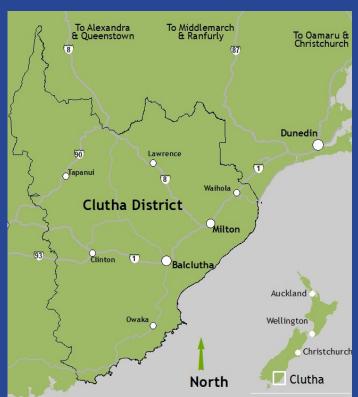
# CAMPING IN CLUTHA



For more information visit

www.cluthanz.com



For further information on attractions, activities accommodation and eating options visit:

Clutha i-Site Visitor Centre 1 John Street, Balclutha Ph: 03 418 0388 E-mail: clutha.vin@cluthadc.govt.nz

Open Monday-Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm Sat/Sun/Public Holidays in Summer 9.30am - 3.30pm, in Winter 10.00am to 2.00pm. ANZAC Day 1.00pm to 3.00pm, Christmas Day - closed.

There is also information available from the other information and service centres across the district.

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# What do you mean by?

# Freedom camping

Freedom camping in the Clutha District refers to camping on public land in a self-contained vehicle, within 200 metres of a formed road, other motor vehicle accessible area, or the mean low-water springs line of the sea. Some public land is excluded however.

Freedom camping does not include the following activities:

- Temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle
- Recreational activities commonly known as day trip excursions
- Resting or sleeping at the roadside in a caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.

### **Self-contained**

Vehicles must comply with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001 and display a current self-containment warrant.

You need to be able to live in it for 3 days without getting more water or dumping waste. The self - contained vehicle must have:

- A toilet
- Fresh water storage
- Waste water storage
- A rubbish bin with a lid.

If your vehicle is not fully self - contained, then please stay at a camping ground if you wish to camp in the Clutha District.



REMEMBER - when in New Zealand, please drive on the left!



# **Camping in Clutha**

Where can you camp?	Fully self Contained	Non self Contained
Holiday Parks & Camping Grounds	Yes	Yes
DOC Campsites	Yes	Yes
Designated Freedom Camping Sites	Yes	No

We welcome visitors who are prepared to look after our unique natural environment and follow some simple rules.

All types of camping are permitted at commercial holiday parks and camping grounds. This includes tents, campervans, sleeper vans and non-self-contained vehicles. See the map inside this brochure for locations.

You can find more information at www.camping.org.nz



# If freedom camping we ask that you please:

- Don't camp in town centres or areas where Clutha
  District Council "No Camping" signs are displayed. This
  does not apply to any designated freedom camping
  sites e.g. the Owaka freedom camping site.
- Dispose of your wastewater at a dump station (see map)
- Do not light any fires or charcoal barbecues
- Leave the area as you found it, free from litter and damage
- Comply with any requests to move on by an authorised officer.

Breaking these rules could result in an instant fine or prosecution.

# Rubbish and recycling

Please use bins provided within town centres or at one of the Council transfer stations which are located in most urban townships. Here you can drop off recyclables for free or dispose of rubbish for a small fee. Visit one of the information centres or go to www.cluthadc.govt.nz to find out the opening hours and fees for transfer stations.

# Why do we need rules around camping?

Rules provide protection to our natural environment, by minimising littering and dumping of toilet waste, and allows tourism to continue further into the future. Further information about freedom camping is available on www.camping.org.nz. The specific rules relating to the Clutha District are available at www.cluthadc.govt.nz.

#### **NZMCA**

There are several free and low cost overnight camping sites available to members of the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. (NZMCA) in Clutha. Visit www.nzmca.org.nz for more details.

## Respect our wildlife

Clutha's coastal wildlife species provide fantastic viewing opportunities, but please respect their space:

- Fur seals and sea lions the recommended safe viewing distance is at least 20m.
- Yellow-eyed penguins stay well away and out of their sight. Do not approach or follow them.

It is an offence to disturb or harass wildlife. Where available, use the viewing hides provided. Look for brochures that provide more information about the wildlife that you may encounter.

