

DOC accommodation price changes

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is updating its accommodation pricing for the 2021/22 booking year (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022), including introducing some new approaches to improve cost recovery, better reflect the value of these facilities and spread out demand for popular places. These changes are listed below.

Price reset and differential pricing on the Great Walks

DOC has undertaken a price reset for huts and campsites on the Great Walks introducing shoulder season pricing. This includes both increases and decreases in pricing reflecting the value of the walks.

Differential pricing is being reintroduced with a lower international fee of one and a half times the adult New Zealand rate. This is being applied to seven of the 10 Great Walks. The international youth rate is set at half the cost for an international adult is applicable on all the Great Walks except Lake Waikaremoana. The purpose of differential pricing is to:

- improve access to the Great Walks for people ordinarily resident in New Zealand;
- increase the proportion of costs that are received from international users; and
- charge international visitors a fee that more fairly reflects the high value Great Walks offer.

Great Walk huts	Summer prices				Winter prices				Shoulder prices			
	(incl GST)				(incl GST)				(incl GST)			
	International		NZ resident		International		NZ resident		May-June		Sept	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
Milford Track	\$110	\$55	\$78	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0
Previous prices ¹	\$70	\$35	\$70	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0
Kepler Track	\$102	\$51	\$68	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$25 ²	\$0	\$15	\$0
Previous prices	\$65	\$32.50	\$65	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0
Routeburn Track	\$102	\$51	\$68	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$15	\$0
Previous prices	\$65	\$32.50	\$65	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0
Paparoa Track³	\$45	\$22.50	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0

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	(incl GST)				(incl GST)				(incl GST)			
	International		NZ resident		International		NZ resident		May-June		Sept	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
Previous prices	\$45	\$22.50	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0
Abel Tasman Coast Track	\$56	\$32	\$42	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0
Previous prices	\$38	\$19	\$38	\$0	\$32	\$16	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0*	\$32	\$0*
Heaphy Track	\$56	\$28	\$37	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0
Previous prices	\$34	\$17	\$34	\$0	\$34	\$17	\$34	\$0	\$34	\$0*	\$34	\$0*
Rakiura Track	\$56	\$28	\$37	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$26	\$0
Previous prices	\$24	\$12	\$24	\$0	\$22	\$11	\$22	\$0	\$22	\$0*	\$22	\$0*
Tongariro Northern Circuit	\$56	\$28	\$37	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0
Previous prices	\$36	\$18	\$36	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0
Whanganui Journey³	\$30	\$15	\$30	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0
Previous prices	\$32	\$16	\$32	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0
Lake Waikaremoana Track³	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0
Previous prices	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	\$0

¹Previous prices refer to 2020/21 DOC prices

²Prices applicable to Luxmore Hut only, other hut prices: adults -\$15 and children (17 years and under) – free

³No international adult rate on this Great Walk

*NZ Residents' pricing

Great Walk campsites	Summer prices				Non-summer prices			
	(incl GST)				(incl GST)			
	International		NZ residents		International		NZ residents	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
Kepler Track	\$32	\$16	\$21	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$5	\$0
Previous prices ¹	\$20	\$10	\$20	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$5	\$0
Routeburn Track	\$32	\$16	\$21	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$5	\$0
Previous prices	\$20	\$10	\$20	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$5	\$0
Abel Tasman Coast Track	\$24	\$12	\$16	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$16	\$0
Previous prices	\$15	\$7.50	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$7.50	\$15	\$0
Heaphy Track	\$24	\$12	\$16	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$16	\$0
Previous prices	\$14	\$7	\$14	\$0	\$14	\$7	\$14	\$0
Rakiura Track	\$24	\$12	\$16	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$5	\$0
Previous prices	\$6	\$3	\$6	\$0	\$6	\$3	\$6	\$0
Tongariro Northern Circuit	\$24	\$12	\$16	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$5	\$0
Previous prices	\$15	\$7.50	\$15	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$5	\$0
Whanganui Journey^{2,3}	\$16	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$8	\$0
Previous prices	\$20	\$10	\$20	\$0	\$0*	\$0*	\$0*	\$0*
Lake Waikaremoana Track³	\$14	\$0	\$14	\$0	\$14	\$0	\$14	\$0
Previous prices	\$14	\$0	\$14	\$0	\$14	\$0	\$14	\$0

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²Note: Ohinepane and Whakahoro campsites to have the same rates for drive-in and non-drive-in campers.

