



We recommend that you contact your usual permissions advisor, or the [appropriate Department of Conservation Office](#) to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms - see appendix for contact details.

Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

This form must be completed for all longer term applications (ie not one-off applications), then please fill in and attach the form(s) for the activities you wish to undertake. If extra space is required for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

Once you have filled in your application form, please complete this checklist to ensure that all components of your application form are complete. This will help prevent any possible delays in the processing of your application:

- 🍏 Legal status registration number (if not an individual)
- 🍏 Written testimonials (if required)
- 🍏 Written consultations (if applicable)
- 🍏 All appropriate activity application forms - for concessions we require the applicant information form **and** relevant activity form(s)
- 🍏 Supporting evidence for Environmental Impact Assessment (if required)
- 🍏 Supporting information and detail including maps, site plans, building plans as required in activity forms. **\*\*Note some applications require GPS Co-ordinates\*\***
- 🍏 Supporting evidence for details of activity forms
- 🍏 Have you read the section regarding the liability of the applicant for payment of fees?
- 🍏 **Have you signed your application?**

**All efforts in putting together a detailed application are greatly appreciated and will allow the Department to effectively and efficiently process your application.**

## A. Applicant Details

<b>Applicant Name</b> (full name of registered company or individual)		Alpine Recreation Canterbury Ltd					
<b>Legal Status of applicant</b> (tick)✓	Individual		<b>Registered Company</b> ✓		<b>Trust</b>		<b>Incorporated Society</b>
<b>Other (please specify full details)</b>							
Please supply the company, trust or incorporated society registration number:142625							
If an individual please supply your date of birth (this is a unique identifier for you):							
<b>Trading Name</b> (if different from Applicant name)							
<b>Postal Address</b>		PO Box 75, Lake Tekapo 7945					
<b>Street Address (if different from Postal Address)</b>		8 Erebus Place, Lake Tekapo 7999					
<b>Registered Office of Company or Incorporated Society (if applicable)</b>		8 Erebus Place, Lake Tekapo 7999					
<b>Phone</b>	03 6806736			<b>Website</b>	www.alpinerecreation.com		
<b>Contact Person and role</b>		Anne Braun-Elwert, Director					
<b>Phone</b>				<b>Cell Phone</b>	021 171 0201		
<b>Email</b>	anne@alpinerecreation.com						
<b>Contact Person and role</b>		Elke Braun-Elwert, Co-Director					
<b>Phone</b>				<b>Cell Phone</b>	021 149 9856		
<b>Email</b>	elke@alpinerecreation.com						

## B. Activities applied for

Please fill in all the forms that are applicable in order to cover all the activities the applicant wishes to undertake on public conservation land. Please tick below the forms that have been completed, and attach.

ACTIVITY	FORM	✓
Grazing	2a	
Land use:		
A. Tenanting and/or using existing DOC facility/structure	3a	
B. Use of public conservation land for private/commercial facility/structure	3b	✓
C. Easements across public conservation land including right of way, stock access, convey electricity, drain sewerage, waterpipes etc	3c	
Guiding/Tourism/Recreation:		
A. Walking/Hiking/Tramping/Hunting/Fishing/Horses/4WD activities etc	4a	
B. Watercraft activities	4b	
C. Aircraft activities	4c	
Filming	5a	
Sporting Events	6a	
Other (activities that may not be sufficiently covered in the above forms)	7a	

## C. Background Experience of Applicant

Please provide relevant information relating to the applicant's ability to carry out the proposed activity (e.g. details of previous concessions, membership of professional organisations and relevant qualifications). Attach details and label Attachment 1a:C.

Holder of concessions CA/015/ACC Caroline Hut, CA/222/ACC Rex Simpson Hut, 37242-GUI Guiding Activity. Have been operating Caroline Hut since November 1990; Rex Simpson Hut since May 1985; guiding since 1983.

Co-Director, Elke Braun-Elwert, has the international IFMGA qualification as mountain and ski guide. Guides employed by Alpine Recreation either have the full IFMGA certification or relevant qualification through the NZ Mountain Guides Association, the industry training provider. The company's Safety Management System is audited each year by Adventure Mark.

