



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.

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 grey-water storage facility, freedom camping is to be restricted to a camping ground.
2. If a vehicle **is** a "Certified Self Contained Vehicle" fitted in accordance with NZS 5465:2001 with a minimum three day capacity toilet and grey-water storage facility, freedom camping may occur on Council controlled public land, except on any Council land or road where there are signs restricting freedom camping, and for no more than five nights in any calendar month but limited to three consecutive nights at any single location.
3. Toilet and grey-water 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 that are without toilets and grey-water storage facilities are not designed to be used at any place where there is no **immediate** access to toilet facilities. **Such vehicles must use camping ground facilities.**
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Freedom campers must act responsibly, and respect the access and enjoyment rights of other public space users.

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/>

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.

District-Wide Dump 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 Beachfront Accommodation
- 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
- Fox Glacier Campervan 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.