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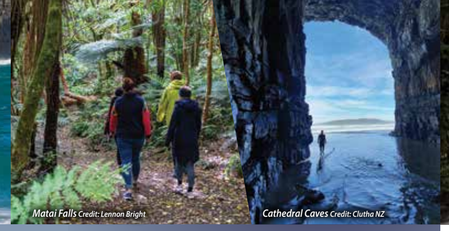
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Pūrākaunui Bay Credit: Lennon Bright



Matai Falls Credit: Lennon Bright

Cathedral Caves Credit: Clutha NZ



Pūrākaunui Falls Credit: Martin Hayward



Kererū Credit: Martin Hayward



Waipapa Point Credit: Great South

Wildlife

Hector's Dolphins

Hector's Dolphins / Tutumairekurai / Tūpoupou are one of our shy local species. These little black and white dolphins can be seen in the summer surf at Porpoise Bay. They are one of the rarest and smallest dolphins in the world. Swimming with the dolphins is discouraged; it is best to watch them from the shore. If you are in the water, please do not approach the dolphins.

Yellow-eyed Penguins

The Yellow-eyed Penguin / Hoiho is an endangered and unique species. Distinguished by its distinct yellow eyes and headband, the Yellow-eyed Penguin is native to New Zealand / Aotearoa. Hoiho, its Māori name, imitates its shrill call and translates to 'the noise shouter'. Penguins are best viewed at dawn or dusk and observed at a minimum of 50 metres. Never approach a penguin as they are shy and easily frightened. Please keep your distance and stay concealed if possible. Dogs are strictly prohibited from penguin colonies.

Seals & Sea Lions

New Zealand Fur Seals / Kekeno, New Zealand Sea Lions / Whakahao and the odd formidable Elephant Seal / Ihupuku can be found sunning themselves on various Catlins beaches (especially Waipapa Point / Ōtara and Surat Bay). The only place on mainland New Zealand / Aotearoa where all three co-exist is at Nugget Point / Tokatā. Please keep your distance (at least 20 metres) at all times as these animals can be aggressive and chase people when feeling threatened. Keep dogs well away.

Birdlife

The Catlins boasts a variety of sea and forest birds. Shags / Kōau roost in trees on the coast and river edges while Gulls and Terns / Tara are seen close to shore. Further out, the likes of Muttonbird / Titi, Gannets / Takapu and Mollymawks/Toroa dive for fish. Herons / Kotuku, Pied Stilts / Poaka, Bar Tailed Godwits / Kuaka and Oystercatchers / Toreapango wade in the estuaries. Fernbirds / Mātātā and Bitterns / Kaoriki hide amongst the rushes and Kingfishers / Kōtare survey the rivers. Forest songsters include Bellbirds / Makomako / Korimako and Mohua. Fantails / Pīwakawaka and Tomtits / Miromiro are often seen near walking tracks, while the Tui and the New Zealand Pigeon / Kererū are amongst those in the canopy overhead.

All of the indigenous species are a taonga species of special cultural significance to Ngāi Tahu whānau and were recognised in the Ngāi Tahu Settlement Act 1986.



Surat Bay Credit: Lennon Bright

Walks and Natural Attractions

Endless sightseeing choices await you inland and along the coast. Our native forests are home to mighty podocarp trees including Rimu, Totara, Matai, Kahikatea and Miro. Other trees to be found include Silver Beech/Tawhai and Flowering Kamahi and Rata. Perching plants, orchids, vines and 28 species of fern fill in the gaps, creating a perfect habitat for native birds and insects. Most tracks are maintained by our Department of Conservation; remember it is always safer to keep to formed tracks and only leave footprints.

The cliffs at **Fortrose / Kaik** command spectacular views of the southern coastline and the Fortrose Estuary. At **Waipapa Point / Ōtara,** walk to the historic lighthouse and Tararua Acre, the cemetery of many of the victims of the 1881 shipping disaster.

Slope Point/Waipapa the southernmost point of the South Island, has windswept trees and a magnificent view over the southern ocean.