Guides are members of the NZ Mountain Guides Association or overseas equivalent.

Alpine Recreation is a member of Tourism Aotearoa, the recognised umbrella organisation for New Zealand's tourism industry.

Has the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application been convicted of any offence? Does the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application have any current criminal charges pending before the court? If yes, please supply details.

No.

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## D. Testimonials

Please attach two written testimonials, together with the names, occupations, addresses and phone numbers of two people who will vouch for the proficiency of the applicant in the proposed activity. At least one testimonial should contain information in relation to the financial viability and standing of the applicant. These testimonials are to be labelled Attachment 1a:D.

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## E. Consultation Undertaken

Most applications require consultation with whanau/hapu/iwi (local Maori), and other interested parties. Please read the information on the DOC website and contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required. Written expert views, advice or opinions concerning your proposal may also be attached to support the application. Attach any proof of consultation to the application and label Attachment 1a:E.

[Alpine Recreation has contact each year with Ngai Tahu, because we sponsor their Aoraki Bound programme by providing 4 free places each year on a guided Ball Pass Crossing, using Caroline Hut. Craig Pauling, Eru Tarena and other Ngai Tahu leaders have participated on this trek and have experienced first-hand where Caroline Hut is and how we operate it. They have assisted us with our staff training to help our guides understand Ngai Tahu's relationship with Aoraki and respect for the topuni area. Director, Anne Braun-Elwert, has attended several hakari, welcoming Aoraki Bound students at the end of their programme at Aoraki.](#)

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## F. Insurance

Concessionaires are required to indemnify the Minister against any claims or liabilities arising from their actions. If this application is approved, the applicant will be required to hold Public Liability, and possibly Statutory Liability and/or vehicle insurance. The level of cover will depend on the nature of the activity. Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required.

[Alpine Recreation already holds public liability and statutory liability insurance as is required by its existing concessions for both Caroline and Rex Simpson Huts.](#)

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## G. Public Notification

Some activities and/or types of concession applications require public notification if the Department forms an intent to grant the concession. This increases the time and cost of processing the concession. The usual circumstances when public notification is required are thus:

- The Application is for exclusive use of public conservation land (ie a lease);
- The Application is for a licence for a term longer than 10 years;
- Other concessions do not require public notification unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required.

A permissions advisor can advise you as to the type of concession your activity requires and whether or not it needs notification.

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## H. Fees and costs

**Processing Fees:**

Section 60B of the Conservation Act contains the statutory provisions regarding processing fees.

The Department recovers all direct and indirect costs to process a concession application from Applicants regardless of whether the application is approved or declined. The cost of processing a concession depends on whether the application needs to be notified or not (see Public Notification section above), and/or whether the application is a standard application or is complicated/complex.

The cost of processing a standard non-notified concession is likely to be between **\$2065 and \$2565 plus GST**. If the application is assessed as complex, covers multiple regions, or includes more than 20 individual locations, this fee is likely to be higher. The Department will send an estimate of costs to the Applicant once the application has been assessed.

The cost of processing a standard notified concession is likely to be between **\$3500 and \$5500 plus GST**. This fee is likely to be higher if the application is assessed as complex, covers multiple regions, or if a hearing is required. The Department will send an estimate of costs to the Applicant once the application has been assessed. The Department will re-estimate the cost and provide this to the Applicant if further costs are likely due to significant public interest during the public notification process.

Applicants are entitled to request an estimate of costs at any point but the Department may impose a charge for preparing such an estimate. Estimates are not binding.

The Department will ordinarily invoice the Applicant for processing fees after a decision has been made on the application but in some cases interim invoices will be issued. If at any stage an application is withdrawn the Department shall invoice the Applicant for the costs incurred by the Department up to that point. Applicants are required to pay the processing fees within 28 days of receiving an invoice. The Director-General is entitled to recover any unpaid fees as a debt.

The Director-General of Conservation has discretion to reduce or waive processing fees. If your application is for landing aircraft for personal recreational use you may be eligible for a reduction of 50% of the processing fee.

