

# DOC hut, campsite and lodge price changes for 2022/23

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is updating its accommodation pricing for the 2022/23 booking year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023). For this round of pricing reviews, DOC has mostly focussed on campsites while introducing some new approaches to improve cost recovery, better reflect the value of facilities and help regulate demand for popular places. The changes are listed below.

There are no changes to Great Walks prices or to prices for the vast majority of huts.

## Campsites

As part of DOC's regular price reviews, there will be some small changes to campsite prices for the upcoming booking season. The new prices are based on cost-inflation adjustments or high-demand to better reflect the value of the experience and assist with improving costs recovery from users of the facilities. Most of these campsites can be booked all-year round, and the new prices will be automatically applied when booking.

### Standard Campsites

Standard category campsites fees are increasing to bring these in line with inflation and council campsites.

Campsite	2021/2022 Price	New Price
All Standard, Non-Powered Campsites	\$8.00 per adult / \$4.00 per child	\$10.00 per adult / \$5.00 per child
Kahikatea Campsite (self-contained powered sites only)	\$11.00 per adult / \$5.50 per child	\$13.00 per adult / \$6.50 per child

## Backcountry campsites

Ten of 55 backcountry campsites will have new prices for consistent pricing across adjacent and similar facilities. This will assist with improving costs recovery from the users of the facilities.

Campsite	2021/2022 Price	New Price
<b>Dancing Camp Campsite</b>	\$10.00 per adult / \$5.00 per child	\$12.50 per adult / \$6.25 per child
<b>Crosbies Hut Backcountry Campsite▲</b>	\$5.00 per adult / \$2.50 per child	\$7.50-\$10 per adult / \$3.75-\$5 per child
<b>Hooker Hut Campsite</b>	\$7.50 per adult / \$3.50 per child	\$12.50 per adult / \$6.25 per child
<b>Billygoat Basin Campsite</b>	\$5.00 per adult / \$2.50 per child	\$6.00 per adult / \$3.00 per child
<b>Queen Charlotte Track Campsites:</b>		
<b>Schoolhouse Bay Campsite,</b>	\$6.00 per adult / \$3.00 per child,	\$10.00 per adult / \$5.00 per child
<b>Camp Bay Campsite*,</b>	\$8.00 per adult / \$4.00 per child,	
<b>Bay of Many Coves Campsite,</b>	\$6.00 per adult / \$3.00 per child,	
<b>Black Rock Campsite,</b>	\$6.00 per adult / \$3.00 per child,	
<b>Davies Bay Campsite,</b>	\$6.00 per adult / \$3.00 per child,	
<b>Cowshed Bay Campsite▲</b>	\$8.00-\$15.00 per adult / \$4.00-\$7.50 per child	

▲ Hut/Campsite price changes seasonally or on weekends

\* Standard category campsite

## Seasonal price increases for popular campsites

Seasonal pricing is implemented to 15 of the most popular bookable campsites outside of the Great Walks. This will encourage the use of alternative campsites at peak times of year. The increase in the seasonal price for these campsites will be \$2 to \$3 per adult per night (\$1 to \$1.50 per under 17s). This new price is applicable during peak season from 26 December to 8 February. At two campsites the pricing has been reduced outside of peak season.

Campsite	Regular Price	Peak Season Price (26 December to 8 February)
<b>Kerr Bay Campsite, Momorangi Bay Campsite</b>	Non-powered sites: \$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child Powered sites: \$23.00 per adult / \$11.50 per child	Non-powered sites: \$22.00 per adult / \$11.00 per child Powered sites: \$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child
<b>Pelorus Bridge (Kahikatea Flat) Campsite</b>	Non-powered sites: \$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child	Non-powered sites: \$22.00 per adult / \$11.00 per child



Campsite	Regular Price	Peak Season Price (26 December to 8 February)
	Powered sites: \$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child	Powered sites: \$22.00 per adult / \$11.00 per child
<b>Otamure Bay (Whananaki) Campsite, Urupukapuka Island Campsites (inc Sunset Bay and Cable Bay), Tōtaranui Campground, Waikahoa Bay Campsite, French Pass Campsite, Puriri Bay (Whangaruru North Head) Campsite, West Bay Campsite, White Horse Hill Campground, Port Jackson Campsite</b>	\$15.00 per adult / \$7.50 per child	\$18.00 per adult / \$9.00 per child
<b>Waikawau Bay Campsite</b>	Non-powered sites: \$15.00 per adult / \$7.50 per child Powered sites: \$18.00 per adult / \$9.00 per child	Non-powered sites: \$18.00 per adult / \$9.00 per child Powered sites: \$21.00 per adult / \$10.50 per child

## Campsites with price reductions

Two campsites were identified to benefit from decreased prices during low season. This will encourage more people to use these campsites during less quieter times of year. The higher price will only be charged during the peak summer period.

