



Freedom Camping Policy

Westland District Council's policy is designed to encourage travellers and campers to use camping grounds and other accommodation facilities as much as possible. The intent of this policy is to encourage freedom camping travellers while eliminating the detrimental environmental effects of discarded rubbish and human waste.

This policy recognises that some visitors to our District are choosing freedom camping as their preferred accommodation and also recognises the economic and social benefit freedom campers bring to the District.

This policy is underpinned by the Westland District Council Freedom Camping Control Bylaw 2011 which provides a legal framework for dealing with the environmental problems of freedom camping.

Council's Policy is:

1. If a vehicle **is not** a "Certified Self Contained Vehicle" fitted in accordance with NZS 5465:2001 with a minimum three day capacity toilet and greywater storage facility, a camping ground or to a location where there is immediate access to toilet facilities is to be used.
2. If a vehicle **is** self-contained, freedom camping may occur on Council controlled public land, except as listed in "Prohibited Areas" below, and for a maximum of two nights in any calendar month at any single location.
3. Toilet and greywater must be disposed of in an approved dump point.
4. Vehicles provided by companies such as (but not limited to) Wicked Campervans, Spaceships Campervan Rentals, Maui Campervan Rentals, Kiwi Kombi Campervan Rentals, Jucy Campervan Rentals, Britz Campervans, Escape Campervan Rentals Limited, Backpacker Campervan Rentals, without toilets and greywater storage facilities are prohibited from camping on any Council land, or on lay-bys on State Highways 6 and 73 or on local roads within Westland District. **Such vehicles must use public camping ground facilities.**
5. All freedom camping sites must be left in a clean and tidy state.
6. All freedom campers are asked to comply with any request to move on, by any Officer of the Council, or any person authorised by Council.

8. Freedom campers must respect our environment with sites being left clear of all rubbish, waste and damage. The dumping of waste and litter is an offence and will result in instant fines or prosecution.
9. Freedom campers must act responsibly, and respect the access and enjoyment rights of other public space users.
10. Freedom camping is a temporary activity, generally considered to be two days unless otherwise informed.

Excellent and up-to-date information on camping options can be found at

<http://www.rankers.co.nz/regions/west-coast/accommodation>

and at

<http://www.campermate.co.nz/>

Enforcement

Enforcement Officers are warranted by Council to issue infringement notices and impose fines of \$200.00. Infringement notices and fines can be expected to be issued.

Prohibited Areas

- All areas where Westland District Council "No Camping or Overnight Parking" signs are displayed
- Hans Bay Foreshore and Sunny Bight at Lake Kaniere
- Sunset Point, Hokitika River Mouth
- Wadeson Island, Hokitika
- On any Council public reserve
- On any public land within 1 kilometre of the boundary of all townships and settlements.

Dump Point Locations

Refer to attached map at **Appendix 1** for District wide dump point locations for toilet and greywater disposal.

Camping Ground Locations

Refer to **Appendix 2** for a list of camping grounds within Westland District.

Dump Wide Locations for Toilet and Greywater Disposal

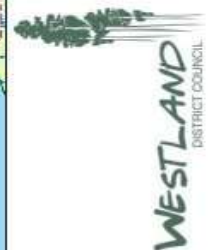


Effluent Dump Stations in Westland District

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Camping Grounds within Westland District

JACKSONS

- Jacksons Retreat Holiday Park

KAIHINU

- Beach Walk Holiday Park

HOKITIKA

- Shining Star Campervan Park
- 252 Beachside Motels and Holiday Park
- Hokitika Holiday Park

ROSS

- Historic Empire Hotel Ross

HARIHARI

- Harihari Motor Inn

WHATAROA

- Whataroa Hotel

OKARITO

- Okarito Camping Ground

FRANZ JOSEF

- Franz Josef Mountain View Top 10 Holiday Park
- Rainforest Holiday Park
- Terrace Motels (catering for self contained vehicles only)
- Glacier Country Campervan Park (catering for self contained vehicles only)

FOX GLACIER

- Fox Glacier Holiday Park

HAAST

- Haast Lodge and Motorpark
- Haast Beach Holiday Park

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION CAMPING GROUNDS

- Goldsborough, Shamrock Creek Amenity Area
- Hans Bay, Lake Kaniere Scenic Reserve
- Lake Mahinapua, Lake Mahinapua Scenic Reserve
- Lake Ianthe, Lake Ianthe Scenic Reserve
- Ottos/MacDonalds, Westland National Park
- Gillespies Beach, Conservation Area
- Lake Paringa, Conservation Area.

Policy adopted on 27 October 2011