The Department may obtain further information either from the applicant or from any other relevant source in order to process the application. The applicant will be advised of any information obtained from other sources. The cost of obtaining such information will be charged to and recovered from the applicant. The applicant will be informed as soon as practicable from receipt of the application if further information is required before this application form can be fully processed by the Department.

### **Ongoing Fees:**

If your application is approved, you will also be required to pay annual fees throughout your concession. These are:

- Annual management fee to cover administration time; and/or
- Monitoring fee (if required) to cover the cost of monitoring the effects of your activity; and/or
- Activity fee per head (if a recreation concession), or a minimum fee per year; and/or
- Annual rental (if a land use concession eg lease)

Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss the applicable fee and processing timeframe for the application.

### **Terms and Conditions for an Account with the Department of Conservation:**

Have you held an account with the Department before? (Please tick)

Yes



No

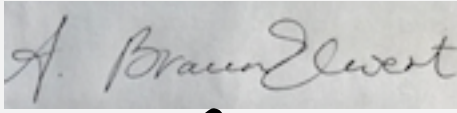
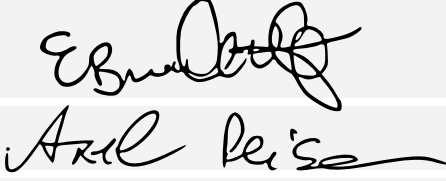
If yes, under what name:

Alpine Recreation Canterbury Ltd, account number 10845

1. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to conduct a full credit check.
2. I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.
3. I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of any disputed charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.
4. I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation for any invoice received on or before the due date.
5. I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to recover any money owing on this account.
6. I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions of the credit account are not met.
7. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.

## Declaration

I certify that the information provided on this application form and all attached additional forms and information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

<b>Note: The Minister can vary any concession granted if the information given in this application contains inaccuracies. Signature (Applicant)</b>		<b>Date</b>	7 August 2019
<b>Signature (Witness)</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>25 August 2019</b>
<b>Witness Name</b>	<b>Axel Reiser</b>		
<b>Witness Address</b>	<b>117a Huntsbury Ave, Huntsbury, Christchurch 8022</b>		

This application is made pursuant to Sections 17R and 17S of the Conservation Act 1987 [and (where applicable) Section 49 of the National Parks Act 1980/Section 59A of the Reserves Act 1977].

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant provisions of the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977 and the National Parks Act 1980 relating to concessions.

Once the application is complete, the Minister has 20 days within which to advise the applicant whether the application is declined on the grounds that the application does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or any relevant Conservation Management Strategy or Conservation Management Plan. If the Minister does not so advise the applicant the application will be processed in accordance with Section 17T of the Conservation Act 1987.

The purpose of collecting this information is to enable the Department to process your application. The Department will not use this information for any reason not related to that purpose.

Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act might require that some or all information in this application be publicly released.

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**For Departmental use**

<b>Credit check undertaken</b>			
<b>Comments :</b>			
<b>Signed</b>		<b>Name</b>	
<b>Approved (Tier 4 manager or above)</b>		<b>Name</b>	



## Appendix 1: Who to contact?

**If you have a query relating to a permit or concession the offices below specialise in the following topics. For queries relating to topics not listed below contact the office closest to where you are based.**

### Hamilton

Contact our Hamilton office for:

- agriculture, beehive, vehicle, ski field and grazing concessions

Permissions Team

Private Bag 3072

Hamilton 3240

Ph +64 27 200 9648

Email: [permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz)

### Christchurch

Contact our Christchurch office for:

- Retail, ski field, access/easements, Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO) and helihunting concessions
- Sounds Foreshore authorisations and all permits relating to Marine Mammals

Permissions Advisor (Support)

Private Bag 4715

Christchurch Mail Centre

Christchurch 8140

Ph +64 3 371 3700

Email: [permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz)

### Hokitika

Contact our Hokitika office for:

- Events, vehicle, boating, access/easements, grazing and extraction of materials concessions
- Mining and access arrangements.

