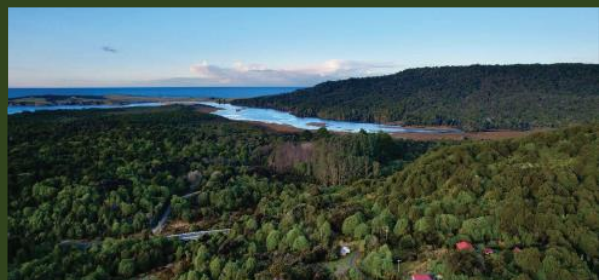




Welcome to the Lenz Reserve & Tautuku Forest Cabins



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Cabin Compendium

Please leave in holder for next guests

Welcome to the Lenz Reserve

The Reserve is owned by the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society (Forest & Bird) and is managed jointly by the Dunedin, South Otago and Southland Branches of the Society.

Contact details

Manager: tautukucabins@gmail.com Phone 0273764120

Lenz Reserve Management Committee

c/o Dunedin Branch

Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society

PO Box 6231, Dunedin

Website: <https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/our-community/lodges/tautuku-forest-cabins>

Location and access

The Lenz Reserve is located in The Catlins on the Southern Scenic Route, 72 km south of Balclutha and 32 km south of Owaka. The reserve is about 1 km from the coastline, at an elevation of 40–180 m. There is vehicle access from Highway 92 to the parking area at the entrance, or, for authorised vehicles, to the track which leads up to the accommodation area. Guests are given a combination to the gate lock at the bottom of this track.

GPS ref for the Cottage: 1325559E, 4835181N **Rapid Number 6140 Chaslands Highway.**

Note: Cell phone coverage cannot be guaranteed, One and 2Degrees may work. The nearest public phone is located at the Papatowai shop. There is a landline at Tautuku Education Centre off the main highway to the north of the Reserve, which may be available in emergencies provided that there is someone in residence.



Lenz Reserve management Committee (2019)

Accommodation at the Lenz

Tautuku Forest Cabins has three accommodation options. These are child-friendly but are unsuitable for wheelchairs. There are flush toilets and hot showers.

The Main Cabin

Sleeps 10. Two four-bunk bedrooms with two additional sofa-beds in the lounge. Well equipped kitchen. Heat pump. Toilets and showers are reached across a covered way.

Coutts Cabin

Sleeps four. Two two-bed bedrooms off kitchen/living area. Basic cooking facilities. Electric heater. Toilet and ablution facilities in a separate building close at hand.

The A-frame

Sleeps two. One bedroom with two single beds. Electric heater. Kitchen/living area with basic cooking facilities. Toilet and ablution facilities in a separate building close at hand.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Accommodation is available from mid-day on the day of arrival. Please vacate by midday on the day of departure unless you've made prior arrangements with the manager/warden.

FACILITIES

Electricity supply: Each cabin has electrical heating and cooking facilities.

Cleaning: We are able to keep our rates at very reasonable levels because we don't employ a fulltime cleaner. Please make sure that you leave your accommodation clean and tidy, and remove all rubbish when you depart.

Fridges: Leave fridges on.

Water supply. We store rainwater in tanks. Please restrict your water usage, especially during dry periods (yes, we do have them in the Catlins!).

The water is not filtered and we recommend that you boil it before drinking.

Bedding and linen: You will need to provide your own sleeping bag or bedding, pillow case, personal towels and dish towels.

Rubbish: Please take your rubbish with you. Dispose of at Maclellan (near Papatowai) transfer station 270 Centre road 1-3 pm Saturdays

Feedback forms: We appreciate your feedback.

Warden(s): During the summer months we usually have volunteer warden(s) living in the on-site caravan, their job is to ensure the smooth running of the facilities and to maintain the grounds. They are not expected to clean up after guests. If you are interested in being a warden for a month over the summer, contact the manager at tautukucabins@gmail.com

Note: There is ongoing pest control on The Lenz using traps, toxins and shooting.



Local businesses

More information can be found in the free map Haere Mai – Welcome to The Catlins, available at information centres, and on The Catlins website: <https://www.catlins.org.nz>.

Health providers

Catlins Medical Centre

29 Main Road, Owaka 03 415 8006

Opening hours: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday

Appointment required

Bates Pharmacy – Catlins Health and Gift

17 Waikawa Road, Owaka 03 415 8109

Opening hours: 9.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday

Stock a large range of medicines, also wooden toys and gifts. Pharmaceuticals not in stock, or prescription medicines, are delivered at 4.30pm each day from Balclutha.