Waipōhatu is a tranquil picnic area offering a short 20 minute wheelchair track and a longer 3 hour wilderness track through native bush.

At **Curio Bay/Tumu Toka** you will find an ancient geological phenomenon of international significance – the **Petrified Forest.** Fossilised trees similar to Kauri and Matai lie embedded on coastal bedrock, remnants of a 170 million year old Jurassic era forest. Please do not damage or remove any fossils. Also at Curio Bay/Tumu Toka is the **Living Forest** walk; this is a direct descendant of the Petrified Forest.

Cathedral Caves resonate with the sound of the sea. Rising more than 30 metres in places, they are all at once imposing, grand and truly cathedral-like. The caves' private access is opened only at low tide with a small road fee (eftpos). The caves' opening is subject to safe sea conditions and can be closed at short notice (1 hour return). Closed June to end of October.

Lake Wilkie is reflective and peaceful. There is a clear succession of naturally establishing forest here. During summer the red brilliance of flowering Rata is stunning (30 minutes return).

Be sure to visit the local **information centres** at Ōwaka, Waikawa, Tokanui, Curio Bay Tumu Toka Curioscape and Fortrose/Kaik for helpful tips and local knowledge about The Catlins area

The Nuggets Credit: Destination Clutha

View the sweeping **Tautuku Beach and Bay** from **Florence Hill.** To the east is the rugged **Papatōwai coastline** where surfers from New Zealand and elsewhere come to surf the big waves of the southern ocean. At Papatowai is the **Shanks Bush Nature Trail** with a 20 minute return walk to enjoy many different natural habitats with activities for young people, and the **Old Coach Road.**

Tautuku Estuary – journey through time on this historic trail. There is an easy track leading through podocarp forest and out onto a boardwalk above the estuary flats. Enjoy the raucous morning birdsong and look out for the rare Fernbird / Mātātā (30 minutes return). **Picnic Point** is reached via native bush and a sandy coastline with interesting rock pools (30 minutes return). The **LENZ Reserve Nature Trail** is a 15-20 minute informative history and forest walk.

Pūrākaunui Falls is a picture of beauty. Surrounded by bush, this magnificent waterfall cascades 20 metres over three distinct tiers (20 minutes return). Other enjoyable waterfalls are **McLean Falls** (40 minutes return) and **Matai Falls** (30 minutes return). Also at Matai Falls, the **Matai Rail Trail** (1 hour return).

The **Catlins River Walk** and **Wisp Loop Track** provide one or two days walking through native beech and planted forest. The routes feature swing bridges, high altitude views and opportunities to see the rare bird the Mohua.

Walk to a spectacular blowhole with exploding waves and roaring sound effects when at high tide. **Jacks Blowhole** is 100 metres inland from the sea. It has been known historically for its ability to dramatically spout water. Tunnel damage means that ideal sea conditions are required for this effect to occur (1 hour return).

Getting to the lighthouse at **Nugget Point / Tokatā** is an exhilarating experience. The roar of the sea rushes to fill your ears, and the visual drama of vast skies, endless ocean and sheer cliffs to the left and right is gripping. Its name is derived from the sea-worn rocks that resemble gold nuggets (20 minutes return).

Toitū te whenua

... leave the land undisturbed

Florence Hill Lookout Credit: Chris McLennan

THE Catlins
Te Akau Tai Toka
NEW ZEALAND - AOTEAROA

Official Visitor Guide

Welcome...
Nau mai Haere mai...

Tēnā Koutou katoa and welcome to The Catlins, a major highlight of the Southern Scenic Route. Situated off the beaten track, The Catlins encompasses the area between Fortrose / Kaik and Kākā Point / Rakitāmau and inland to Mokoreta. You will journey through rural heartland and podocarp and beech forest, past rugged coastlines, hidden lakes and stunning waterfalls. The natural landscapes are enthralling and the wildlife is extraordinary.

The Catlins southern location bestows upon us long summer days perfect for exploring. Vivid sunsets and long twilight evenings lead on to ideal star gazing opportunities. Rainy days bring fresh growth to pastures and forest while strong winds shape the forests and raise impressive waves along the coast. Come prepared to enjoy dynamic weather conditions.