Permissions Advisor (Support)

Private Bag 701

Hokitika 7842

Ph +64 3 756 9117

Email: [permissionshokitika@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissionshokitika@doc.govt.nz)

### Dunedin

Contact our Dunedin office for:

- Aircraft (other than helihunting and WARO), boating, ski field, access/easement and grazing concessions.

Permissions Advisor (Support)

PO Box 5244

Dunedin 9058

Ph +64 3 477 0677

Email: [permissionsdunedin@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissionsdunedin@doc.govt.nz)





The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation Office closest to where the activity is proposed to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms. Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

This form is to be used when the proposed activity is the building or use of any private or commercial facility or structure on public conservation land managed by the Department of Conservation. Examples may include lease of land to erect an information centre; authorisation to erect a weather station; or construct or lease a private/commercial campground or lodge. This form is to be completed in conjunction with either Applicant Information Form 1a (longer term concession) or Applicant Information Form 1b (one-off concession) as appropriate.

Please complete this application form, attach Form 1a or Form 1b, and any other applicable forms and information and send to [permissions@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz). The Department will process the application and issue a concession if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements for granting a concession under the Conservation Act 1987.

If you require extra space for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

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## A. Description of Activity

Please describe the proposed activity in detail – where the site is located, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible, what you intend to use the building for, whether you intend to make any changes to the infrastructure.

Please include the name and status of the public conservation land, the size of the area for which you are applying and why this area has been chosen.

If necessary, attach further information including a map, a detailed site plan and drawings of proposal and label Attachment 3b:A.

Caroline Hut is an existing structure situated on the Ball Ridge of Aoraki Mount Cook National Park, map coordinates E137192 N5164690 at an altitude of about 1800m. GPS coordinates: NZTM2000 coords of CH: N5164688 E1371788.

This application is to seek approval to continue our current activity, whereby the existing 60 square metre hut provides accommodation for up to 8 clients and 2 guides (two parties each with a guide-client ratio of 1:4) for our guided Ball Pass trips and instruction courses. The hut includes an emergency shelter at one end, which is open to the public and provides a radio for the DOC sched.

We do not intend to make any changes to the infrastructure, apart from regular maintenance, and do not seek to enlarge the current 60 square metre footprint.

Please see attached photos and map.

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## B. Alternative sites considered

If your application is to **build, extend or add** to any permanent or temporary structures or facilities on public conservation land, please provide the following details:

- Could this structure or facility be reasonably located outside public conservation land? Provide details of other sites/areas considered.
- Could any potential adverse effects be significantly less (and/or different) in another conservation area or another part of the conservation area to which the application relates? Give details/reasons

NA

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## C. Larger area

Is the size of the area you are applying for **larger** than the structure/facility

YES / **NO**

If **yes**, please detail the size difference in the box below, and answer the following 3 questions, if **no** please go on to the next section:

Is this necessary for safety or security purposes?

YES / NO

Is this necessary as an integral part of the activity?

YES / NO

Is this essential to carrying on the activity?

YES / NO

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:C.

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## D. Exclusive possession

Do you believe you need **exclusive possession** of the public conservation land on which your structure/building is located, ie no one else can use the land during your use of it? **YES** / **NO**  
(Exclusive occupation requires a lease which requires public notification of the application)

If **yes**, please answer the following 3 questions, if no please go to the next section:

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect public safety? **YES** / **NO**

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect physical security of the activity? **YES** / **NO**

Is exclusive possession necessary for the competent operation of the activity? **YES** / **NO**

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:D.

The main part of Caroline Hut is not big enough to allow simultaneous use by non-Alpine Recreation parties. We rely on vital mountaineering equipment and food being there for the safe operation of our trips, and there simply is not space to store these items elsewhere. During bad weather our guides need to use the hut as a classroom. The viability of the hut would be jeopardised if all 10 bunks were not available solely for Alpine Recreation. Hut fees alone do not cover the cost of running a high alpine hut, as DOC well knows. This hut is only viable by our being able to offer a full package: guide, hut, gear, food....

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## F. Term

Please detail the length of the term sought (i.e. number of years or months) and why.

