

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 three separate campsites in St Arnaud, two located adjacent to Lake Rotoiti and the third off the state highway. The serviced camp at Kerr Bay is surrounded by beech forest and 500 m from the village shop. A standard camp at West Bay has sites tucked amongst kānuka/mānuka forest and is a 3 km drive or 30-minute walk from the village. Both camps have boat launch ramps nearby. The standard campsite at Teetotal Recreation Reserve is 2 km west of the village on the way to Murchison (dogs are permitted at Teetotal).

Bookings are required all year to stay in the camps at Kerr Bay and West Bay. Neither campsite is suitable for vehicles more than 7 m long.



Serviced campsites have a wide range of facilities and services: flush toilets, tap water, kitchen/cooking bench, hot showers and road access for most types of vehicles. Laundry facilities, cookers and picnic tables may be provided.

Standard campsites have toilets, water supply (tap, stream, or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Cold showers, picnic tables and a cooking shelter may be provided.

How to book

- Bookings are required all year round for Kerr Bay and West Bay.
- Book online at the DOC website www.doc.govt.nz or at Nelson Lakes National Park Visitor Centre.
- Early bookings are recommended over the Christmas period, classic boat and power boat weekends in March, and Easter.
- West Bay campsite is open only from late November/early December to the end of April.
- Campers must check in at the Nelson Lakes National Park Visitor Centre.

Camp regulations

These campsites are within the Nelson Lakes National Park.

- Park bylaws apply.
- Sites must be vacated by 10 am on the day of departure.
- Excessive noise after 10 pm will not be tolerated.
- No rubbish or recycling facilities available.
- No domestic pets are allowed.
- Speed limit in the camping areas is 5 km/hr.
- No fires.
- No unauthorised drones in the Nelson Lakes National Park.

Rubbish/recycling

Lake Rotoiti has no rubbish or recycling. Nelson Lakes National Park operates a 'pack-in, pack-out' policy. Take your rubbish and recycling with you.

Waste transfer stations are located at Murchison (Matakitaki West Bank Road), Richmond (Fittal Street) and Blenheim (Wither Road).

Shower tokens

Hot shower tokens are available from the camp host or from the Nelson Lakes National Park Visitor Centre.

Nelson Lakes National Park Visitor Centre hours

Refer to the Department of Conservation website for seasonal opening hours.

Closed Christmas Day.

Kerr Bay Campsite

There are six camping areas, each with varying numbers of sites.

Bellbird, Fantail, Robin and Tūi areas have powered sites with gravel surfaces, while the grassy Kākā area is more suitable for tents.

Kiwi sites are suitable for campervans or caravans and provide a gravel surface with some grass around the sites. These are non-powered.

A day shelter provides kitchen sinks and a gas stovetop. The ablution block has token-operated showers, a full access shower/toilet and coin-operated washing machine and clothes dryer.



West Bay Campsite

West Bay Camp is a standard campsite open from late November/early December to the end of 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.

Teetotal Campsite

Teetotal is a standard campsite with 12 non-powered/tent sites open all year round. Bookings are not required – first come, first served. There is no water during the winter months. There is a large gravel area for vehicles. Power is not available. Dogs are permitted at the campsite but not in the national park.

Further information

Other services offered at the Visitor Centre include walking, tramping and mountain biking information, maps, hut bookings and hut tickets, personal locator beacon hire, fishing and hunting licences, and retail sales, including insect repellent, t-shirts, books. Interpretative displays explain the landforms, history and wildlife of the area.

Nelson Lakes National Park Visitor Centre

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