Remember The Catlins is another special part of New Zealand / Aotearoa that has steep topography and quite large distances from main cities; this means cell phone coverage is not always accessible. Plan your days, keep water on hand for long drives and always take note of fuel stops as they are sometimes few and far between.

The Catlins has many wonderful experiences to share. Accept our invitation and stay a few days. Meet the local people and relax on 'Catlins time'.

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Origins and Our Past

Early Māori of Kai Tahu, Kati Mamoe, Waitaha descent were the first to inhabit these lands. Many stories and encounters are etched into the fabric of this once forgotten coastline. Descendants are still part of this special area keeping their ancestors' memories alive for the next generations.

Early Māori made use of the available stone and tool resources on this coast. With many birds including moa and an abundance of seafood/ kai moana, this coastline was perfect for settlements and pa that were established along the coastline.

Māori legend reverberate with colourful escapades of great chiefs and large hairy monsters of the forest known as Maeroero.

The region's namesake was a ship's captain who regularly carried exports to Australia. Edward Cattlin purchased a huge tract of land from local Māori in 1840. However, authorities later reduced his claim and did not formally transfer title until 1873. This was a bit late for Captain Cattlin who had died in Sydney, 17 years earlier. Still, his name has stayed with us, albeit with a slight modification to the spelling. The boundary of The Catlins today is not all of his holdings.

The first European communities centred around short-lived whaling stations during the 1830s.

Sawmilling then became the sustaining industry. The prosperity of these early settlements relied on shipping and good port access.

Dense forest meant an isolated existence and volatile seas caused many shipwrecks along The Catlins coast. Among them New Zealand's worst civilian maritime disaster – the SS Tararua at Waipapa Point in 1881 with 131 lives lost.

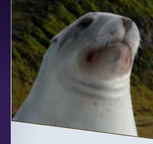
Nevertheless, the early towns thrived. Fortrose/Kaik exported wool, grain and timber. Waikawa was a bustling port town with a succession of industries including whaling, sawmilling, gold mining, stone quarrying, flax milling, sheep and dairy farming. Ōwaka in the north was settled later during the 1860s and, again, sawmilling and timber exports became big business.

The southernmost railway tunnel in the world was built at Tunnel Hill just north of Ōwaka and by the 1920s railways from Invercargill and Balclutha were both busy carrying sawn timber out of The Catlins. Tunnel Hill was excavated by hand between 1891-92 for the Balclutha to Tahakopa Railway Line.

Also by the 1920s Waikawa harbour had silted up and coastal shipping reduced. The boom times were over. Today farming and tourism are the main industries.

The Catlins Care Code

PLEASE HELP US TO PROTECT THE NATURE AND WILDLIFE OF THE CATLINS



Only leave your footprints; only take photographs and memories...

For fire or accident emergency –

PHONE 111

For conservation/wildlife emergency –

PHONE 0800 362 468

Southland District Council (SDC)
0800 732 732

Clutha District Council (CDC)
0800 801 350

NOTE:
There is minimal cell phone coverage in much of The Catlins. Public phones are located at Kākā Point and Tokanui.

CAMPING

For more information visit

Clutha District Council Southland District Council

Please use official camping sites as they have toilets and waste disposals.

- No Roadside, Lookout or Beachside Camping.
- Permission must be obtained for camping, parking or walking on private land.
- Please leave areas clean and tidy.

FIRES

Scan here for tips on how to reduce your own risk of wildfire and a three-step tool to let you know whether it's safe to light a fire, and if you'll need a fire permit.

