

# DOC hut, campsite and lodge price changes for 2023/24

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is updating its accommodation pricing for the 2023/24 booking year (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024). For this round of pricing reviews, DOC has mostly focused on huts 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.

## Huts

As part of DOC's regular price reviews, there will be some changes to hut prices for the upcoming booking season. The new prices are based on cost-inflation adjustments, other not for profit hut operators, and high-demand to better reflect the value of the experience and assist with improving costs recovery from users of the facilities.

### Standard Huts

Standard category hut fees are increasing to keep fees relevant to increasing costs, more closely aligns prices to equivalent non-commercial huts and will improve cost recovery. It also aligns with the current nightly fee for standard campsites.

Huts	Current Price	New Price
Standard Huts	\$5.00 per adult / \$2.50 per child	\$10.00 per adult / \$5.00 per child

### Serviced Huts

Serviced category hut fees are increasing to keep fees relevant to increasing costs, align more with prices to equivalent non-commercial huts, and improve cost recovery.

Huts	Current Price	New Price
Serviced Huts	\$15.00 per adult / \$7.50 per child	\$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child

## Serviced Alpine Huts

Some serviced alpine category huts will increase to the new service category price.

Hut	Current Price	New Price
Almer Hut	\$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child	\$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child
Chancellor Hut	\$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child	\$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child
Liverpool Hut	\$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child	\$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child
Barron Saddle Hut	\$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child	\$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child

## Seasonally priced Huts

Most seasonally priced huts are not bookable with little data to verify how pricing shifts visitor demand. Angelus Hut is the exception, which is one of the more popular huts. Seasonal pricing will be removed at the below huts and will have year-round pricing of \$25 per adult based on the serviced hut category.

Hut	Current Price	New Price
Blue Lake Hut, Daleys Flat Hut, Dart Hut, Greenstone Hut, John Tait Hut, Lakehead Hut, McKellar Hut, Mid Caples Hut, Sabine Hut, Shelter Rock Hut, Speargrass Hut, Upper Travers Hut, West Sabine Hut	In season Price: \$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child  Out of Season Price: \$15.00 per adult / \$7.50 per child	Year-round price: \$25 per adult / \$12.50 per child

## High Demand Huts

The facilities below are some of DOC's most popular huts. A \$5 premium to the hut category pricing is applied to these huts.

Hut	Current Price	New Price
Siberia Hut (SSI)*	\$20.00 per adult / \$10.00 per child	\$30.00 per adult / \$15.00 per child
Welcome Flat Hut	\$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child	\$30.00 per adult / \$15.00 per child
Hooker Hut	\$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child	\$30.00 per adult / \$15.00 per child
Angelus Hut**	\$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 per child	\$30.00 per adult / \$15.00 per child

\*Siberia Hut's new price is due to the new category price of \$25 (per adult) + a \$5 (per adult) premium on the category price

\*\*Angelus Hut was previously seasonally priced, at \$25 in the peak season (1 Oct to 30 Apr), and \$15 in the low season

## Weekend Pricing

After two years of weekend pricing applied in some DOC huts, recent analysis has shown huts with weekend pricing benefitted from demand shifting to weekdays and sustained high use across all associated analysis. Weekend pricing will



continue at huts with existing weekend prices at a \$5 premium above the category fee and extended to two additional huts on Saturday nights.

