

WELCOME TO CAMP RUATUNA

This amazing facility has been developed by a range of community groups and volunteers to provide access to a natural space for study, camping and fun. It is widely used by community and church groups, schools, Scouts and Guides and is looked after by volunteers. Many volunteer hours have been spent developing the site with the support of key stakeholders Waipā District Council, The Department of Conservation through the Living Water partnership with Fonterra, a consortium of schools, the Lions Club, the Ruatuna Lake Users Group and many others.

Please respect the facility so that others following you may enjoy the opportunity also.

Bookings

To book the facility please contact Waipā District Council on 0800 924 723 or email via communityservicesadministrator@waipadc.govt.nz.

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 the hot ashes in the firebox**– it is safer to leave them to cool completely and for the next party to start afresh. Only use natural wood provided in the firebox, treated timber off cuts should not be burnt in the firebox. 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.

External Fires

External fires are strictly banned for Health and Safety reasons. This includes the Department of Conservation land beyond the gate at the base of the foothill leading to the lower reserve.

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 but the internal setting should be on “Vacation” when you arrive. This keeps the fridge cool and the freezer unit ready for use. Please then just set the temp to “3”. **Please remove all food from the fridges and freezers when you depart** and give them a wipe over. On your departure please re set to “Vacation” and leave the fridge doors closed and the unit turned on at the wall

Stove

Please wipe the oven top and leave the oven interior clean.

Toilets / Showers

Please put rubbish bags in the bins provided for the paper towels and remove at the end of your stay. Replace rubbish bags. Spray N Wipe the handbasins and shower trays please.

Consumables

You should 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 if you have forgotten. Replacements on your next visit would be appreciated.

Cleaning Cupboard

Mops, brooms and buckets are provided for general cleaning.

Amenity Building Picnic tables

Please only use these tables for dining or study. Please no cutting/sawing/painting on these tables. Black project tables are located between the building and the green container

Bird Watching/ Hide

The building on the lake edge can be accessed using the master key. This is used as a gamebird hunting mai mai during the season (May – August) but at other times can be used as a hide to watch wetland birds. **Entry is at own risk and the boardwalks can be slippery** if wet.

Damage/Broken fittings or equipment not working

Please advise the Community Services Administrator at Waipā District Council on 0800 924 723 or communityservicesadministrator@waipadc.govt.nz if anything needs repair or replacement.

Security

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

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