Fire and Emergency NZ

Or head to **www.checkitsalright.nz**

FIRES CAN DESTROY THE FOREST

WILDLIFE & NATURE

For more information visit **www.doc.govt.nz**

- Talk quietly and move slowly when near sea lions / whakahao or fur seals / kekeno – do not disturb them, give them space, stay at least 20m away.
- Yellow-eyed Penguins / Hoiho are shy and easily stressed – do not disturb them, give them space, stay at least 50m away.
- Do not remove plants, animals or fossils from the environment – treat New Zealand / Aotearoa forest and birds with respect, they are unique and often rare.
- Respect our cultural heritage, treat these places with consideration and care.
- Dogs can disturb and even kill wildlife, please look out for and respect signage regarding dogs.

www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/dog-access

- No drones at Nugget Point / Tokatā, Roaring Bay / Hakaparāoa, Curio Bay / Tumu Toka, Slope Point / Waipapa and Waipapa Point / Ōtara.

Use of drones is restricted – for further information on use of drones in public places, private land, around livestock, wildlife and wildlife habitats visit **www.airshare.co.nz**

Check out the Tiaki Promise www.tiakinewzealand.com

DRIVING

Visit **www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/visiting-new-zealand**

- Keep left, observe all road signs. Pass school bus at less than 20km/hr.
- Reduce speed when driving on 'unsealed' roads.
- Limit vehicle use on beaches, respect other beach users, the road rules apply. For latest beach access information refer to CDC and SDC websites.
- Indicate and pull over to the left-hand side of the road to take photographs, read road signs and to allow vehicles behind you to pass safely.
- If you see sheep and cattle on the roads, drive slowly and stay in your vehicle.

WASTE DISPOSAL

- Please take all rubbish away with you, carry out what you carry in. Rubbish disposal points are at Kākā Point / Rakitāmau, Ōwaka, Papatowai and Tokanui. Recycling is also available at Ōwaka and Tokanui
- Use public toilets provided, please do not pollute the environment
- Use Campervan waste disposals which are located in Ōwaka (Inn Street) and Tokanui.

The Catlins Care Code revised by Catlins Coast Inc for The Catlins Community (2026)

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THE CATLINS OFFICIAL WEBSITE

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KEY

- Area outside The Catlins (shaded)
- Accommodation & Services
- Key Township
- Localities
- Main Highway
- Southern Scenic Route
- Alternative Route/ Heritage Trail
- Major / sealed roads
- Minor / gravel roads
- Information Centre
- i-Site
- Information Kiosks
- Museum
- Library/Free WiFi
- WiFi
- Public Telephone
- Public Toilet
- ATM
- Campsite
- Campsite (self contained only)
- DOC Camping Ground
- Camping Ground
- Playground
- Food
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station
- 24hr Fuel – card only (dedicated pin number)
- Dump Station
- Recycling Centre
- Post Shop
- Medical Centre
- Wheelchair Access
- Golf Course
- No Dogs (check DOC website for current info)
- No Drones
- Lighthouse
- Historical shipwreck site
- Surfing
- Seals
- Dolphins
- Penguins

DRIVE TIME IN MINUTES - *distances are selected direct routes and times are indicative only*

105	10	30	45	90	30	50	70	40	80	55	25	30	35	**Waikawa**
130	30	90	25	140	70	80	120	90	130	85	20	20		**Waipapa Point**
135	40	60	15	100	45	45	80	50	90	80	25			**Tokanui**
130	20	60	40	115	50	75	95	75	120	80				**Slope Point**
55	65	35	80	50	35	75	20	20	40					**Pūrākaunui Falls**
45	90	50	105	30	60	100	10	40						**Pounawea**
65	60	20	70	50	20	60	30							**Papatowai**
35	80	40	95	20	50	90								**Ōwaka**
125	50	70	70	105	80									**Mokoreta**
71	40	15	55	70										**McLean Falls**
20	100	60	115											**Kākā Point**
140	50	60												**Fortrose**
75	40													**Cathedral Caves**
115														**Curio Bay**
Balclutha														


Curio Bay Credit: Great South

EMERGENCY - DIAL 111

Healthline 0800 611 116

Tokanui Medical Centre
A nurse can see all patients
Walk in service most weekdays 9-12
Check clinic availability by phoning 03 2468850
or Facebook Page Tokanui Health Centre

Catlins Medical Centre, Ōwaka
Phone 03 415 8006 anytime

Balclutha Hospital
Phone 03 419 0500 (For Doctor on duty phone 03 419 0400)

Southland Hospital, Invercargill
Phone 03 218 1949

Attractions

A FORTROSE / KAIK
Boating, fishing, golf and campsite. Shipwreck only exposed at low tide.