Hut	Current Price	New Price
Atiwhakatu Hut	Saturday: \$10 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$5 per adult	Saturday: \$15 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$10 per adult
Crosbies Hut	Saturday: \$20 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$15 per adult	Saturday: \$30 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$25 per adult
Pinnacles Hut - ESI	Saturday: \$20 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$15 per adult	Saturday: \$30 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$25 per adult
Powell Hut	Saturday: \$20 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$15 per adult	Saturday: \$30 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$25 per adult
Waitawheta Hut	Saturday: \$20 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$15 per adult	Saturday: \$30 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$25 per adult
Woolshed Creek Hut	Saturday: \$20 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$15 per adult	Saturday: \$30 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$25 per adult
Sunrise Hut	Saturday: \$20 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$15 per adult	Saturday: \$30 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$25 per adult
Rod Donald Hut	Friday, Saturday, Sunday: \$20 per adult Monday - Thursday: \$15 per adult	Friday, Saturday, Sunday: \$30 per adult Monday - Thursday: \$25 per adult
Ōtamahua Hut	Friday, Saturday, Sunday: \$20 per adult Monday - Thursday: \$15 per adult	Friday, Saturday, Sunday: \$30 per adult Monday - Thursday: \$25 per adult
Packhorse Hut	Friday, Saturday, Sunday: \$20 per adult Monday - Thursday: \$15 per adult	Friday, Saturday, Sunday: \$30 per adult Monday - Thursday: \$25 per adult
Peach Cove Hut	Friday, Saturday, Sunday: \$25 per adult Monday - Thursday: \$15 per adult	Friday, Saturday, Sunday: \$30 per adult Monday - Thursday: \$25 per adult
<b>New Weekend Priced Huts</b>		
Pahautea Hut	\$5 per adult / \$2.50 per child	Saturday: \$15 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$10 per adult
Pinnacles Hut (HWT)	\$25 per adult / \$12.50 per child	Saturday: \$30 per adult Sunday - Friday: \$25 per adult

## Youth Category Changes

“Child/youth” ages will be defined as 5 to 17 across the two DOC facility types (huts and campsites) and passes (backcountry hut pass and campsite pass). This simplifies age brackets across the huts and campsites and their respective user groups.

Campsite fee and pass age groups	Hut fee and pass age groups	Age groups of other paid experiences (Great Walks, Sole occupancy, etc.) <i>Note: Fees are outside of the scope of this review</i>
<b>Adult (18+ years)</b>	Adult (18+ years)	Adult (18+ years)
<b>Child/youth (5-17 years)</b> Fee: 50% of adult fee	<del>Youth (10-17 years)</del>	<del>Youth/Child (17 and under)</del> <b>Child/youth (5-17 years)</b>

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	Child/youth (5-17 years) Fee: 50% of adult fee	<i>Note: Fees are outside of the scope of this review</i>
Infant (0-4 years) Fee: Free	Child/infant (0-9 years) Infant (0-4 years) Fee: Free	Infant (0-4 years)

## Backcountry Hut Pass

Fee updates are applied to the Backcountry Hut Pass (BCHP) factoring the increases in hut pricing and inflation. The new prices for the BCHP still offer good value due to its extensive hut coverage and ease of use allowing on-line purchases. There are no changes in the list of huts where the pass could be used.

Hut Pass Type	Current Price	New Price
6-month pass	\$108 per adult / \$54 per child	\$120 per adult / \$60 per child
Annual Pass	\$144 per adult / \$72 per child	\$160 per adult / \$80 per child

## Hut Tickets – Updated Prices and Expiry Dates

Hut tickets are repriced to hut category fees, with the introduction of a new hut ticket to cover youth fees for serviced huts. Expiration dates will also be added in the new hut tickets sold beginning 1 July to allow the Department better monitoring of hut tickets in circulation. From 1 July, hut tickets sold will be eligible for use within 1 year from date of purchase.

Hut Ticket Type	Current Price	New Price
Standard – Adult (18+)	\$5	\$10
Standard – Child/Youth (5-17 years)	\$2.50	\$5
Serviced – Adult (18+)	\$15	\$25
Serviced – Child/Youth (5-17 years)	\$7.50	\$12.50

## Great Walk Huts

### Some Seasonal Price Changes

The below Great Walks will increase their off-season hut pricing from \$15 per adult to \$25 per adult. This aligns the off-season Great Walks hut prices with the new serviced hut category prices.

Track	Current Off-Season Price	New Off-Season Price
Milford Track	\$15 per adult / \$0 per child	\$25 per adult / \$0 per child
Routeburn Track	\$15 per adult / \$0 per child	\$25 per adult / \$0 per child
Kepler Track	\$15 per adult / \$0 per child	\$25 per adult / \$0 per child
Tongariro Northern	\$15 per adult / \$0 per child	\$25 per adult / \$0 per child
Whanganui Journey	\$15 per adult / \$0 per child	\$25 per adult / \$0 per child

### Paparoa Track Price Updates

Paparoa Track huts will have a price structure adjustment to align it with pricing in other Great Walk huts. The huts will have three seasonal prices, and differential pricing for international visitors. The huts will also have varying prices to alleviate pressure in the more popular huts.

