**CAMP RUATUNA**

This facility has been developed by a range of community groups and volunteers to provide access to a natural space for study, camping and fun. Many volunteer hours have been spent developing the site with the support of key stakeholders. Please respect the facility so that others following you may enjoy the opportunity also.

Address

162 Ryburn Road, Ohaupo

Booking

To book the facility please contact Asa Persson at Waipa District Council 0800 924 723.

Site entry/exit

Please take care when leaving the site. Cars approaching from your right are travelling at speed over a brow. Move away as quickly and safely as you can to create space for any approaching vehicles**.**

Heating

Please feel free to use the firebox and the firewood in the lean-to on the western end of the building, this is provided for the building by volunteers. An axe is provided to cut kindling. At the end of your stay please leave hot ashes in the firebox. It is safer to leave them to cool completely. Only use natural wood provided in the firebox, treated timber off cuts should not be burnt.

There is an oil column heater (electric) in the bunkroom.

Water Heating

You will need to switch the water heating on in the power box inside the main common room **the day before** if you wish to have hot shower water available on your arrival.

Fires

External fires are discouraged for Health and Safety reasons and may require a Fire Permit from the Department of Conservation in Hamilton (858 1000). **No fires are to be lit at any time on the Department of Conservation land beyond the gate at the base of the foothill leading to the lower reserve.**

Fire extinguisher/Fire blanket

Located beside the power cabinet on the northern wall.

Refuse:

Food waste attracts vermin. **Please bring your own rubbish bags to line the bins and take all rubbish with you.** There is no rubbish or recycling collection at this location. If necessary, please disinfect and hose out the plastic bins after use.

Refrigerator

The fridge is always on and the internal setting should be on “*vacation*” on arrival. Please then set the temperature to “*3*”. Remove all food from the fridges and freezers when you depart and ensure they are clean. On your departure please return setting to “*vacation*”, close fridge door and ensure the unit is on at the wall.

Stove

Please wipe clean.

Showers

Please put rubbish bags in the bins provided and remove at the end of your stay.

Consumables

Plan to bring your own dish washing liquid, rubbish bags, toilet paper, tea towels etc. Some consumables are in the cleaning cupboard and under the sinks. Replacements on your next visit would be appreciated.

Cleaning Cupboard

Mops, brooms and buckets are provided for general cleaning. Sweep out the rooms, wash down the showers and disinfect the toilet bowls.

BBQ’S/braziers /plastic tables and chairs

The master key provides access to the lean-to on the eastern side of the building. You will find plenty of plastic tables and chairs for extra outdoor seating. There are three BBQ’s available for your use (you will need your own gas cylinders) and three braziers for “*camp fires*”.

Stock:

If stock is present on site please ensure gates are closed behind you. If any issues arise please contact the farm manager (details below). When stock are present on the reserve please do not switch the water pump off in the electricity control box.

Damage/broken fittings or equipment not working

Please advise Asa Persson at Waipa District Council 0800 924 723, if anything needs repairing or replacing.

Security

Please double check you have locked all internal and external doors before you depart and close all gates behind you.

Please enjoy your stay and if you would like to support the Lake Ruatuna Users Group please contact:

Wayne Green- 07 8433043 / 027 222 0007 [go2guy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:go2guy@xtra.co.nz)

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Lake Users Group – Wayne Green 087 8433043 / 027222 0007

Farm manager- Peter Monahan 07 823 6830

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