B WAIPAPA POINT / ŌTARA
Short walk to the historic lighthouse and 1881 shipping disaster cemetery. The Waipapa Lighthouse is automatic and operational.

C SLOPE POINT / WAIPAPA
The Southernmost point of the South Island. Magnificent views. Approx. 20min return. Memorial Panels for those lost at sea off the Point.

D WAIPŌHATU
A tranquil picnic area offering a 20min return wheelchair bush track and a longer 3hr waterfalls wilderness loop track.

E CURIO BAY / TUMU TOKA
The 170 million-year-old Petrified Forest is an ancient geological site of international importance. The wave-washed platform is accessible at low tide. Living Forest walkway, descendant of the petrified forest, 15min return. Interactive Museum.

F NIAGARA FALLS / MĀNGAI PIRI
Short walk to the small Niagara Falls/ Māngai Piri.

G CHASLANDS HISTORIC CEMETERY
History interpretation. 30min return

H MCLEAN FALLS
The walk to the McLean Falls takes under 40min return.

I CATHEDRAL CAVES
The caves resonate with the sound of the sea, 1hr return through bush and along the beach. Access may be restricted. For opening times, check **www.cathedralcaves.co.nz**

J THE SIR TRUBY KING BRIDGE WALKING TRACK
The track travels across an unformed legal road and has wheelchair access. It is a pleasant 15minute walk (one way) along the Tahakopa River, through an established stand of native trees, to the historic Sir Truby King Bridge.

K TAUTUKU WALKS
1. Estuary boardwalk. 1hr return.
2. Historic Journey Through Time. 20 min return.
3. Lenz Reserve nature walk. 1hr return.

L LAKE WILKIE
Reflective and peaceful. 30min return.

M FLORENCE HILL LOOKOUT
Beautiful views over Tautuku Bay.

N PAPATŌWAI
DOC Campsite. Picnic ground at beach. Picnic Point Forest and beach walk, 40min return. Old Coach Road Forest Track to beach 1hr return. Old Possumers Track through Tahakopa Bay Reserve and return via beach 3hrs return. Shanks's Bush nature walk 20min return.

O MATAI FALLS & RAIL TRAIL WALK
1. Matai Falls 30min return.
2. Old Catlins Railway Trail 1hr return.

P THE WISP
DOC picnic ground. Catlins River to Wisp Loop Walking Track, North entrance (12km). Access depends on logging operations. Enquire at Catlins Information Centre.

Q TAWANUI
DOC Campsite and picnic ground. Catlins River to Wisp Loop Walking Track, South entrance (12 km). The route can be walked in either direction as a 24km two-day tramp. Access depends on logging operations. Enquire at Catlins Information Centre.
The best place in The Catlins to see Mohua, a rare native forest bird.

R PŪRĀKAUNUI FALLS
A picture of beauty. 20min return.

S PŪRĀKAUNUI BAY
DOC Campsite and picnic ground. Attractive beach.

T CATLINS LAKE / KURAMEA
Pull-off and walk to bird watching site. There are a number of wahi taonga (sites of significance to Māori) within the wetland area, including middens and other evidence of occupation.

U JACKS BLOWHOLE
100m from the sea and well worth the walk for the amazing views and rolling seas. 1hr return.

V SURAT BAY
A long sandy beach named after the sailing vessel Surat, wrecked in 1874. Care required as frequently visited by sea lions. Surat Beach is a great walk particularly at low tide. Camping Ground. Great vistas.

W POUNAWEA
Camping Grounds. Bush, estuary walks and a great variety of birdlife. Great vistas. HinaHina walk/cycle track, 3km (one way) estuary and bush track with marine and birdlife. Flat, easy access.

X TUNNEL HILL
Southernmost railway tunnel in the world. Short track to tunnel excavated by hand between 1891-92 for Balclutha to Tahakopa Railway Line.

