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Waimate Lakes Camping

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WAIMATE LAKES CAMPING

your quick guide to responsible camping



Waimate
District Council

Welcome to Waimate Lakes Camping

We hope you, your family and friends have a relaxing break on the shores of some of New Zealand's most beautiful lakes.

Enjoy the wonderful sights from Briar's Gully, Te Akatarawa and Waitangi West through to Waitangi East and Fisherman's Bend.

Before you settle in, please take a moment to read through this brochure and familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations in place to ensure you keep yourselves and others safe during your stay.

Full season and half season tickets are issued for two adults and two dependant children (under 16 years), one structure (tent, caravan or motorhome), a vehicle and ancillary equipment (gazebo, pup tent, shower tent, etc). Further season fees apply to each additional adult and child (under 16 years).

Single person full season tickets are issued for a single site for one adult.

Under 5 years free.

Your ticket must be displayed at all times during your stay – no exception!



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Guest Responsibilities

We ask for your cooperation so that your stay and the stay of other guests will be enjoyable.

If any of these rules are breached, you may be required to leave the campground without refund.

All persons enter the campground at their own risk and are totally responsible for their own property security, self and guests.

In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation of the camp, management will provide direction and the safest method.

If you identify a hazard, please inform management as soon as possible.

Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted on your site only.

Behaviour

Reasonable behaviour is expected at all times – swearing, excessive drinking, and loud parties will not be tolerated.

The camp supervisor reserves the right to ask you to leave at any time without refund due to unacceptable behavior and behaviours that are impacting on others.

Campervans/Caravans

Must provide own waste container.



Waste from chemical activated porta-potties is prohibited from being dumped in camp toilets and around the trees.

Dump stations are available at Fisherman's Bend, Waitangi and Te Akatarawa.

Site Specifications

Maximum of 110m².

Sufficient size to accommodate caravan or tent, one vehicle and one boat.

Keep a distance of 2.5m between each campsite for fire safety.

Children

Parental/guardian control and supervision is expected at all times.

Cleaning & Damage

Please notify the camp supervisor of any breakages or damage to campground property.

Please respect our facilities and keep them clean and tidy. If there are any cleaning or maintenance issues, please advise the camp supervisor.

Cooking

Gas BBQs and gas/charcoal cookers can be used.

Departure

Campsites, tents, caravans or other items left unoccupied without a valid season pass or pre-paid daily ticket may

be clamped, towed or packed down at Council's discretion.

Dogs

Dogs must be under your control at all times.

While walking through the camping grounds dogs MUST be on a leash.

No dogs are permitted in the toilet facilities.

Please pick up and dispose of your dog's droppings.

Wandering dogs will be impounded if the owner cannot be located.

Firearms

Firearms are banned from all camping sites.

Fires

No open fires or braziers are permitted at any time.

Freedom camping

Freedom camping along the shoreline of the Waimate Lakes is not permitted from September to May. These sites are part of the Waimate Lakes Camping Area and you are required to pay to stay.

Parking

No parking of cars, boats or trailers outside of your site boundaries. This includes on neighbouring sites without their authority.

Quiet Time

Quiet time is appreciated between 10pm and 7am.

Please be considerate of fellow guests at all times.

Motorbikes

Trail bike riding is not prohibited.

Rubbish

Please use the recycling station as advertised on the bins.

Illegal dumping of waste at campsites is prohibited – offenders will be prosecuted.

Do not dump large personal items at recycling and rubbish stations, it is your responsibility to take these items to the local landfill, or with you.

Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping are not permitted inside any facilities. All cigarette butts must be disposed of responsibly.