Dental practices

Graham York Dental 131 Clyde St, Balclutha

03 418 1294 gyorkdental@gmail.com

John Street Dental Centre 8 John Street,

Balclutha 03 418 1374

Activities

Owaka Museum & Catlins Information Centre

Campbell St, Owaka

03 415 8323 (Museum)

03 415 8371 (Information Centre)

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9.30–4.30pm

Sat & Sun 10–4pm

www.owakamuseum.org.nz

Waikawa District Museum and Information Centre

604 Niagara–Waikawa Highway, RD1

Tokanui 03 246 8464

Opening hours: 10am–5pm Every day

waikawamuseum@hyper.net.nz

The Lost Gypsy Gallery

Papatowai Highway, Papatowai

021 122 8102 www.thelostgypsy.com

Earthlore Insect Theme Park

129 Hinahina Road, Owaka

03 415 8455 027 385 3182

earthlore3@gmail.com

www.earthlore.co.nz

KCC outing at Earthlore Insect Theme Park



Owaka Museum & Catlins Information Centre



KCC outing at Earthlore Wildlife Gardens



The Lost Gypsy. Gallery, Papatowai

Eating and drinking

Peake's Kitchen and Food Truck, Papatowai

Summer only, variable hours

2501 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai 022 409-

0798 Peakeskitchen@gmail.com

The Little Rocket Coffee, Papatowai

At the Lost Gypsy, 2532 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai. Summer only 10 am – 4 pm

<https://thelostgypsy.com/coffee/>

Catlins Café

3 Main Road, Owaka 03 415 8040

info@catlinscafe.co.nz www.catlinscafe.co.nz

Bake House Takaways

8 Waikawa Road, Owaka 027267 9839

Open Wednesday-Sunday

The Lumberjack Bar and Café

3 Saunders Street, Owaka 03 415 8747

info@lumberjackbarandcafe.co.nz

www.lumberjackbarandcafe.co.nz

The Catlins Inn

21 Ryley Street, Owaka 03 415 8350

catlinsinnowaka@xtra.co.nz

The Whistling Frog Café

9 Rewcastle Road, Chaslands Hwy 03 415 8338

www.whistlingfrogcafe.com

Niagara Falls Cafe

256 Niagara-Waikawa Road, Niagara 03 246 8577

niagarafallscave@xtra.co.nz

www.niagarafallscave.co.nz

Retail

Papatowai Country Store

2501 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai 03 415 8147

Hours: 9:30 am – 6.00 pm. Winter hours variable.

Card operated petrol & diesel available. Public telephone.

Owaka Four Square – Supermarket

4 Overden Street, Owaka 03 415 8201

Hours: 7 days 7.30am–7.00pm

Postal agency. In-store bakery.

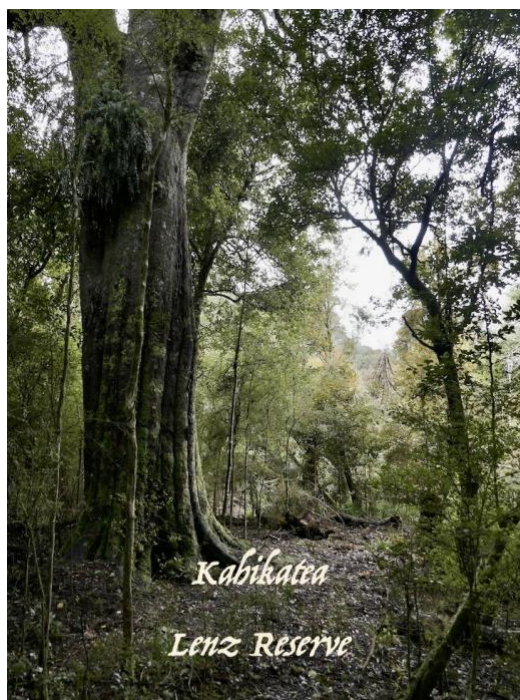
Owaka Motors

1 Campbell St, Owaka 03 415 8179 after-hours 03 415 8944

Card operated pumps



The Little Rocket Coffee, Papatowai



Experiencing The Catlins

The Lenz Reserve

Traill tractor site is an easy walk to the site of a Traill tractor and relics of the sawmilling era at the Lenz Reserve. Interpretation panels illustrate the history of the area from long before human settlement.

Link Track allows public access from the Traill Tractor site to the walks via a board walk and old logging tramway.

Lenz Reserve Nature Walk follows a roughly circular route and takes about an hour of easy walking. There are plant identification plaques along the track. The Boardwalk Track branches off the Nature Walk and finishes at a 30 m boardwalk into a wetland.

Lenz Reserve Long Track Follows the old tram line up the ridge behind the cabins, crosses the Fleming River over a tree bridge, traverses the bank and passes through an area of old growth podocarp forest, recrosses the river on a second bridge, and returns to the cabins via the Nature Walk. It is mainly of walking track standard but in some places a route standard only. Also conditions can be muddy along parts of the track by the river. At a high point of the track, a raised platform provides a view over the reserve. Walkers should be experienced at route finding. Takes 2-3 hours.

Tautuku estuary boardwalk which is accessed from the highway at the eastern end of the Fleming River bridge, isn't part of the Reserve but is close at hand. The boardwalk gives an ideal opportunity to view the birdlife of the estuary, including the fernbird and there are excellent views of the forest on the south side of the Tautuku River. Easy walking, allow 1-2 hours from the cabins.



