



New Zealand Great Walk hut and campsite fees - 2009-2010 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 + years

Youth: 11-17 years

Child: 5-10 years

Infant: 0-4 years

Fees

- * Fees are charged per person per night.
- * Great Walk Tickets are required for the use of all huts and campsites. Tickets must be purchased before you set out on a walk. You may need to make a booking for the huts and campsites on some Great Walk tracks. You can do this via www.doc.govt.nz or at DOC visitor centres. Penalty fees of up to double the standard fee apply if pre-purchases of Tickets are not made. Note that while there are no fees for youth, children and infants, bookings are still required.
- * From 1 July 2008 youth and children may stay at huts and campsites free of charge. Note that bookings are still required.
- * Off-peak season the Backcountry Hut Pass and Backcountry Hut Tickets can be used in many huts. The fee Backcountry Hut Pass (valid for up to 12-months) is Adults \$90.00.
- * 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. Limited discounts are available for members of approved 'Recreation Associate' organisations.

Bookings

- Required **peak season only** for Milford huts, Routeburn and Kepler track huts and campsites. Bookings open mid July each year.
- Required **all year** for Lake Waikaremoana, Abel Tasman and Heaphy Track huts and campsites.
- **Not required** for Whanganui Journey, Tongariro Northern Circuit and Rakiura Track huts and campsites.

Book via www.doc.govt.nz, greatwalksbookings@doc.govt.nz or DOC visitor centres. Note booking fees apply

Be well prepared!

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

Hut and campsite facilities

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) and Whanganui Journey huts.
- * Cookers are provided *peak season only* in Tongariro Northern Circuit, 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.



North Island Great Walks

Tongariro Northern Circuit, Tongariro National Park

Information: **Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre** Ph 07 892 3729 tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz



<i>Bookings not required. Obtain Hut Tickets from Tongariro VC</i>	Peak season (For this track only: Saturday of Labour weekend, October to and including Monday of Queens's Birthday Monday holiday, June)		Off-peak - Backcountry Hut Pass/ Tickets	
	Adults	Child / Youth	Adults	Child / Youth
Hut	\$25.00	Free	\$15.00	Free
Campsite	\$20.00	Free	\$5.00	Free

Lake Waikaremoana Track, Te Urewera National Park

Book via: www.doc.govt.nz, email: greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz or at **Te Urewera National Park Visitor Centre**. Ph 06 837 3900 teureweravc@doc.govt.nz



<i>Bookings required all year for adults, child and youth</i>	Adults	Child / Youth
Hut Ticket	\$25.00	Free
Campsite Ticket	\$12.00	Free

Whanganui River Journey, Whanganui National Park

Purchase Great Walk Ticket from **Whanganui Conservancy** Ph 06 348 8475 wanganuico@doc.govt.nz



<i>Booking not required. Obtain Ticket prior to commencing journey in peak season.</i>	Peak season		Off-peak - Backcountry Hut Pass/ Tickets	
	Adults	Child / Youth	Adults	Child / Youth
Full Journey Taumarunui to Pipiriki, all campsites and huts. Pass valid for 4 nights / 5 days.	\$45.00	Free	Tieke Kainga and John Coull Huts \$15.00 per night.	Free
Journey excluding Tieke Kainga Taumarunui to Pipiriki, all campsites and huts ex. Tieke Kainga. Pass valid for 4 nights / 5days.	\$35.00	Free		
Taumarunui to Whakahoro Campsites. Ticket valid for 1 night/2 days.	\$10.00	Free	Campsites Free	

South Island Great Walks

Abel Tasman Coast Track - Abel Tasman National Park

Bookings: Ph 03 546 8210; Fax: 03 546 9612, email: 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</i>	Peak season		Off-peak season	
	Adults	Child / Youth	Adults	Child/ Youth
Hut Ticket	\$30.00	Free	\$12.00	Free
Campsite Ticket (max 2 nights except Totaranui which is 1)	\$12.00	Free	\$8.00	Free

Heaphy Track - Kahurangi National Park

Bookings: Ph 03 546 8210, Fax: 03 546 9612, email: greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz Note: A camping 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>	Peak season		Off-peak season	
	Adults	Child/ Youth	Adults	Child/ Youth
Hut Ticket	\$25.00	Free	\$15.00	Free
Campsite Ticket	\$12.50	Free	\$8.00	Free



Milford Track - Fiordland National Park

Bookings: Ph 03 249 8514, Fax 03 249 8515, greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz

	Peak season <i>Booking required for adults, children and youth</i>		Off-peak season Backcountry Hut Pass / Tickets	
	Adults	Child / Youth	Adults	Child / Youth
Hut Ticket (for all 3)	\$135.00	Free	\$15.00 per hut	Free
Campsite	Camping is not permitted			

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



Routeburn Track – Mt Aspiring and Fiordland National Parks

Bookings: Ph 03 249 8514, Fax 03 249 8515, greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz

	Peak season <i>Booking required for adults, children and youth</i>		Off-peak season Backcountry Hut Pass / Tickets	
	Adults	Child / Youth	Adults	Child / Youth
Hut Ticket	\$45.00	Free	\$15.00 per hut	Free
Campsite Ticket	\$15.00	Free	Free	Free



Kepler Track - Fiordland National Park

Bookings: Ph 03 249 8514, Fax 03 249 8515, greatwalksbooking@doc.govt.nz

	Peak season <i>Booking required for adults, children and youth</i>		Off-peak season Backcountry Hut Pass / Tickets	
	Adults	Child / Youth	Adults	Child / Youth
Hut Ticket	\$45.00	Free	\$15.00 per hut	Free
Campsite Ticket	\$15.00	Free	Free	Free

Rakiura Track - Rakiura National Park, Stewart Island

Purchase Great Walk Ticket from **Rakiura NP Visitor Centre** Ph 03 219 0002 Fax: 03 219 0003 email: stewartislandvc@doc.govt.nz or Invercargill Conservancy Ph 03 211 2400, Fax: 03 214 4486 email: Invercargill@doc.govt.nz



	<i>Bookings not required</i>	
	Adults	Child / Youth
Hut Ticket	\$15.00	Free
Campsite Ticket	\$5.00	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.

The Visitor Centres brochure tells you where they are and more about what’s on offer. Visit the DOC website: www.doc.govt.nz