Paparoa Track Huts	Summer prices				Winter prices		Shoulder prices	
	(incl GST)				(incl GST)		(incl GST)	
	International		NZ resident		June to August		May and September	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
Ces Clarke Hut	\$68	\$34	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0
Moonlight Hut	\$105	\$52	\$70	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$55	\$0
Pororari Hut	\$83	\$41	\$55	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0

## Price changes for sole occupancy facilities and a campsite

Price adjustments are implemented for two holiday parks, 31 sole occupancy facilities and 1 campsite. The price increases 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.



Region	Facility	Current Price	New Price
NNI	Mimiwhangata Beach House	Peak: \$1,617 Shoulder: \$665 Off-peak: \$413	Peak: \$1,701 Shoulder: \$700 Off-peak: \$434
NNI	Mimiwhangata Cottage	Peak: \$1,617 Shoulder: \$665 Off-peak: \$413	Peak: \$2,044 Shoulder: \$945 Off-peak: \$525
NNI	Mimiwhangata Lodge	Peak: \$1,617 Shoulder: \$665 Off-peak: \$413	Peak: \$1,701 Shoulder: \$700 Off-peak: \$434
AKL	Motuora Island Bach	Off-peak: \$85 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$100 per night	Off-peak: \$89 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$105 per night
AKL	Tiritiri Matangi Island Bunkhouse	\$40 per adult \$30 per youth	\$42 per adult \$32 per youth
HWT	Cookson Cottage	\$84 for two people \$21 per extra person	\$88 for two people \$22 per extra person
HWT	Kauri Cottage	\$84 for two people \$21 per extra person	\$88 for two people \$22 per extra person
HWT	Stony Bay Bach	Off-peak: \$90 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$108 per night \$20 per extra person	Off-peak: \$95 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$113 per night \$21 per extra person
HWT	The Camphouse	\$27 per adult \$13.50 per youth	\$28 per adult \$14 per youth
ENI	Matatā Campsite	\$10 per adult \$5 per youth	\$15 per adult \$7.50 per youth
LNI	Holdsworth Lodge (per bunk)	\$27 per adult \$13.50 per youth	\$28 per adult \$14 per youth
	Holdsworth Lodge (per room, Kererū and Kākā)	\$86 per night	\$90 per night
	Holdsworth Lodge (Whole Lodge)	\$388 per night	\$407 per night
LNI	Waikuku Lodge	\$121 per night	\$127 per night
LNI	Te Kopi Cottage	\$160 per night (up to 4 people) Additional guests: \$20 per person	\$168 per night (up to 4 people) Additional guests: \$21 per person
LNI	Te Kopi Homestead	\$160 per night (up to 4 people) Additional guests: \$20 per person	\$168 per night (up to 4 people) Additional guests: \$21 per person

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LNI	Pohangina Base	\$25 per bunk: \$50 - 2-bed room \$75 - 3-bed room \$100 - 4-bed room \$150 - 6-bed room \$340 - whole complex	\$26 per bunk: \$52 - 2-bed \$78 - 3-bed \$104 - 4-bed \$156 - 6-bed \$357 - whole complex
LNI	Robson's Lodge	Off-peak: \$90 per night Peak (Friday or Saturday): \$108 per night	Off-peak: \$95 per night Peak (Friday or Saturday): \$113 per night
LNI	Education House	Off-peak: \$220 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$265 per night	Off-peak: \$231 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$278 per night
LNI	Caretaker's Cottage	Weekend (Friday or Saturday night): \$250 per night Weekday (Sunday to Thursday): \$200 per night	Off-peak: \$231 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$278 per night
LNI	Boar Inn	Off-peak: \$40 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$50 per night	Off-peak: \$45 per night Peak (26 <sup>th</sup> December to 8 <sup>th</sup> February): \$55 per night
LNI	Haurangi Hut	Off-peak: \$105 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$125 per night	Off-peak: \$115 per night Peak (26 <sup>th</sup> December to 8 <sup>th</sup> February): \$140 per night
LNI	Jans Hut	Off-peak: \$85 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$100 per night	Off-peak: \$105 per night Peak (26 <sup>th</sup> December to 8 <sup>th</sup> February): \$125 per night
LNI	Papatahi Hut	Off-peak: \$105 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$125 per night	Off-peak: \$100 per night Peak (26 <sup>th</sup> December to 8 <sup>th</sup> February): \$120 per night
LNI	Raukawa Hut	Off-peak: \$135 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$160 per night	Off-peak: \$155 per night Peak (26 <sup>th</sup> December to 8 <sup>th</sup> February): \$185 per night
LNI	Turere Lodge	Off-peak: \$85 per night Peak (Fri/Sat/23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec-16 <sup>th</sup> Jan): \$100 per night	Off-peak: \$110 per night Peak (26 <sup>th</sup> December to 8 <sup>th</sup> February): \$130 per night
NSI	Cobb Hostel	\$80 per night	\$92 per night
NSI	Nydia Lodge	3-bed room: \$36 4-bed room: \$48 6-bed room: \$72 7-bed room: \$84 Whole lodge: \$470; School groups: \$330	3-bed room: \$38 4-bed room: \$50 6-bed room: \$76 7-bed room: \$88 Whole lodge: \$494; School groups: \$347
NSI	Matai Bay Hut	\$7 per adult \$4 per youth \$40 for whole hut	\$8 per adult \$4.50 per youth \$42 for whole hut