Speed

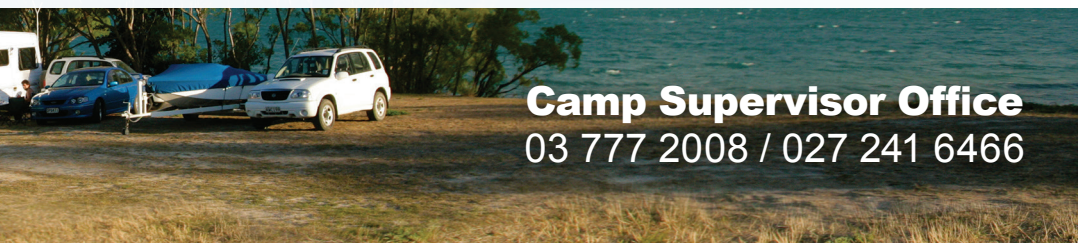
Please watch for children and hazards and adhere to the speed limit of 10kph within all camping grounds.

Tents

Tents must not be joined together. There must be 1.5m between any two tents.

Vegetation

Please notify the camp supervisor immediately if tree branches require removal. Unauthorised removal of vegetation in the campgrounds is prohibited and may result in prosecution.



Camp Supervisor Office
03 777 2008 / 027 241 6466

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING GUIDE



MIXED RECYCLING

You can use the yellow recycling bin for mixed recycling (except glass). Rinse all plastic, tins and aluminum containers before placing in recycling bin. Please empty any liquids, scrape off grease and any leftover food – **this is to avoid contamination of the recyclable items.**

YES

Paper

If wet, place newspapers in red bin



Cardboard

Boxes, egg trays. Must be flattened and dry



Plastic containers

With numbers 1, 2 and 5 in the triangle



Tins and cans

Place aerosol cans in red rubbish bin



NO

Glass

Empty and rinse bottles and place in blue glass crate



Batteries

Take to Camp Office for recycling



Caps and lids

Place in red rubbish bin



Drink cartons

Place in red rubbish bin



Polystyrene

Take clean polystyrene and styrofoam to the Waimate Resource Recovery Park for recycling.

Place dirty polystyrene and styrofoam in red rubbish bin



Soft plastics, wrappers and bags

Place in red rubbish bin



Caps and lids need to be taken off and put in the red rubbish bin. Please don't put your recycling in bin liners or plastic bags. Dirty items or bottles containing liquids will be treated as waste and sent to landfill.



GLASS RECYCLING

Glass bottles and jars need to go in the blue crate, not your yellow recycling bin.

Please place all other recycling (plastics, tins, cans, paper and cardboard) in the yellow recycling bin.

Disposable nappies and sanitary items

Place in red rubbish bin



Electrical items

Take items to the Waimate Resource Recovery Park for recycling



Clothes, toys, shoes

Take items in good condition to reuse shop



Pots and pans

Take items in good condition to reuse shop



Medical waste

Discuss options with your local pharmacy



YES

Glass bottles

Rinsed with lids and caps off.

Place lids and caps in red rubbish bin



Glass jars

Rinsed with lids and caps off.

Place lids and caps in red rubbish bin



Broken glass

Wrap broken items securely in paper or plastic packaging to protect our rubbish collectors and place in red rubbish bin.

Place lids and caps in red rubbish bin



Light bulbs

Wrap broken items securely in paper or plastic packaging to protect our rubbish collectors and place in red rubbish bin



Broken tableware

Wrap broken items securely in paper or plastic packaging to protect our rubbish collectors and place in red rubbish bin



NO

NO



RUBBISH

General household waste

Crockery, old clothes, crayons, takeaway cups, toothpaste tubes, cold extinguished cigarette butts and disposable cutlery



Lids and caps

Lids from bottles and containers



Disposal nappies and sanitary items



Food wrappers

Fast food wrappers, bags, boxes with plastic or wax coating



Polystyrene and styrofoam

Take clean polystyrene and styrofoam to the Waimate Resource Recovery Park for recycling.

Place dirty polystyrene and styrofoam in red rubbish bin



Soft plastic, wrappers and bags



Timaru District Council approved biodegradable bags



Plastic strapping, ties and tubing



Biodegradable products

Biodegradable bags, products and foil trays



Food waste



Broken glass

Wrap in paper or plastic packaging and place in bin



Ash

Once cooled wrap in paper or plastic packaging, and place in red rubbish bin



Aluminium trays and foil



YES

YES

Thank you
for playing your part.

The red rubbish bin has all contents sent to landfill and should be the last resort for any household material.

