

# CANTERBURY



**Note:** All campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



**Warning:** Make sure you're well prepared for heavy snow in alpine areas in winter.

## Ōtautahi/Christchurch Visitor Centre

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## Arthur's Pass National Park Visitor Centre

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**1 Deer Valley** 10

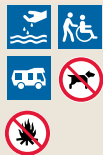
*Camp in beech forest next to the Lewis River. This camp is a short drive to Maruia Springs Thermal Resort.*

**Directions:** Off SH7, 20 km east of Springs Junction.

**Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -42.40483

LONGITUDE: 172.3977



BASIC

**2 Boyle** 6  10

*Camp among the kānuka forest close to the Boyle River, just off SH7. Boyle Campsite is on the Te Araroa Trail and at the end of the 5-day tramp on the St James Walkway.*

**Directions:** On SH7 between Springs Junction (37 km west of the campsite) and Hanmer Springs turn-off (45 km east of the campsite). **Access:** From SH7, turn off and follow a short gravel road. **Note:** Tent sites are in a separate area with no vehicle access.

LATITUDE: -42.5164

LONGITUDE: 172.3854



STANDARD



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**3 Lake Taylor** 15

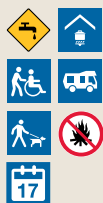
*Camp beside the lake and explore this highly scenic area by foot or mountain bike.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH7 at Waikari and follow the road to Hawarden. The road then joins Lake Sumner Road, which leads to Lake Taylor (approx 50 km).

**Access:** Gravel road, suitable for 2WD vehicles only as far as Lake Taylor. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -42.77354

LONGITUDE: 172.25385



STANDARD

**4 Loch Katrine** 30

*Camp beside the beautiful lake in a grassy area. Walk, mountain bike, or take a dip in the icy waters!*

**Directions:** From Lake Taylor, continue for another 8 km to Loch Katrine on a rough gravel road. High clearance 4WD required.

LATITUDE: -42.72371

LONGITUDE: 172.20628



BASIC

**5** **Avalanche Creek Shelter** 15

*Explore Arthur's Pass National Park, but be well prepared for quickly changing alpine weather conditions above the bushline.*

**Directions:** On SH73, in Arthur's Pass village. **Access:** Alpine areas may be covered in snow in winter.

**Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -42.94066      LONGITUDE: 171.56259

**STANDARD**

Photo: Alan Cressler

**6** **Klondyke Corner** 40

*This large, open campsite is near the junction of the Bealey and Waimakariri rivers.*

**Directions:** SH73, 8 km south of Arthur's Pass village.

**Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -43.00203      LONGITUDE: 171.58924

**STANDARD****7** **Hawdon Shelter** 20

*Camp in the lower reaches of the Hawdon valley on the grassy flats in Arthur's Pass National Park.*

**Directions:** Follow SH73 to Mt White Rd, 24 km south of Arthur's Pass village. **Access:** Gravel road.

**Booking:** Online.

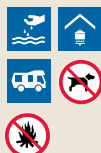


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**STANDARD****8** **Andrews Shelter** 20

*A popular starting point for those undertaking the Casey and Binser saddles track.*

**Directions:** Follow SH73, campsite is 5 km along Mt White Rd. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Camp only in the designated area. Do not camp further up the road on private land. Please use the toilet facilities provided at the campsite.



LATITUDE: -42.99407      LONGITUDE: 171.79292

**BASIC**



Photo: Shellie Evans

## 9 Lake Pearson/Moana Rua

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*In the Waimakariri basin, camp beside a high-country lake. The camp is a good base for birdwatching.*

**Directions:** On SH73, 35 km south of Arthur's Pass village. **Note:** No powerboats permitted on the lake.

**Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -43.08999      LONGITUDE: 171.78388

 STANDARD

## 10 Mistletoe Flat

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*Set in a landscape of beech forest, tussock and rugged mountains, with mountain biking nearby.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH73 at the signpost, between Castle Hill village and Lake Pearson.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online.



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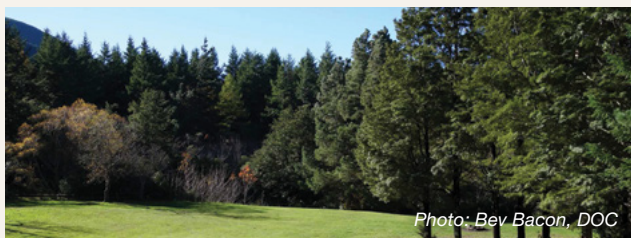
 STANDARD


Photo: Bev Bacon, DOC

## 11 Wooded Gully

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*Camp beside a stream and near tracks leading to Mt Thomas, about 12 km from Ashley Gorge.*

**Directions:** Access from Rangiora or Oxford to Birch Hill Road. Turn off Birch Hill Road into Hayland Road and follow for 4 km to the campsite.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -43.19356      LONGITUDE: 172.3355

 STANDARD



Photo: DOC

## 12 Awaroa/Godley Head

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*Awaroa/Godley Head Campsite is closed until further notice.*

*Camp in the middle of a WWII defence battery site with great ocean views and a range of scenic walks. Nearby Taylors Mistake beach is a popular swimming and surfing spot.*

**Getting there:** From Sumner, follow Evans Pass Rd for 3.5 km. Turn left onto Summit Rd and follow the winding, sealed road for 6.5 km. The campsite is about a 50-minute drive from the centre of Christchurch. **Booking:** Required. If booked online, gate codes will be emailed within an hour. Or contact Ōtautahi/Christchurch Visitor Centre, ph (03) 379 4082 during office hours to get the gate code. **Access:** Road is sealed but narrow and high.