Tautuku Ecological Restoration Project

Forest and Bird has a major conservation project underway on the Lenz reserve and surrounding land. The aims of the project are to increase the knowledge of the wildlife and plants of the reserve and to protect these with pest control. You may see traps and field staff on the reserve.



The Surrounding Area

For more information about opportunities to explore the wonderful natural environments that make up The Catlins, visit local information centres or see: www.catlins.org.nz
www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/tracks-and-walks/otago/coastal-otago/catlins-waterfalls-walks

Also recommended is Neville Peat's book **"The Catlins and the Southern Scenic Route"**, University of Otago Press, 1998.

Cathedral Caves

North end of Waipati beach, south of Tautuku. Accessible only for an hour at either side of low tide. Access to the beach is across Maori and Department of Conservation land. The caves may be closed for the winter and when sea conditions are unsuitable – check with information centres. Charges: adult \$10, child \$5

Catlins River Estuary (Catlins Lake)

Paradise for bird watchers: dotterels, godwits, gulls, herons, oyster catchers, shags, spoonbills, stilts and swans.

Catlins River – Wisp Loop Track

The 5–6 hour Catlins River Walk is a well-formed tramping track following the Catlins River between The Wisp and the Tawanui camping ground. It can be combined with the 4–5 hour higher-altitude Wisp-Loop track via forestry roads and the Rocky Knoll lookout. (This depends on forestry operations, enquire at the Owaka Information Centre for the latest update.)

Curio Bay Jurassic (160 m.y.o.) fossil conifers may be seen in the rock platform, Yellow-eyed penguins may be seen here.

Florence Hill Lookout

About 2 km south of Papatowai. Panoramic view of Tautuku Bay and the Rainbow Isles. Comprehensive interpretation information.

Jack's Bay & the Blowhole

The blowhole doesn't always blow, but it's a great walk along the cliff tops from Jack's Bay to this spectacular chasm.

Lake Wilkie

Magical place about 2 km north of Lenz where wetland is slowly being transformed into forest, ecological succession in action.

Long Point/Irahuka reserve

A winding unsealed road leads to a reserve owned by the Yellow eyed Penguin Trust, whose goal is to restore the vegetation and to 'bring back the sea birds'. Stunning scenery and the chance to see penguins, sea lions and seals

McLean Falls

Spectacular waterfalls in the middle reaches of the Tautuku river. Access off Rewcastle Road about 1 km south of the Cathedral caves turn-off.

Matai Falls and Rail Trail

Easily accessible waterfall, 18 km south of Owaka, located on the Matai stream in the Catlins Forest Park. Access to the Matai Rail Trail – a 1 hour return walk along the old railway line. Take a picnic to the picnic table at the return point of the walk.



Spoonbills in the Catlins Estuary



Rata Range – Rocky Knoll



White-faced heron at Curio Bay



Florence Hill Lookout



Lake Wilkie



Matai Rail Trail

Nugget Point

Wave-eroded rock stacks and rocky beaches where seals and (very occasionally) elephant seals can be seen, along with a multitude of sea birds. Short walk with interesting information panels. Penguin viewing hide at Roaring Bay on the way up to the carpark.

Old Coach Road Track

Coastal track beginning on the north side of the Tahakopa river bridge. Passes through forest with the most southerly silver beech trees in NZ. There is an important Maori archaeological site near the mouth of the river. You can either walk back through the forest or take a more demanding route and climb the hill at the far end of the beach.

Papatowai Picnic Point Track

The Picnic Point track is a 40-minute circuit through forest and along a beach with views of one of the Catlins' least-modified sections of coast.

Papatowai and Tahakopa River Estuary

Great spot for kayaking and bird viewing.

Porpoise Bay

Beautiful sandy bay 2km south of the Waikawa Information Centre and Museum and just over the headland from Curio Bay. A chance to see the rare Hector's dolphin.

Pounaweia Walking Track

One of the few surviving examples of podocarp (native pine) to salt marsh zonation. Beautiful walk, best done at mid-low tide so you can get across the salt marsh. Access at the far end of the camping ground.

Purakaunui Falls

Scenic trademark of The Catlins. Easy access by a graded walk to the head of the falls through podocarp/beech forest, then a steeper section down to the lower viewing platform.

Shanks's Bush Nature Trail

An easy 20 min self-guided walk at Papatowai with quirky viewing opportunities. Chance to see fern birds by the estuary.

Slope Point

The southernmost point of the South Island has near-horizontal windswept trees and a magnificent view over the Southern Ocean. Track closed Sep-Oct during lambing.

Surat and Cannibal Bays

Long sandy beaches where there is a good chance of seeing New Zealand Sealions.

Tautuku Bay

The spectacular perfect beach and bay that you can see from Florence Lookout. The beach can be accessed via an easy walk through the Tautuku dune forest. Track entrance is opposite the Outdoor Education Centre. Road access off the Highway is 500 metres East of the Education Centre entrance.

Wildlife care

There are little penguins living along our shore and sealions often use our beaches. Please respect these and other wildlife by not approaching animals too closely, avoiding driving on beaches and keeping dogs under control at all times.