*Note: An application for a concession for a period over 10 years must be publicly notified, an application for a concession up to 10 years will not be publicly notified unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required, or if an exclusive interest in the land is required.*

We seek the maximum term allowed, or at least the 30-year term we had previously. Putting money into maintaining a structure like this requires some security of tenure longer term.

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## G. Bulk fuel storage

Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO Act) 'Bulk fuel storage' is considered to be any single container, stationary or mobile, used or unused, that has a capacity in excess of 250 litres of Class 3 fuel types. This includes petrol, diesel, aviation gasoline, kerosene and Jet A1. For more information on Hazardous Substances, go to: <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/legal-framework/hsno-act-1996>

Do you intend to store fuel in bulk on the land as part of the activity? **YES** / **NO**

If you have answered yes, then please provide full details of how and where you intend to store the fuel, and label any attachments including plans, maps and/or photographs as Attachment 3b:G. If your concession application is approved you will be required to provide a copy of your HSNO compliance certification to the Department before you begin the activity.

## H. Environmental Impact Assessment

This section is one of the most important factors that will determine the Department’s decision on the application. Please answer in detail.

In column 1 please list all the locations of your proposal, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible. In column 2 list any special features of the environment or the recreation values of that area. Then in column 3 list any effects (positive or adverse) that your activity may have on the values or features in column 2. In column 4 list the ways you intend to mitigate, remedy or avoid any adverse effects noted in column 3. Please add extra information or supporting evidence as necessary and label Attachment 3b:H.

Refer to Steps 1 and 2 in your Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment to help you fill in this section.

Location on public conservation land	Special feature or value	Potential effects of your activity on the feature or value (positive or adverse)	Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects identified
<i>EG: Tararua Forest Park</i>	<i>Northern rata - threatened species</i>	<i>Damage to the plants by construction</i>	<i>Brief construction and maintenance staff of the location and importance of the species; clearly tape off areas with the species to avoid damage</i>
<a href="#">Please refer to attached EIA.</a>			

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## I. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Attachment 3a:l.

Being able to operate Caroline Hut as a concessionaire-owned hut means we can provide special experiences, which can be life-changing particularly for young people. Here is some feedback from Nicola Hullen (Ngai Tahu) who did the free Ball Pass Crossing in April 2012: *Tena Koe ANNE, I have to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, the trip was amazing and because I am an adult student there would have been no way I could have afforded to go on that trip. I felt lost prior to the climb, but I feel quite focused now. Thats because I thought learning my reo was hard and started avoiding it. But climbing those mountains now that is hard. So it seems everything now is achievable. All it takes is small steps one foot after the other. Just like when climbing those mountains. So for me I am glad you kept up this gift to Ngai Tahu that was started with your husband. It was wonderful and you are wonderful for continuing.*

Local school students from Mackenzie College also benefit from an annual trip to Caroline Hut free-of-charge. It helps to prepare them for life's challenges and acquaints them with what natural treasures lie in their "backyard". See EIA for extracts from the Caroline Hut book to show the type of responses to this environment. This would not be happening without the hut there.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Potential effects</b>
Aoraki Mt Cook National Park - Ball Ridge	Topuni Area	Desecration of Ngai Tahu values

	Native Flora	Trampling, removal, picking of plants
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	Native fauna, eg. Kea, rock wren, falcon	Disturbance by humans of natural behaviour
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	Pristine environment	Rubbish left behind, water contamination, toileting
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	Wilderness	Social impact (crowding)
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Landscape Visual impact of hut

Natural Quiet Noise

Recreation Increased opportunities for  
Opportunities trekking, climbing, ski touring  
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Recreation Safety Positive effect through the  
presence of guides and  
provision of emergency  
shelter

Recreation mainly on foot Positive effect on carbon  
emissions

Training base NZMGA and DOC SAR teams  
able to train there.  
Mackenzie College Outdoor  
Pusuits groups able to do Ball  
Pass trips.

