 218 9990 Fax 03 249 7267.

Stewart Island Helicopters Ltd, 250 Ocean Beach Rd, Bluff, Ph 03 212 7700 (24hrs), [www.stewartislandhelicopters.co.nz](http://www.stewartislandhelicopters.co.nz)

### Fixed-Wing Operators

Southeast Air, Bill Moffat, PO Box 860, Invercargill, Ph 03 214 5522 or 0800 FLY SEA 0800 359 732, Fax 03 214 4681.

Stewart Island Flights, PO Box 860, Invercargill, Ph 03 218 9129 or 027 435 5172, Fax 03 214 4681.

## Getting to Halfmoon Bay

The ferry service between Bluff and Halfmoon Bay takes one hour. Contact Stewart Island Experience, Stewart Island Ferries, P.O. Box 50, Bluff, Ph 03 212 7660 or 0800 000 511, Fax 03 212 8377.

For flights from Invercargill Airport (20 minute flight) contact Stewart Island Flights, PO Box 860, Invercargill, Ph 03 218 9129 or 0274 355172, Fax 03 214 4681.

## Personal Safety

Mountain radios are available for hire. Contact Allister Babington, ph (03) 931 1471, email [allister@mountainradio.co.nz](mailto:allister@mountainradio.co.nz)

Personal locator beacons can be hired from the Department of Conservation, PO Box 3, Stewart Island, Ph (03) 219 0002, Fax (03) 219 0003, email [stewartislandfc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:stewartislandfc@doc.govt.nz)

## Huts and Hut Tickets

Some hunting blocks have specific hunters' huts. A levy of \$20 per person per hunting trip (payable when booking is confirmed) is charged to help maintain these huts.

All other backcountry huts on Stewart Island/Rakiura are on tramping circuits, for which you need to purchase backcountry hut tickets (\$5.10 per night).

The exceptions are the huts and campsites on the Rakiura Track; Port William and North Arm huts – \$20.40 per night (max stay two nights during peak season) and campsites – \$5.10 per night. These Great Walk huts and campsites are now included in a National Booking System so if you intend to use them, please return paperwork promptly with payment so they can be booked for you.

Hunting permits will only be sent on receipt of due hut fees (tramping, hunters or Great Walk).

## Hunt Responsibly

Please respect the special natural character of Stewart Island/Rakiura. Take care not to damage wildlife or vegetation through firewood gathering or marking trails. Chainsaws, low calibre rifles, shotguns and dogs are not permitted. Please leave huts and campsites clean and tidy, **remove rubbish (to be taken off the island)** and bury animal carcasses. **Be considerate of other recreational users.**

**DOC HOTline**  
**0800 362 468**  
Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies  
For fire and search and rescue call 111

- 1 Maori Beach
- 2 Bungaree
- 3 Murray
- 4 Rollers
- 5 Christmas \*
- 6 Lucky
- 7 Yankee
- 8 Smoky
- 9 Long Harry
- 10 East Ruggedy
- 11 West Ruggedy
- 12 Waituna
- 13 Big Hellfire
- 14 Little Hellfire
- 15 Mason Homestead \*
- 16 Martins Creek \*
- 17 Cavalier \*
- 18 Doughboy
- 19 North Pegasus \*
- 20 South Pegasus \*
- 21 Upper Lords River
- 22 North Tikotatahi \*
- 23 Kellys \*
- 24 Bosom \*
- 25 Little Glory Cove \*
- 26 South Big Glory
- 27 Mid Big Glory
- 28 North Big Glory \*
- 29 Hapatuna \*
- 30 Abrahams Bay \*
- 31 South West Arm\*
- 32 Rakeahua
- 33 Freds Camp
- 34 Freshwater
- 35 North Arm

\* Hunters' huts on these blocks require a \$20 levy per person.