Campsite	2021/2022 Price	New Price
<b>Kenepuru Head Campsite</b>	Labour weekend to 30 April: \$15.00 per adult / \$7.50 per child  May 1 to before Labour weekend: \$10.00 per adult / \$5.00 per child	26 December to 8 February: \$15.00 per adult / \$7.50 per child  09 February to 25 December: \$10.00 per adult / \$5.00 per child
<b>Cowshed Bay Campsite</b>	Labour weekend to 30 April: \$15.00 per adult / \$7.50 per child  May 1 to before Labour weekend: \$10.00 per adult / \$5.00 per child	26 December to 8 February: \$15.00 per adult / \$7.50 per child  09 February to 25 December: \$10.00 per adult / \$5.00 per child

## Campsites with minimum stay requirements

Minimum night stay requirements are used to manage high demand during peak periods and make sure more people get a turn to stay at very popular campsites. DOC currently uses these at five (of over 300) campsites to help more people get an opportunity to stay at times of year where demand for campsites exceeds availability (during the Christmas/New Year period). They are only used at DOC's busiest campsites and for very specific dates, so most DOC campsites and dates are unaffected.

Campsite	Current minimum night stay requirement and applicable dates	New minimum night stay requirement and applicable dates
<b>French Pass Campsite</b>	2 nights (30 December to 2 January)	2 nights (27 December to 2 January)

Campsite	Current minimum night stay requirement and applicable dates	New minimum night stay requirement and applicable dates
Momorangi Bay Campsite	5 nights (26 December to 5 January)	4 nights (27 December to 5 January)
Pelorus Bridge Campsite	3 nights (26 December to 4 January)	3 nights (27 December to 4 January)
Waikahoa Bay Campsite	5 nights (26 December to 11 January)	3 nights (26 December to 11 January)
Uretiti Campsite	3 nights (28 December to 1 January)	(No change) 3 nights (28 December to 1 January)

## Campsites with minimum site charges

Minimum site charges are currently used at three DOC campsites. The applicable dates are shortened at two of the three campsites, and dates extended through to Waitangi weekend at the extremely popular Tōtaranui Campsite in Abel Tasman National Park.

Campsite	Current minimum site charge	Current applicable dates	New minimum site charge	New applicable dates
Momorangi Bay Campsite	\$40.00	26 Dec to 10 Feb	\$44.00*	27 Dec to 11 Jan
Pelorus Bridge Campsite	\$40.00	26 Dec to 11 Jan	\$44.00*	27 Dec to 11 Jan
Tōtaranui Campsite	\$30.00	21 Dec to 26 Jan	\$36.00*	26 Dec to 8 Feb

\*Price increase due to seasonal pricing

A fee of two adults will apply when a campsite is occupied but no one is staying there (i.e., when a site is occupied by a vacant tent or vehicle). The fee is set at the average occupancy of DOC's campsites, currently two adults. This replaces the current \$15 flat fee applied at some campsites. This is to ensure campsites are available to be enjoyed by as many campers as possible. This fee applies to all DOC campsites.

## Price changes for popular huts and lodges

A few price changes to huts and sole occupancy lodges will come into effect this year following monitoring and review of price changes implemented last year.

### General price increases

Brewster Hut and Hooker Hut will have a general price increase across the week due to strong, sustained demand.

Facility	2021/2022 Price	New Price
Brewster Hut	\$30 per adult / \$15 per youth	\$40 per adult / \$20 per youth
Hooker Hut	\$15 per adult/\$7.50 per youth	\$25 per adult/\$12.50 per youth

## Weekend price changes

Weekend pricing was introduced last year to encourage people to visit popular huts mid-week if they can, to free up space in the weekend and mean more people have the chance to visit these huts. After reviewing the impacts of this approach, we have seen some huts benefitting from demand shifting to weekdays and sustained high-use across all associated facilities. Based on this review, DOC is making some slight adjustments to prices at these facilities.

Facility	2021/2022 Price	New Price
<b>Rod Donald Hut</b>	<p>Sunday to Thursday: \$15 per adult / \$7.50 per youth/child</p> <p>Friday and Saturday: \$20 per adult / \$10 per youth/child</p>	<p>Monday to Thursday: \$15 per adult / \$7.50 per youth/child</p> <p>Friday to Sunday: \$20 per adult / \$10 per youth/child</p>
<b>Woolshed Creek Hut</b>	<p>Sunday to Friday: \$15 per adult/ \$7.50 per youth</p> <p>Saturday: \$20 per adult/ \$10 per youth</p>	<p>Sunday to Thursday: \$15 per adult / \$7.50 per youth</p> <p>Friday and Saturday: \$20 per adult / \$10 per youth</p>
<b>Lighthouse Cottage</b>	<p>\$65 for up to 4 people</p> <p>2-night minimum stay for Friday/Saturday from Dec 1 to Apr 30</p>	<p>Sunday to Thursday: \$65 per night for up to 4 people</p> <p>Friday and Saturday: \$80 per night for up to 4 people</p>