Shelter in a wild environment Enabling people to connect  
with nature

Cultural Allows Ngai Tahu and others to have a close experience of Aoraki



### **Method to remedy, mitigate or avoid adverse effects**

Communication and interaction with Ngai Tahu to give opportunity to learn of and respond to any concerns, eg: 1. Each year ARC invites 4 Ngai Tahu Aoraki Bound students on a Ball Pass Crossing, where they experience Caroline Hut and see for themselves whether our operation is respecting the area. 2. Eru Tarena and Craig Pauling participated on a Ball Pass Crossing and held a session at our staff training to give our guides a greater insight into what Aoraki and the topuni area mean to Ngai Tahu. 3. Director, Anne, maintains contact with Alice Dimond and Donelle Manihera to liaise with Ngai Tahu's Aoraki Bound program, and has attended several hakari.

Because ARC groups using Caroline Hut are guided, they are supervised and instructed in conservation values, i.e. to avoid stepping on native plants, not to pick flowers or remove plants. Caroline Hut's footprint is very small in its environment and its foundations are on rocky terrain, where there is little or no plant life. We encourage appreciation of the local plants in the general area by offering to clients greeting cards depicting photos of the alpine flora. Our guides enjoy pointing out such treasures as edelweiss, celmisia, ranunculus lyallii, snow marguerite, gentian....

Guides and clients alike are delighted to spot any native birds. Guides assist researchers by reporting sightings of banded kea. Guides instruct clients not to feed birds. Caroline Hut has not used lead head nails, nor other materials which could upset kea digestive systems or prove toxic. Guides ensure gear is put out of the way of inquisitive kea.

On all ARC trips rubbish is carried out and disposed of at our base in Tekapo into recycling, compost and residual waste. Guides also frequently pick up rubbish left by unguided groups. There are no streams nearby. Rainwater is collected from the roof. There is no opportunity for water contamination. Right from the start ARC has been flying out toilet waste to the Mt Cook Village sewerage ponds (even before DOC was doing this).

ARC has deliberately kept groups small (only 4 clients per guide), not only for safety reasons, but also to maintain the quality of the experience. Although financially it would probably make sense to have a bigger hut, we are mindful of the fact that this is a topuni area and we wish to minimise our impact. It is much easier to maintain control of small groups in terms of respecting the environment, than a larger group. This is wild terrain. People go there to be challenged and experience nature on nature's terms. Larger numbers would demand a "dumbing down" of those values, to "tame" nature with calls for improved tracks, more signage, more infrastructure. ARC does not seek to increase its numbers and would like to see the Ball Pass Crossing keep its current classification as a route, not a track.

From a distance Caroline Hut is scarcely visible in its setting because the colours we chose for the cladding blend in with the surrounding rocky terrain. Please refer to the photos attached to see how well the hut blends into the environment. Early winter, before the hut becomes half-covered in snow, it is more visible against the white background, but is no more "offensive" visually than any of the other high alpine huts in the national park.

Users of Caroline Hut access it on foot. ARC only uses a helicopter (noise potential) for maintenance and re-stocking purposes - usually only once or twice a year. As new food stocks are flown in toilet waste is flown out on the return flight.

Before Caroline Hut existed hardly anybody visited the area. Once ARC started offering guided Ball Pass Crossings the route became popular also for unguided groups, especially after the Copland Pass became more difficult with the washout of Stewart's Gully. Some fit individuals will do the route in one day, knowing they can refill their drink bottles at Caroline Hut.

Our guides not only enable our clients to enter an alpine area they would otherwise be too inexperienced for, but they also assist unguided members of the public regularly, when people get off-route, or try to cross the pass without crampons and ice-axe or decent footwear, or need emergency assistance. ARC guides have avoided many a SAR call-out and have saved lives by being on-the-spot, able to alert emergency services in time. The existence of Caroline Hut means that guides are regularly in the area; and the emergency shelter is available for those caught out by such things as bad weather, injury, poor equipment or underestimating their ability.

By accessing Caroline Hut on foot instead of by helicopter, which is the case for most of our high alpine huts nowadays, we minimise our carbon emissions. (In addition Caroline Hut has double glazing, solar power and is north-facing to catch maximum sun.) There are not many huts in high alpine areas in New Zealand which are reasonably easily accessed on foot. This is a huge advantage with Caroline Hut.