³No international rates on this Great Walk

*Prices not applicable to Ohinepane and Whakahoro campsites

Price increase for other popular multi-day tramps

Popular tracks Greenstone-Caples, Rees-Dart, Travers-Sabine Circuit, all had approved price increases put on hold due to COVID-19. These new prices are now being implemented in the 2021/22 summer season. The new price still allows for the use of hut tickets. The new prices are considered to better reflect the value of the experience and assist with improving costs recovery from the users of the facilities.

Tracks	Summer prices (incl GST)		Winter prices (incl GST)		Shoulder prices (incl GST)			
					May-June		Sept	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
	Greenstone-Caples Track*	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$15.00
Rees-Dart Track**	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$7.50
Travers-Sabine Circuit***	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$7.50

*Mid Caples Hut, McKellar Hut, and Greenstone Hut

**Shelter Rock Hut, Dart Hut, and Daleys Flat Hut

***Lakehead Hut, John Tait Hut, Upper Travers Hut, West Sabine Hut, Sabine Hut, Speargrass Hut, and Blue Lake Hut

Note: the previous hut prices were \$15 and \$7.50 for adults and youth respectively.

General hut price increases

Pinnacles Hut in the Coromandel and Brewster Hut will have a general price increase across the week due to strong, sustained demand.

Price increases		
Huts	2019/20 Price	New Price
Brewster Hut	\$20 per adult/\$10 per youth	\$30 per adult/\$15 per youth
Pinnacles Hut (Kauaeranga Valley)	\$20 per adult/\$10 per youth	\$25 per adult/\$12.50 per youth

Weekend prices for popular huts

Weekend and seasonal pricing is being introduced for 11 of the most popular bookable huts outside of the Great Walks. This will improve cost recovery and help spread demand to less popular periods. The increase in the weekend price for these huts will be \$5 per adult per night (\$2.50 per under 17s). For some huts the increase is for Saturday only; for others it includes Friday and/or Sunday.

Saturday night Increases		
Huts	2019/20 Price	New Saturday Night Price
Crosbies Hut Powell Hut Pinnacles Hut (Mt Somers) Woolshed Creek Hut Sunrise Hut Waitawheta Hut	\$15 per adult/\$7.50 per youth	\$20 per adult/\$10.00 per youth
Atiwhakatu Hut	\$5 per adult/\$2.50 per youth	\$10 per adult/\$5.00 per youth

Friday and Saturday night Increases		
Huts	2019/20 Price	New Friday/Saturday Night Price
Rod Donald Hut	\$15 per adult/\$7.50 per youth	\$20 per adult/\$10.00 per youth

Friday, Saturday and Sunday night Increases		
Huts	2019/20 Price	New Saturday Night Price
Peach Cove Hut	\$20 per adult/\$10 per youth	\$25 per adult/\$12.50 per youth
Ōtamahua and Packhorse Huts	\$15 per adult/\$7.50 per youth	\$20 per adult/\$10.00 per youth

Price increases for sole occupancy facilities

New prices will be implemented for two holiday parks and 31 sole occupancy facilities. The price increases are based on cost-inflation adjustments or high-demand to better reflect the value of the experience and assist with improving costs recovery from users of the facilities. The new pricing structure also introduces charges for additional guests and minimum night stays for some facilities.

Property	2019/20 Price	New Price
Boar Hut	\$40	Weekday: \$40 Weekend*** & holiday: \$50
Coast Road Cabin	\$200	\$209
Cobb Hostel	\$80	No change
Cookson Cottage	\$80 for 2 people Additional: \$20 Min 2-night stay	\$84 for 2 people Additional: \$21 Min 2-night stay
Cottage 110	Peak: \$249 Off-peak: \$208 3-night min stay	No Change
Education House	\$200	Weekday: \$220 Weekend & Holiday: \$265
Haurangi Hut	\$100	Weekday: \$105 Weekend*** & holiday: \$125
Holdsworth Lodge	Adult: \$25 per bunk Child: \$15 per bunk	Adult: \$27 per bunk Child: \$13.50 per bunk
Holdsworth Lodge Kaka Room	\$80	\$86
Holdsworth Lodge Kereru Room	\$80	\$86
Jans Hut	\$80	Weekday: \$85 Weekend*** & holiday: \$100
Kauri Cottage	\$80 for 2 people Additional: \$20 Min 2-night stay	\$84 for 2 people Additional: \$21 Min 2-night stay
Kawhatau Base	\$60	\$62
Lighthouse Cottage	\$65	\$65 per night 2-night min stay Friday/Saturday for December - April
Matai Bay Hut	\$6 per bunk	No change