Y NUGGET POINT / TOKATĀ & ROARING BAY / HAKAPARĀOA
Lighthouse built in 1869. Viewing point for Fur Seals. 20min return. The Nugget Lighthouse is automatic and operational.

Z KĀKĀ POINT / RAKITĀMAU
Forest and beach walk, fishing, diving and boating. Camping ground.


Lake Wilkie Credit: Sam Deuchrass


Pūrākaunui Bay Credit: Sam Deuchrass

Curiosity Cafe (1)

By the sea in Kaka Point, gateway to the Catlins, Curiosity Cafe offers:

- All Day Menu
- Barista Crafted Coffee
- Signature Home Baking
- Creative Workshops
- Stunning Seaside View
- Friendly Staff

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BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
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Kaka Point
Phone: 021 027 38786
Email: curiositycafe.molyneux@gmail.com

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- Dine in or Takeaway service
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner
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ENQUIRIES
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Kaka Point Camping Ground (2)

- Peaceful settings
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- Adjacent to bush walk
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- Sheltered tent and powered sites
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34 Tarata Street, Kaka Point
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Email: info@kakapointcamping.co.nz

Mohua Park – Catlins Eco Accommodation (6)

A luxurious Eco-Friendly stay, we offer four spacious king studio eco cottages with incredible views, all secluded and providing warmth and comfort in a natural bush setting.

- Own private balcony
- Heat pump
- Ensuite
- Free wi-fi
- Kitchenette & barbecue
- Continental breakfast and BBQ pack available
- 4km private walking tracks

www.catlinsmohuapark.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Tracy & Mike Bell – Owner/Operators
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Phone: 03 415 8613
Email: mohuapark@outlook.com

Anchorage (12)

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- Unit 3 has tea/coffee, microwave and fridge facilities
- Log burner and heatpump in unit 4 (upstairs), electric heaters studios
- Free Wifi. TV all units
- 5 minute drive to Curio Bay

www.anchorage.co.nz



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Sandy's (2)

Eat, Drink and unwind at Sandy's

- Open Tuesday to Sunday for Lunch and Dinner
- Hours
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  Resturant & Bar: 12pm till 8:30pm
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- Produce, meat, groceries, fishing bait, ice, flowers, beer & wine
- Hot food, scones, filled rolls, muffins & instore-made sandwiches
- ATM, Lotto, NZ Post, community notice board



ENQUIRIES
4 Ovenden Street,
Owaka 9546
Phone: 03 415 8201
Email: owaka@foursquare-si.co.nz

Catlins Info Centre & Owaka Museum (4)

Catlins Information Centre
The place to go for travel advice and bookings for activities and accommodation in The Catlins. Local information on attractions, restaurants and more!
www.cluthanz.com

Owaka Museum *Wahi Kahuika*, The Meeting Place – *'a rest on your journey'* captures the essence of The Catlins. Visit this popular visitor hub with its informative exhibitions to discover the exciting history that made this region what it is today.
www.owakamuseum.org.nz



CONTACT & ENQUIRIES
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Catlins Information Centre
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Owaka Museum
Phone: 03 415 8323 | Email: owakamuseum@outlook.com
Hours: 8.30am–5.00pm, 7 days a week

Kaka Point Motels (2)

- Free WIFI
- Free Parking
- Office Hours 8am - 8pm
- Lovely views of Kaka Point beach & Nuggets Lighthouse
- Great location for your Catlins tour
- We provide 7 Queen Studios and 3 King Studios. Included in these are 2x 2 Bedroom Family Units. Walking distance to the beach & restaurant. 10 min drive to Nugget Point Lighthouse car park.

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- Relax in the heart of The Catlins, in a peaceful native bush setting.
- Stunning valley and ocean views overlooking Papatowai Beach and the Southern Scenic Route.
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77 Tahakopa Valley Road, Papatowai
Phone: 03 415 8028
Mobile/Text: 021 415 802
Email: book@hilltopcatlins.co.nz

Curio Bay Salthouse (13)

A great choice for accommodation on the Curio Bay beachfront with stunning uninterrupted seaviews.