NZ Mountain Guides Association has used Caroline Hut several times for their training and assessment of their guides. DOC staff use Caroline Hut free-of-charge and we welcome this especially for their regular visitor centre staff, so that they are well-informed re the area when handling enquiries from tourists. DOC's SAR team use the hut likewise FOC, as do Mackenzie College for their outdoor pursuits programme - since 1991.

The hut and the guides assist people to truly relax in that setting, take in the beautiful views, gain respect for Aoraki close-up, and absorb the details of the natural world around them, whether it's changing cloud patterns, native flowers or visiting kea. They leave this place truly appreciating all its values. Our guides, through providing interpretation, add to a deeper understanding of this environment.

Extracts from the Caroline Hut hut book best illustrate how a visit can deepen the respect for Aoraki. Please see the attachment 1a:E for a photo of entries from Aoraki Bound students.

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Dominion Road Post Shop,  
Auckland 1446.  
[helen.clark.invites@gmail.com](mailto:helen.clark.invites@gmail.com)

24 August 2019.

APPLICATION OF ALPINE RECREATION TO RENEW ITS LEASE FOR  
CAROLINE HUT IN AORAKI MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK.

To Whom It May Concern.

I fully support Alpine Recreation's application to renew its lease for Caroline Hut in Aoraki Mount Cook National Park.

Over the last 25 years, I have been using Alpine Recreation's guiding services for trekking, ski touring, and climbing and am familiar with the way they operate Caroline Hut. I have always found the company to show a high level of care and responsibility, not only for their clients, but also for the environment.

I have experienced first-hand how important it is to have high alpine huts in New Zealand, because of our severe and sudden weather changes. This led me to support the replacement of the old Plateau and Mueller Huts, and my government provided funding for those new structures.

I also recognize the value of concessionaire-owned huts, which can guarantee beds and provide a higher level of cleanliness and basic comfort (including heating) than is usually found in public huts. The fact that the concessionaire can stock the hut with non-perishable food, fuel, bedding and equipment also means that the packs of clients walking in are lighter. This improves access to alpine environments for older skiers, trekkers, and climbers.

The presence of Caroline Hut since 1990 has opened up a part of the park (Ball Pass) that was seldom visited. The Ball Pass Crossing has become popular with both guided and unguided parties. There is a huge benefit in having guides in the area; I am aware that Alpine Recreation guides have assisted unguided trekkers on many occasions, thereby avoiding a Search and Rescue callout, and that they alert emergency services and provide first-aid when necessary. One end of Caroline Hut provides a public emergency shelter, which is another important benefit of its presence.

Caroline Hut is a valuable asset for Aoraki Mount Cook National Park. Alpine Recreation have been operating it responsibly and professionally for the last 30 years. They should be allowed to continue to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rt Hon Helen Clark,

Former Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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To whom it may concern

Hiking New Zealand has had a long and successful working relationship with Alpine Recreation going back almost twenty years. Over that time, we have operated as an agent promoting and selling several of their guided climbing and trekking packages in particular the guided Ball Pass trip.

We have always received very positive feedback from the clients we have booked on Alpine Recreation's packages, with clients often commenting on how well organized the tours are, the strong environmental focus and excellent safety culture.

In our longstanding relationship with Alpine Recreation we have always found them to be prompt with payments and communications. We look forward to many more years of working with Alpine Recreation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further any further information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Murphy".

Daniel Murphy

Director

Please find below evidence of contact with Ngai Tahu, encouraging them to participate on Ball Pass Crossings and facilitating their naming of a peak near Ball Pass. The photo of Eru's group below was taken by Gottlieb.