Property	2019/20 Price	New Price
Mimiwhangata Cottage	Peak: \$1,540 Shoulder: \$630 Offpeak: \$385	Peak: \$1,617 Shoulder: \$665 Offpeak: \$413
Mimiwhangata House	Peak: \$1,540 Shoulder: \$630 Offpeak: \$385 Price for 7 nights	Peak: \$1,617 Shoulder: \$665 Offpeak: \$413 Price for 7 nights
Mimiwhangata Lodge	Peak: \$2,044 Shoulder: \$945 Offpeak: \$525	Peak: \$1,617 Shoulder: \$665 Offpeak: \$413
Motuora Island Bach	\$80	Weekday: \$85 Weekend & holiday: \$100
Nydia Lodge	\$12 per bunk* Whole Lodge: \$450 School rate: \$265	\$12 per bunk* Whole Lodge: \$470 School rate: \$330
Okarito School House	\$100	\$116
Papatahi Hut	\$100	Weekday: \$105 Weekend*** & holiday: \$125
Pohangina Base	\$20 per bunk*	\$25 per bunk*
Raukawa Hut	\$135	Weekday: \$135 Weekend*** & holiday: \$160
Robson Lodge	\$80	Weekday: \$90 Weekend: \$108
Sierra Room, Welcome Flat Hut	\$100	\$110
Stony Bay Bach	\$90 Min 2-night stay	Weekday: \$90 for 2 people Weekend: \$108 for 2 people Holiday: \$108 for 2 people Additional: \$20 Min 2-night stay
Te Kopi Cottage	\$200	\$160 for 4 people Additional: \$20 Min 2-night stay
Te Kopi Homestead	\$200	\$160 for 4 people Additional: \$20 Min 2-night stay
The Konini Lodge	Adult: \$25 per bunk Child: \$10 per bunk	Adult: \$27 per bunk Child: \$13.50 per bunk

Property	2019/20 Price	New Price
The Camphouse	Adult: \$25 per bunk Child: \$10 per bunk	Adult: \$27 per bunk Child: \$13.50 per bunk
Tiritiri Matangi Bunkhouse	Adult: \$30 Child: \$20 per bunk	Adult: \$40 per bunk Child: \$30 per bunk
Turere Lodge	\$80	Weekday: \$85 Weekend*** & holiday: \$100
Waikawau Bay Lodge	Peak: \$70 Offpeak: \$60 2-night min stay	No Change
Waikuku Lodge	\$110	\$121
Waiuta Lodge	Adult: \$15 per bunk Child: \$7.50 per bunk	Adult: \$16 per bunk Child: \$8 per bunk
Whirinaki Recreation Camp	\$30	\$33 Holiday price: \$40

* Sole occupancy rooms with price based on number of bunks per room

**Price for 7-nights

***Applies October - April

Whakapapa Holiday Park		
Property (bunk capacity)	2019/20 price Price for two guests	New price Price for two guests
Standard Cabin Double (6-7)	Weekday: \$80 per night Weekend: \$90 per night Additional adult: \$22 Additional child: \$17	Weekday: \$86 per night Weekend: \$96 per night Additional adult: \$23 Additional child: \$18
Standard Cabin Single (4-6)	Weekday: \$76 per night Weekend: \$86 per night Additional adult: \$22 Additional child: \$17	Weekday: \$81 per night Weekend: \$91 per night Additional adult: \$23 Additional child: \$18
Self Contained Cabin (4)	\$130 per night Additional adult: \$22 Additional child: \$17	\$139 per night Additional adult: \$22 Additional child: \$17
Whole Lodge (32)	\$475 per night	\$508 per night

