

## Haere mai - welcome

**The Catlins offers nature, wildlife and uncrowded freedom.  
Enjoy these riches and help us protect them.**

### Wildlife

- Penguins are shy and easily stressed – stay out of sight
- Sealions and seals need space - stay at least 10 metres away
- Protect nature – do not remove plants, animals or fossils
- Control dogs – they can kill penguins and threaten seals
- Best viewing sites: The Nuggets, Surat and Curio Bays, Waipapa Point

### Camping – Picnicking

- Use designated camping grounds as they have toilets and waste disposal
- Observe “No Camping” signs and leave areas as you found them
- Roadside campers must have self-contained toilet – three nights minimum stay
- Fires can destroy our bush – light no fires without a permit
- Rubbish is a hazard to health and wildlife – take it away

### Driving

- For the enjoyment and safety of others limit vehicle use on beaches
- Sheep and cattle on the roads – drive slowly through the mob, and stay in your vehicle
- Keep left, respect others, pass stationary school buses at 20km/h
- Reduce speed when driving on unsealed roads

### Waste Disposal

- Avoid polluting our environment, main settlements have toilets
- Campervan waste disposal at Thomas’s Lodge, Kaka Point, Tokanui, McLean Falls and Pounaweia holiday parks
- Rubbish disposal at Papatowai and recycling at Tokanui

**For fire or accident emergency phone 111**

**For conservation or wildlife emergency phone 0800 362 468**

Note: There is minimal cell phone coverage  
in much of the Catlins.

Public phones are located at Owaka,  
Papatowai and Tokanui.