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LONGITUDE: 172.80398

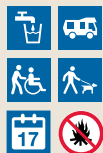
 STANDARD


Photo: Matt Searles

## 13 Peel Forest

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*Peel Forest is a remnant of the forest that once covered this area. Four cabins are also available.*

**Directions:** 23 km north of Geraldine. Follow SH79 (Main North Road) for 7 km, turn left after the Orari Bridge onto SH72 (Inland Scenic Route); after 3 km turn left into Peel Forest Road for 13 km.

**Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online.

**Note:** Serviced camp is closed in winter; standard camping is available at the adjoining Clarke Flat amenity area during winter.

LATITUDE: -43.88998

LONGITUDE: 171.26615

 SERVICED


**14 Orari Gorge** 15

*Campsite set within a remnant of podocarp forest. Explore the forest or the old bush tramway.*

**Directions:** From Geraldine, follow Main North Rd to Tripp Settlement Rd, then Yates Rd. 13km northwest of Geraldine. **Access:** Gravel road for the last 3 km.

**Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -43.98776      LONGITUDE: 171.18478

STANDARD



Photo: Laura Honey

**15 Waihi Gorge** 40

*Located on the banks of the Waihi River, this campsite is a popular spot surrounded by kahikatea, mataī and lowland tōtara forest.*

**Directions:** From Geraldine, follow Main North Rd, Woodbury Rd, then turn into Waihi Gorge Rd. 14 km northwest of Geraldine. **Access:** Gravel road for the last 1 km. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -44.00259      LONGITUDE: 171.15469

STANDARD

**16 Pioneer Park** 40

*Short walks are nearby, and you can visit the remains of the historic Burkes Cottage.*

**Directions:** From Geraldine, follow SH79 for 23 km. Turn into Gudex Rd, then Middle Valley Rd, turn left into Pioneer Park. **Access:** Gravel road for the last 3.7 km. **Note:** Flooding may close the access road.

**Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -44.1435      LONGITUDE: 170.95614

STANDARD

**17 Mt Nimrod** 10

*A quiet campsite on the eastern flank of the Hunter Hills. Take a 3.5 km forest walk to a forest remnant or hike to the Mt Nimrod summit.*

**Directions:** From Timaru follow SH1 south for 10.5 km, turn right into Pareora River Road. Just after Pareora Huts turn left into Pareora Gorge Road; at Motukaika monument turn into Motukaika Road. At the T-junction turn right into Back Line Road, and after about 2 km, turn left into the scenic reserve. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -44.43248      LONGITUDE: 170.87196

STANDARD



Photo: George Iles

## 18 Otaio Gorge

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*Camp at a scenic reserve beside forest; swim in the Otaio River.*

**Directions:** From Timaru follow SH1 to St Andrews. Turn right into Blue Cliffs Road and follow for 19.5 km. Turn right into Back Line Road.

**Access:** 5 km gravel road. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -44.52356      LONGITUDE: 170.92863

STANDARD



Photo: Colm Keating

## 19 White Horse Hill

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*Camp beneath magnificent alpine scenery, including Mount Sefton.*

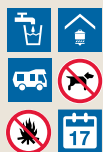
**Directions:** 2.5 km from Aoraki/Mt Cook village at the end of Hooker Valley Road off SH80. **Access:** Sealed.

**Note:** Hot showers at Public Shelter in village 2.5 km from campsite. No showers at campsite.

**Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -43.71964      LONGITUDE: 170.09146

STANDARD



## 20 Lake Poaka

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*Scenic camping by this man-made lake where the Twizel River flows through the hydro canal.*

**Directions:** Just south of Lake Pukaki take the shingle road on the north side of the hydro canal to the campsite. **Note:** Campers are restricted to four nights only. Suitable for larger campervans.

LATITUDE: -44.20657      LONGITUDE: 170.09802

BASIC



**21 Temple** 30

*Camp north of Lake Ōhau, within a beautiful beech forest in a large, flat area. Tramp the North and South Temple Stream tracks.*

**Directions:** 13 km south of Twizel turn off SH8 into Lake Ohau Road. Travel 40 km to Temple valley.

**Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -44.1076

LONGITUDE: 169.81773

BASIC

**22 Round Bush** 20

*Beautiful beech forest, hung with mistletoe, grows right up to the lake edge.*

**Directions:** At Clearburn, south of Twizel, turn onto Lake Ohau Road and continue for 25 km.

**Note:** Campers are restricted to four nights only.

LATITUDE: -44.20809

LONGITUDE: 169.81711

BASIC

**23 Lake Middleton** 40

*Camp at Lake Middleton on the Alps to Ocean trail, beside the beautiful Lake Ōhau.*

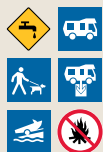
**Getting there:** Turn onto Lake Ohau Rd, 13 km south of Twizel. Travel 17 km to Lake Middleton.

**Note:** Standard campsite from 1 October–Easter weekend. Basic campsite at other times.

LATITUDE: -44.2783

LONGITUDE: 169.8517

STANDARD

**24 Quailburn** 15

*A quiet spot on the edge of a tree-lined stream, close to an historic shearing shed. The Quailburn bush walk is nearby.*

**Directions:** Turn off the SH8 towards the Clay Cliffs and continue along Quailburn Road to the end.

**Note:** Campers are restricted to four nights only.

LATITUDE: -44.36256

LONGITUDE: 169.80492

BASIC

**25 Ahuriri Bridge** 30

*Camp on the bank of the Ahuriri River under the shade of the willows. Fish, walk or ride from here.*

**Directions:** Adjacent to a bridge on SH8, 3 km north of Omarama. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Flooding can restrict access to the site.

LATITUDE: -44.46749

LONGITUDE: 169.98702

BASIC