Whakapapa Holiday Park		
Property (bunk capacity)	2019/20 price Price for two guests	New price Price for two guests
Lodge Private room (4)	\$76 per night Additional adult: \$20 Additional child: \$18	No change
Backpacker Bed	\$28 per bunk	\$30 per bunk

Lake Waikaremoana Holiday Park		
Property (bunk capacity)	2019/20 price Price for two guests	New price Price for two guests
Chalets (4)	\$130 per night Additional adult: \$25 Additional child: \$15	\$136 per night Additional adult: \$26 Additional child: \$16
Chalets (5)	\$140 per night Additional adult: \$25 Additional child: \$15	\$147 per night Additional adult: \$26 Additional child: \$16
Tourist Flats (2)	\$140 per night	\$147 per night
Family Unit (7)	\$145 per night Additional adult: \$25 Additional child: \$15	\$152 per night Additional adult: \$26 Additional child: \$16
Bunk house (7)	\$100 per night Additional adult: \$25 Additional child: \$10	\$105 per night Additional adult: \$26 Additional child: \$11
Cabin (2)	\$80 per night	\$84 per night
Fisherman Cabin (5)	\$65 per night Additional adult: \$20 Additional child: \$10	\$68 per night Additional adult: \$21 Additional child: \$11

Price increase and changes to the Backcountry Hut Pass

DOC has increased the price of the Backcountry Hut Pass and factored in inflation (the price hasn't changed in the last 10 years) and the increased value of the pass from allowing on-line purchase and use (for the 2021/22 booking year) and the changes to the exclusion list (off peak use on more huts and simplified exclusion list).

DOC reviewed and simplified the rationale for the exclusion list so that it's now valid for all Serviced and Standard huts except those with 'bespoke' prices and allows the pass to be used for all huts, except Great Walks, off-peak.

The new pass pricing and exclusion list are outlined below:

Backcountry Hut Pass price (incl GST)	From 01 July 2021	
	Adult	Youth
12 month adult	\$144	\$72
12 month discount	\$100	\$50
6 month	\$108	\$54
YHA annual adult (discount)	\$118	

Exclusion list	
Facility	Exclusion period
Pukeiti Forest Hut, Puketi and Omahuta forests	Summer
Peach Cove Hut	Summer
Pinnacles Hut	Summer
Brewster Hut	Summer (newly-excluded)
Liverpool Hut	Summer (newly-excluded)
Siberia Hut	Summer (newly-excluded)
Sandy Bay Hut	Year-round
Angelus Hut	Summer, Labour and Queen's Birthday weekends
Welcome Flat Hut	Summer
Godley Hut	Year-round
Siberia Hut	Summer
Esquilant Bivy Hut	Year-round
Abel Tasman Coast Track huts	Year-round

Exclusion list	
Facility	Exclusion period
Heaphy Track huts	Year-round
Lake Waikaremoana huts	Year-round
Paparoa Track huts (except Ces Clark Hut)	Year-round
Rakiura Track huts	Year-round
Kepler Track huts	Summer
Milford Track huts	Summer
Routeburn Track huts	Summer
Tongariro Northern Circuit huts	Summer
Whanganui Journey huts	Summer
All Lake Waikaremoana huts	Year-round
All huts on the Greenstone-Caples*, Rees-Dart**, and Travers-Sabine Circuit***	Summer (newly-excluded)
All Serviced-Alpine huts	Year-round
Coast Road Cabin	Year-round
Orongorongo Valley sole occupancy huts	Year-round
All accommodation on Matiu/Somes Island	Year-round
Te Kopi Cottage, Te Kopi Homestead and Waikuku Lodge (3), Aorangi Forest Park	Year-round
All private or club huts on DOC-managed land	Year-round
Rod Donald Hut	Year-round

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**Shelter Rock Hut, Dart Hut, and Daleys Flat Hut

***Lakehead Hut, John Tait Hut, Upper Travers Hut, West Sabine Hut, Sabine Hut, Speargrass Hut, and Blue Lake Hut

Huts no longer excluded from the Backcountry Hut Pass
Motukawanui Hut
Lane Cove Hut
Cape Brett Hut
Kaiaraara Hut
Mt Heale Hut
Crosbies Hut

For more details see the Backcountry Hut Pass terms and conditions on DOC's website www.doc.govt.nz