

# New Zealand Great Walk hut and campsite fees - 2011-2012 season

## General information

Information is provided here about Great Walk hut and campsite fees. For detailed information about the Great Walk tracks please refer to specific track brochures available on the website and in DOC visitor centres.

### Seasons

**Peak season** is from 1 October to 30 April (summer) but these dates may vary in some places, or be delayed by snow or avalanche conditions.

**Off-peak season** is from 1 May to 30 September (winter)

### Age categories for all recreation facilities

Adult: 18 over years

Youth: 11-17 years

Child: 5-10 years

Infant: 0-4 years

### Bookings

- Required **all year** for Lake Waikaremoana, Abel Tasman, Heaphy and Rakiura Track huts and campsites.
- Required **peak season only** for Tongariro Northern Circuit, Whanganui Journey, Routeburn and Kepler track huts and campsites and Milford Huts. Camping is not permitted on the Milford Track.

Book via [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) or [greatwalksbookings@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbookings@doc.govt.nz) or DOC visitor centres.

Note booking fees may apply.

### Fees

- \* Fees are charged per person per night.
- \* Youth, children and infants can stay free of charge on all Great Walks Huts and Campsites but **must** have a valid booking.
- \* The Alpine sections of some tracks are not recommended for children under 10 years of age.
- \* Children aged 14 years or under must be accompanied by an adult.
- \* If walkers do not hold a valid booking (for that day at that site) for a hut or campsite, the valid age rate **plus penalty fees of up to 100% of the adult rate** may be charged. A bed is not guaranteed.
- \* For Tongariro Northern Circuit, Whanganui Journey, Routeburn and Kepler track huts and campsites and Milford Huts no bookings are required during off-peak season. Payment can be by Backcountry Hut tickets or a Backcountry Hut Pass. The 12 month Backcountry Hut Pass is \$122.00 for Adults and \$61.00 for Youth/Children. A 6 month Backcountry Hut Pass is \$92.00 for Adults and \$46.00 for Youth/Children. Beds are not guaranteed at huts in non booked periods.  
Backcountry hut passes can also be used as payment for many other DOC Backcountry Huts.
- \* Please observe maximum stay periods. Peak, 2 nights at huts or campsites; off-peak 3 nights at huts, 5 at campsites (except Milford, Abel Tasman and Heaphy Tracks). Camp only where permitted.
- \* The provision of hut and campsite facilities and services are heavily subsidised. Fees levied for the use of huts and campsites make a small but valuable contribution towards their maintenance.
- \* A 10% discount is available for those hold a current 12 month Backcountry hut pass and are also members of one of the following organisations: NZ Federated Mountain Clubs, NZ Deer Stalkers Association, NZ LandSAR and NZ Mountain Safety Council staff and instructors.
- \* **Discounts are not available online.**
- \* You must make your booking directly with [greatwalksbookings@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbookings@doc.govt.nz) and supply your membership details/number and Backcountry Hut Pass number to the office listed on the track information at [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)
- \* No other discounts are available on any other booked services.

## Be well prepared!

Make sure you have the right gear and equipment for a safe and comfortable trip. Track brochures provide the detailed information you need about facilities, what you need to take and local conditions.

Helpful information can also be found in the DOC brochure *Planning a trip in the backcountry?* and NZ Mountain Safety Council brochures *Going bush?*, *Survival* and *Hypothermia*; available visitor centres and [www.mountainsafety.org.nz](http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz). Remember to check the latest information about weather, facilities and



conditions at the nearest DOC visitor centre *before* you set out. Note that conditions on most Great Walk tracks are hazardous in winter with snow. Only fit and experienced people should attempt winter alpine trips.

### Hut and campsite facilities

Food is not available for purchase at Great Walks Huts and Campsites.

*Great Walk huts* have mattresses, cold water, hand washing, kitchen sinks, toilets and heating with fuel available. Cooking utensils are not provided. In off-peak season many huts change to 'Serviced' hut status. This means that services such as heating and fuel are not provided, and hut rangers will not be present.

- \* Cookers are provided all year in Heaphy Track huts (5 of 7 huts)
- \* Cookers are provided *peak season only* in Tongariro Northern Circuit, Whanganui Journey Routeburn, Kepler and Milford Track huts.
- \* There are *no cookers* Lake Waikaremoana, Abel Tasman or Rakiura Track huts so take your own.
- \* Great Walk campsites have cold water, sinks, toilets, and there may be a cooking shelter.

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## North Island Great Walks

### Tongariro Northern Circuit, Tongariro National Park

Book via:

- [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz),
- Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre, SH 48, Mount Ruapehu. Ph: +64 7 892 3729, [greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz) or [tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz)

<i>Booking required in peak season for adults, infants, children and youth</i>	Peak season (For this track only: Friday of Labour weekend, October to 30 <sup>th</sup> April)		Off-peak - Backcountry Hut Pass/ Tickets	
	Adults	Infant/Child / Youth	Adults	Infant/Child / Youth
<b>Hut Fees</b>	\$31.00	Free	\$15	Free
<b>Campsite Fees</b>	\$20.40	Free	\$5	Free

### Lake Waikaremoana Track, Te Urewera National Park

Book via:

- [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)
- Te Urewera National Park Visitor Centre, SH 38, Aniwanui. Ph: +64 6 837 3900, [greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz) or [teureweravc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:teureweravc@doc.govt.nz)

<i>Bookings required all year for adults, infant, children and youth</i>	Adults	Infant/ Child / Youth
<b>Hut Fees</b>	\$30.60	Free
<b>Campsite Fees</b>	\$12.20	Free

### Whanganui Journey, Whanganui National Park

Book via:

- [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)
- Whanganui Conservancy, 74 Ingestre Street, Wanganui. Ph: +64 6 349 2100, [greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz) or [whanganuiconservancy@doc.govt.nz](mailto:whanganuiconservancy@doc.govt.nz)

<i>Booking required in peak season for adults, infants, children and youth</i>	Peak season		Off-peak - Backcountry Hut Pass/ Tickets	
	Adults	Child / Youth	Adults	Child / Youth
<b>Hut Fees</b>	\$10 - \$31	Free	\$10- \$15	Free
<b>Campsite Fees</b>	\$10 - \$15	Free	\$5	Free

## South Island Great Walks

### Abel Tasman Coast Track - Abel Tasman National Park

Book via:

- Nelson/Marlborough Bookings helpdesk. Ph: +64 3 546 8210; Fax: +64 3 546 9612, [greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz).
- Note: Campsite Ticket can be upgraded to a Hut Ticket after 6pm if space is available and a hut fee is paid.*

<i>Booking required all year for adults, children and youth</i>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Child / Youth</b>
<b>Hut Ticket</b>	\$35.70	Free
<b>Campsite Ticket</b> (max 2 nights except Totaranui which is 1)	\$12.20	Free

### Heaphy Track - Kahurangi National Park

Book via:

- Nelson/Marlborough Bookings helpdesk. Ph: +64 3 546 8210; Fax: +64 3 546 9612, [greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz).
- Note: Campsite Ticket can be upgraded to a Hut Ticket after 6pm if space is available and a hut fee is paid.*

<i>Booking required all year for adults, children and youth</i>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Child / Youth</b>
<b>Hut Ticket</b>	\$30.60	Free
<b>Campsite Ticket</b>	\$12.20	Free

### Milford Track - Fiordland National Park

Book via:

- Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre, Te Anau. Ph: +64 3 249 8514; Fax: +64 3 249 8515, [greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz)

<i>Booking required in peak season for adults, children and youth</i>	Peak season		Off-peak season Backcountry Hut Pass / Tickets	
	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Child / Youth</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Child / Youth</b>
<b>Hut Ticket (for all 3)</b>	\$153.30	Free	\$15 per hut	Free
<b>Campsite</b>	Camping is not permitted			

### Routeburn Track – Mt Aspiring and Fiordland National Parks

Book via:

- Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre, Te Anau Ph: +64 3 249 8514; Fax: +64 3 249 8515, [greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz)

<i>Booking required in peak season for adults, children and youth</i>	Peak season		Off-peak season Backcountry Hut Pass / Tickets	
	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Child / Youth</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Child / Youth</b>
<b>Hut Ticket</b>	\$51.10	Free	\$15	Free
<b>Campsite Ticket</b>	\$15.30	Free	\$5	Free

## Kepler Track - Fiordland National Park

Book via:

- Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre, Te Anau. Ph: +64 3 249 8514; Fax: +64 3 249 8515,

Booking required in peak season for adults, children and youth	Peak season		Off-peak season Backcountry Hut Pass / Tickets	
	Adults	Child / Youth	Adults	Child / Youth
<b>Hut Ticket</b>	\$51.10	Free	\$15	Free
<b>Campsite Ticket</b>	\$15.30	Free	\$5	Free

**Note:** The Milford Track and the alpine sections of the Routeburn and Kepler Tracks are not recommended for children under 10 years of age.

## Rakiura Track - Rakiura National Park, Stewart Island

Purchase Great Walk Ticket from:

- Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre, Main Road, Stewart Island. Ph: +64 3 219 0002, Fax: +64 3 219 0003, [greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz](mailto:greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz) or [stewartislandvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:stewartislandvc@doc.govt.nz)

Booking required all year for adults, children and youth	Adults	Child / Youth
Hut Ticket	\$20.40	Free
Campsite Ticket	\$5.10	Free

**Note:** Hunters holding a hunting permit issued by the Rakiura NP VC may stay up to 10 days at Rakiura Great Walk campsites Sawdust Bay, Port William and Maori Beach.

Large groups including schools must not occupy more than 50% of the bunks in a hut or space at a campsite along the Rakiura Track.

### Go with a guide

Commercial activities require permits or licences, known as 'concessions'. Concessionaires provide guided walking services for many of these tracks. They do not have exclusive use of DOC facilities. On some tracks they have their own facilities such as huts and shelters. Concessionaires offer a higher level of service and comfort for walking; at a higher price. Find out about concessionaires on the website or at DOC visitor centres.

### Further information

DOC visitor centres are there to help you plan your adventures. Visitor centres in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch specialise in recreation information for trip planning. Regional centres have more details about places, and National Park Visitor Centres have lots of local park information and conservation and history displays. Go to DOC visitor centres to check for changes to facilities and services, and get the latest information about weather and conditions.

Visit the DOC website: [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)



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