- 2 queen self-catering studio units
- 1 self-catering studio unit with additional bedroom (1 queen, 1 single)
- One 2-bedroom well-appointed apartment
- Central heating, WiFi, all linens
- Breakfasts available on request

www.curiobaysalthouse.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
For bookings please visit our website
517 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road, Curio Bay
Phone: 021 044 8378
Email: stay@curiobaysalthouse.co.nz

Catlins Hotel & Camper/Caravan Park (4)

The Catlins Hotel offers a friendly community sports bar with outside decks and relaxing dining areas.

- Pool table, 4 gaming machines
- Dining Room: NZ country-style menu, seats up to 36pp
- Function Room: groups up to 45pp, 50"TV
- A range of modern, well-appointed accommodation options available on site
- Campervan/Caravan Park with powered and non-powered sites, hot showers and toilets



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Daryl & Carmen
21 Ryley Street, Owaka, South Otago
Phone: 03 415 8350
Email: catlinshotel@gmail.com

Peake's Kitchen & Country Store (7)

Flavour at its Peake!
A must-stop in the Catlins

- Seasonal operating months & hours
- Award-winning gourmet burgers
- Hand-crafted deep-dish pies
- Artisan deli sandwiches & cookies
- Spectacular scooped ice cream
- Barista made coffee
- Boutique groceries & local gifts

Papatowai, Central Catlins

www.peakeskitchen.com



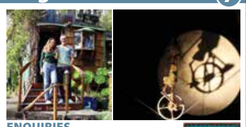
BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Peake's Kitchen & Country Store
2501 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai,
Catlins | Phone: 022 409 0798
Email: hello@peakeskitchen.com

Temple of Tinkering & Coffee (7)

Once known as **Lost Gypsy**, this eccentric Temple is the work of two artists, packed with ingenious contraptions and surprises.

- 25+ years of wonderfully weird things that move. 100+ handles.
- **Uncle Lee's Coffee by the Sea** Need fuel for your tinkering? Grab great coffee and treats, right on site.
- On Southern Scenic Route, look for a green bus!

www.templeoftinkering.com



ENQUIRIES
2532 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai
templeoftinkering@gmail.com
Open late October – late April • 10am–5pm
Closed Wednesdays • Allow about 1 hour

Pounawea Motor Camp (3)

- Powered & non-powered sites including waterfront options
- Cabins available
- Drinking Water, Dump station & rubbish facilities on site
- Kitchen, Laundry, Toilets & Hot Showers
- Many local walks near by, including one starting from the camp
- Peaceful Catlins camping, surrounded by native bush & estuary views - a perfect base for exploring

pounaweamotorcamp.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
1 Park Lane, Owaka
Phone: 027 7000 454
Email: office@pounaweamotorcamp.co.nz

Tram Track Retreat (8)

- Fully self-contained
- Outdoor BBQ & deck
- Wifi
- Smart TV
- Pet friendly
- Peaceful, well-appointed cabin nestled in private setting overlooking Papatowai & native forest.

tramtrackretreat.com



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
25 Tahakopa Valley Road, Papatowai
Phone: 027 449 7076
Email: stay@tramtrackretreat.com

Curio Bay Accommodation (13)

Quality accommodation right on the beach.

- Self-contained studios
- Spacious, warm, private
- Complimentary laundry facilities
- Free WIFI

www.curiobay.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
521a Waikawa Curio Bay Road
Curio Bay
Email: curiobayaccommodation@gmail.com

Slope Point Accommodation (14)

- 2 self-contained units
- 1 basic double
- 1 twin single
- 4 dorm beds
- Group bookings available
- Laundry, BBQ and free Wi-Fi available
- Sheltered, quiet and relaxed surroundings on our farm
- Hand feed the farm animals
- 3 bedroom cottage also available

www.slopepoint.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Justine & Andrew
164 Slope Point Road, RD1 Tokanui
Phone: 03 246 8420
Email: info@slopepoint.co.nz

Niagara Falls Café/Restaurant (11)

Our refurbished old school has a casual, warm atmosphere.