Region	Facility	Current Price	New Price
WSI	Ōkārito School House	\$116 per night	\$122 per night
WSI	Sierra Room	\$110 per night	\$132 per night
WSI	Waiuta Lodge	\$16 per adult \$8 per youth	\$17 per adult \$8.50 per youth
ESI	Cabins @ Peel Forest Campsite	\$50 per night for two people \$15 for an extra adult/child/infant	\$60 per night for two people \$16 for an extra adult/child/infant
ESI	Whirinaki Recreation Camp	Per cabin: \$33 – off-peak \$40 – peak (23 Dec to 16 Jan)  Whole camp: \$99 – off-peak \$120 – peak (23 Dec to 16 Jan)	Per cabin: \$35 – off-peak \$42 – peak (23 Dec to 16 Jan)  Whole camp: \$105 – off-peak \$126 – peak (23 Dec to 16 Jan)

Holiday Park	Units	Current Price	New Price
Waikaremoana Holiday Park	Chalets (4 pax)	\$136 per night, \$26/\$16 per extra adult/youth	\$143 per night, \$27/\$17 per extra adult/youth
	Chalets (5 pax)	\$147 per night, \$26/\$16 per extra adult/youth	\$154 per night, \$27/\$17 per extra adult/youth
	Tourist Flats (2 pax)	\$147 per night	\$154 per night
	Family Unit (7 pax)	\$152 per night, \$26/\$16 per extra adult/youth	\$159 per night, \$27/\$17 per extra adult/youth
	Bunkhouse (8 pax)	\$105 per night, \$26/\$11 per extra adult/youth	\$110 per night, \$27/\$12 per extra adult/youth
	Fishermans Cabin (2 pax)	\$84 per night	\$88 per night
	Fishermans Cabin (5 pax)	\$68 per night, \$21/\$11 per extra	\$71 per night, \$22/\$12 per extra adult/youth
Whakapapa Holiday Park	Standard cabin double	Weekday: \$86 per night  Weekend (Fri/Sat): \$96 per night  \$23 / \$18 per extra adult/youth	Weekday: \$90 per night  Weekend (Fri/Sat): \$100 per night  \$24 / \$19 per extra adult/youth
	Standard cabin single	Weekday: \$81 per night	Weekday: \$85 per night



Holiday Park	Units	Current Price	New Price
		Weekend (Fri/Sat): \$91 per night \$23 / \$18 per extra adult/youth	Weekend (Fri/Sat): \$95 per night \$24 / \$19 per extra adult/youth
	Self-contained cabin	\$139 per night \$22 / \$17 per extra adult/youth	\$145 per night \$23 / \$18 per extra adult/youth
	Whole Lodge	\$508 per night	\$533 per night
	Lodge private room	\$76 per night \$20 / \$18 per extra adult/youth	\$79 per night \$21 / \$20 per extra adult/youth
	Backpacker bed	\$30 per night	\$32 per night