On 12/03/2009, at 10:36 AM, Eruera Tarena wrote:

Kia ora,

My name is Eruera Tarena and I was part of the first Aoraki Bound group to ascend Ball Pass with Alpine Recreation and Gottlieb. I am writing just to pass on that as part of our trip we put in an application to the Geographic Board to change the name of Peak.2222 to Kaitiaki, meaning the guardian. We discussed this with Gottlieb at the time and spoke about how this minor peak stood watching over those traversing the pass. What Gottlieb didn't know is that we all thought of that name and of him as a guardian for Aoraki. Our connection with Aoraki is drummed into us from birth through oratory and song as a symbol of tribal identity. But we were blown away by Gottlieb's connection to Aoraki and his role as a kaitiaki for the mountain.

We were all so sad to hear of his passing and had a huge amount of respect for him and hope that you can take some solace and pride in his involvement in the naming of Peak Kaitiaki and how it will always treasure his memory.

I have attached some photos of our trip and us doing a haka at the top. Much love and aroha.

Arohanui,  
Eruera Tarena





Ngā mihi mutunga ki a ~~John~~ koe, John - my  
thanks to you are without end. ~~And~~ And of  
course an enduring mihi to the generosity of Gottlieb and  
Anne for allowing us to have such an amazing experience.  
Anna Brankin

Tena Koutou Koutou,

Ngā mihi nui ki tōku mauunga, Aoraki e Kore  
e neke neke, e tū rā o te wānanga o te tapanui e.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, Johnno! Kia ora mō to  
awhina Tena koe. Ngā mihi nui ki Alpine  
Recreation, Anne and Gottlieb, Tena Kōrua, No Reira  
Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Tātou Koutou.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

What a challenge, I felt all the emotions,  
happy, excited, frustrated, scared, sad, overwhelmed,  
joyful, angry, grateful, in absolute awe of  
our alpine environment! Kia ora! Kelly Berry

Big red dirt all the dishes in an alpine  
environment! Biddy Clements.

24-26 Aug 18

The biggest thankyou to John!! Everything about  
this trip is amazing! Speaking for myself here,  
(similar to above) I have felt pretty much  
every emotion - excitement through to  
overwhelmed, scared & then amazed at how  
truly beautiful nature is. Thankyou for  
getting me to experience the alpine environment  
& all its wonders. I'm sure we will see

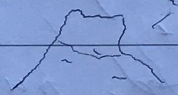


May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Āve! Te Atāhua hoki te wāhi! Feeling so lucky to have the opportunity to visit such a beautiful area. I noho mātou i te mara o tō mātou tipuna, ko Aoraki, ā, i tino tau tōku mauri. An amazing experience being so close to our tipuna/ancestor, Aoraki, and understand and feel his energy.

Nei rā te mihi mānahanu ki tō mātou kaiārahi, Jono. He pou matauranga koe. He mihi māioha ki a Arne hoki mō te whakarite o tēnei hiko i whakahirahira.

Aoraki Mataatū!



Alice Diamond.

May 11 2018

It is hard to find words to describe the experience we have had over the last two days, ascending into the alpine environment and experiencing such a vast array of vistas that I have never seen before. Trekking through the snow was another entirely new experience for me and after some initial apprehension it was amazing to gain some confidence and enjoy myself - a massive thank you to Jono for his patience and guidance. But the two greatest experiences of this trip are without a doubt the opportunity to be in such close proximity to Aoraki, our tipuna mauka, and to experiencing his resolute, implacable and enduring presence - as well as the joy of undergoing ~~that~~ all that as part of a group of wāhine toa who ~~can~~ share the <sup>same</sup> sense of wonder and privilege.

















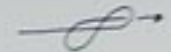









### Knots

1. Figure 8 - Tying into harness  

2. Clove hitch - Attaching to Anchor  

3. Halfon hitch - Belaying

- Day 1
  - Breakfast
  - Rucksack
  - Avalanche awareness
- Day 2
  - Full ascent
  - On snow, ice
  - Climb Kallak
  - Climb anchors
  - Snow & Holes
- Day 3 (early)
  - Compressing
  - Belaying
  - Abseiling
  - Navigation
- Day 4 (early)
  - Climb Tamar Peak
- Day 5 (early)
  - Camp Bell Pass

Weather getting bad some points on today (day 5)

Stuff

Cereal

VITA WEAT  
CRACKED PEPPER  
CRISPBREAD  
24x250g