- Best stop in The Catlins by Cuisine Restaurant Guide
- Voted best coffee between Invercargill and Dunedin
- All day homemade menu
- Slices, cakes, desserts, made here
- Gallery with local art and crafts

www.niagarafallscafe.co.nz



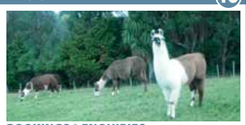
BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
200m from Niagara Falls

256 Niagara Waikawa Road, Niagara, South Catlins
Phone: 03 246 8577 | Email: niagarafallscafe@xtra.co.nz

Thickthorne Llamas (10)

- Visit our Fibre Producers: Llamas, Guanacos and Gotland sheep
- Specialising in fine fibres for crafting; plus Llama, Guanaco and Gotland knitting yarn for sale
- Spinning/weaving tuition
- Exclusive handcrafted clothing range, plus accessories
- Small cover charge (unless purchasing)
- Thickthorne Llamas began in 1989 as a result of Janette's passion for spinning, weaving and knitting natural fibres, especially llama

www.catlins.org.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Janette Buckingham
63 Waikawa Valley Road, South Catlins 9884
Phone: 03 246 8499 | Email: thickthorne@xtra.co.nz
Find us on Facebook!

Catlins River Station House (5)

Four bedroom, spacious, self contained home with a beautiful, private and tranquil setting with access to our farm for walking, cycling and trout fishing; a lovely safe spot for families.

- Fully self-contained
- 4 bedrooms
- 3 Queen, 2 single beds available
- Wifi
- Woodburner
- Outdoor BBQ area & deck space
- Privacy and tranquillity

www.airbnb.co.nz

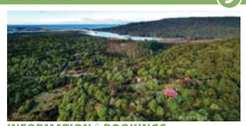


BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Tracey Hancox
16 Hanning Road, Owaka 9586
Phone: 027 212 0033
Email: tracey_rangi@xtra.co.nz

Tautuku Forest Cabins (9)

Secluded, comfortable accommodation in a forest setting 35km south of Owaka. Five minutes drive to the beach.

- Cottage sleeps 10
- Cabin sleeps 4
- A-frame sleeps 2
- Bush walks
- Tranquil setting
- Supply own bedding
- No domestic animals without permission
- Cabins $80 – $130 per night



INFORMATION & BOOKINGS
www.forestandbird.org.nz/our-community/lodges/tautuku-forest-cabins

Email: tautukucabins@gmail.com

Slope Point Getaway (14)

- Affordable, peaceful, self-contained 3 bedroom house
- Sleeps up to 6
- Fully equipped kitchen, BBQ, Freeview TV, washing machine, fireplace, free WiFi, linen provided
- Totally surrounded by farmland with estuary views
- Close to many southern attractions and activities
- Southernmost accommodation in the South Island
- Minimum 2 nights stay

www.slopepoint.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Justine and Andrew
164 Slope Point Road, RD1 Tokanui
Phone: 03 246 8420
Email: info@slopepoint.co.nz

Andy's Place (16)

- Peaceful, cosy, 3 bedroom cottage.
- 2 queen beds, 1 single
- Fully equiped kitchen with fridge & microwave.
- TV with Freeview and DVD player.
- Southern-most golf course 2 mins. Cafe walking distance.
- Gateway to the Catlins. Fortrose Estuary is great for boating, fishing & beach walks.
- Waipapa Lighthouse 20 mins.
- Curio Bay 45 mins.
- Invercargill 40 mins.

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
22 Mersey Street, Fortrose.
Phone: 027 694 7895 | 027 756 7486 | 027 694 8206
Email: bamandsharon@yahoo.com

Tokanui Recycle Centre (15)

- Save your glass, cardboard, cans and plastic bottles for our hungry recycling bins located at 23 McEwan Street in Tokanui
- Open to the travelling public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Please do not dump household rubbish at the recycling bins. Please take rubbish to any of our waste transfer stations throughout Southland.
- Help us keep The Catlins tidy!

www.southlanddc.govt.nz

CONTACT & ENQUIRIES
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