Batteries

Take to Camp Office for recycling



Medical waste

Discuss options with your local pharmacy



Hazardous waste

Take to Redruth Resource Recovery Park



Paint

Take to Redruth Resource Recovery Park



Reusable items

Reuse shop



E-waste

Take to Waimate Resource Recovery Park for recycling



Used oil

Take to Waimate Resource Recovery Park



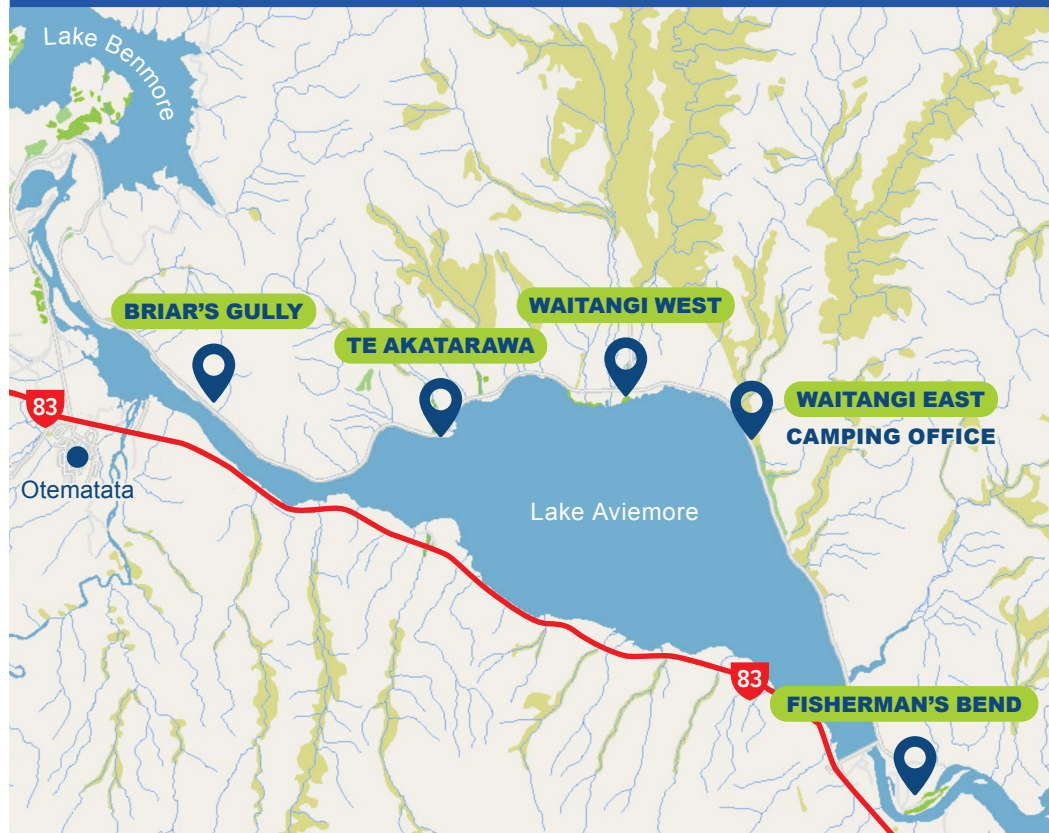
A reminder:

- You are responsible for the security of personal property you bring onsite.
- Remove valuables and secure property if you are going to be away from the site.
- Ensure your season tickets or casual pass are placed where they can be easily seen and ensure your name and contact number is clearly visible.
- The speed limit in the camping grounds is 10kph.



*We hope
you enjoy your stay.*

Camping fees apply between 12 September 2026 and 2 May 2027.



The following applies to all campgrounds within the Waimate Lakes Camping Area



BOAT RAMP



CHEMICAL WASTE STATIONS



TOILETS



PERMITTED CAMPING



RECYCLING STATIONS

For medical or fire emergencies, please call 111 and notify the camp supervisor as soon as possible.

We are a remote camping ground, please keep this in mind and come prepared.

For all other enquiries,
contact the Waimate District Council's
24hr phone line **03 689 0000**



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