

# Kerr Bay and West Bay camps Nelson Lakes National Park



## Welcome

Welcome to the alpine village of St Arnaud, the gateway to the Buller highway and Nelson Lakes National Park. There are two separate campsites in St Arnaud, both located adjacent to Lake Rotoiti. The serviced/scenic camp at Kerr Bay is surrounded by beech forest and 500 m from the village shop. A scenic camp at West Bay has sites tucked amongst kākūka/mānuka forest and is a 3 kilometre drive or 30 minute walk from the village. Both camps have boat launching ramps nearby.



Bookings are required to stay in either camp in the peak season. Neither camp is suitable for vehicles greater than 7 metres in length.



- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable ground
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimise the effects of fire
- Respect wildlife and farm animals
- Be considerate of others



## How to book

- Bookings are required from mid-December to 30 April.
- Book online at the DOC website [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz) or at Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre.
- Prior bookings are recommended over Christmas period, Classic and Power Boats weekends, and Easter.
- West Bay campsite is only open mid-December to 30 April.
- Outside of the above periods, campers must register at the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre.

## Camp regulations

Both camps are within Nelson Lakes National Park.

- Park by-laws apply.
- No domestic pets are allowed.
- Sites must be vacated by 10 AM on the day of departure.
- Speed limit in the camping areas in 5 km/h.
- Excessive noise after 11 PM will not be tolerated.
- Please keep rubbish to a minimum.
- No fires.

The management reserves the right to cancel tenancy at any time if park by-laws or these regulations are contravened and under such circumstances will not refund any fees paid in advance.

## Camp fees (per night)

Kerr Bay		Labour weekend – 30 April	1 May – Friday before Labour Weekend
Powered sites:	Adults	\$21.00	\$16.00
	Child	\$10.50	\$8.00
Non-powered sites:	Adults	\$18.00	\$13.00
	Child	\$9.00	\$6.50
Shower tokens:		\$1.00	

### West Bay (open mid-December – 30 April)

Non-powered sites: Adults \$13.00 Child \$6.50

The child rate applies to children aged from 5 to 17 years inclusive.

Children 0 to 4 years, free.

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## Kerr Bay camp

There are five camping areas each with varying numbers of sites. Bellbird, Fantail, Robin and Tuī areas have powered sites with hardened surfaces, while the grassy Kākā area is more suitable for tents.


A day shelter provides kitchen and cooking facilities. During the summer months, the ablution block has token operated showers, full access shower/toilet and coin operated washing machine and clothes dryer.


During winter, the showers (including full access shower/toilet) are closed as the pipes can freeze and the washing machine and dryer are removed.



## West Bay camp

West Bay camp is a scenic campsite open from mid-December to 30 April. It has two separate camping areas, Jetty and Buller. Each area has a toilet/shower building (cold water only), cooking shelter, picnic tables and full access facilities.

 **Serviced campsites** have a wide range of facilities and services. Flush toilets, tap water, kitchen/cooking bench, hot showers, rubbish collection and road access for all types of vehicles. Laundry facilities, barbecues, fireplaces, cookers and picnic tables may be available.

 **Scenic campsites** are in a high use locations and have a more limited range of facilities and services than Serviced campsites. They have toilets, tap water supply and vehicle or boat access. They may have wood barbeques and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter and rubbish bins.

## For further information

Other services offered at the Visitor Centre include walk and tramping information, maps, hut bookings and tickets, fishing licenses and retail sales. Interpretive displays explain the landforms, history and wildlife of the area.

We hope you enjoy your stay.

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