# Going fishing?

Trout and salmon are sure to be biting in the Clutha, Waipahi, Pomahaka, Tuapeka and Catlins Rivers. Other notable freshwater fishing spots include the Owaka, Waitahuna, Tokomairiro and Leithen Burn rivers. Fishing licenses are available from local information centres. Alternatively, try surf casting at the various beaches dow the coast.

# Surf's up

Some of New Zealand's best kept surfing secrets are in the Clutha District, including Toko Mouth, Kaka Point, and Cannibal and Purakaunui bays. Motorists should take extra caution on gravel roads - especially those leading to Cannibal Bay and Purakaunui Bay as these are extremely narrow in places.

# Tuapeka Punt

The Tuapeka Mouth Punt operates daily, free of charge. To get up to date running times look up Tuapeka Mouth Ferry on Facebook or call on 03 415 9068. The punt can take motorhomes / campervans up to 2.7 tonnes. However, with changing water levels, the ramp might not be available to load and unload vehicles.



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#### **Catlins Information Centre &** Owaka Museum

10 Campbell Street Ph: 03 415 8371 catlinsinfo@cluthadc.govt.nz

#### Milton Information Centre

53 Union Street Milton Ph: 03 417 7480 miltoninfo@xtra.co.nz

## Lawrence Information Centre & Tapanui Service Centre Museum

17 Ross Place Lawrence Ph: 03 485 9222 info@lawrence.nz

# **Information Centre & Library**

1 Suffolk Street Tapanui Ph: 03 204 8306 tapanui.info@cluthadc.govt.nz

# Holiday Parks, Campgrounds & Freedom **Camping Sites**

#### Taieri Mouth

Taieri Mouth Beach Holiday Park 67 Moturata Road 027 890 2346

Lake Waihola Holiday Park 10 Waihola Place State Highway 1 03 417 8908 www.lakewaihola.co.nz

Taylor Park Camping Ground 260 Union Street 03 417 8109

#### **Balclutha**

Balclutha Motor Camp 56 Charlotte Street 03 418 0088 www.balcluthamotorcamp.co.nz

#### Tapanui

Tapanui Motor Camp 83 Northumberland Street 027 495 2795 www.tapanuimotorcamp.com

#### Lawrence - Beaumont

- Beaumont Holiday Park 1987 Beaumont Highway (SH8) 03 485 9431 www.beaumonthotel.co.nz
- Gold Park Motor Camp 1 Harrington Street 03 485 9850 www.goldpark.co.nz
- Department of Conservation Freedom Camping Site Gabriels Gully www.doc.govt.nz

#### Kaitangata

Kaitangata Motor Camp 5 Clyde Terrace 027 346 4820 www.kaitangatamotorcamp.com

#### Owaka

- Thomas' Catlins Lodge and Holiday Park corner of Ryley and Clark streets 03 415 8333 www.thomascatlins.co.nz
- Catlins Inn 21 Ryley Street Owaka 03 415 8350 www.clt-trust.co.nz/catlins-inn---Owaka
- Owaka Freedom Camping Site Inn Street Owaka

#### The Catlins

- Kaka Point Camping Ground 39 Tarata Street 03 412 8801 www.kakapointcamping.co.nz
- Kuramea Holiday Park 350 Pounawea Road 021 052 7290
- Pounawea Motor Camp 1 Park Lane, 03 415 8483 www.catlins-nz.com/pounawea-motor-camp
- Newhaven Holiday Park 324 Newhaven Road Surat Bay 03 415

www.catlinsnewhavenholidaypark.com

- Department of Conservation Tawanui Campsite Catlins Road www.doc.govt.nz
- Department of Conservation Purakaunui Bay Campsite Purakaunui Bay Road www.doc.govt.nz
- Department of Conservation Papatowai Campsite 2499 Papatowai Highway www.doc.govt.nz
- The Whistling Frog 9 Rewcastle Road 03 415 8668 www.whistlingfrogresort.com