



Nau mai Hāere Mai ~ Welcome to The Catlins...



To Te Anau and
Queenstown / Tāhuna

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'Our aim is to promote The Catlins as a place to live,
work and visit, and to help retain The Catlins
heritage and natural history'

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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.
- 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**
There are a number of wahi taonga (sites of significance to Māori) within the wetland area, including middens and other evidence of occupation. Pull-off and walk to bird watching site.
- 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 and Penguins. 40min return.
- Z KĀKĀ POINT / RAKITĀMAU**
Forest and beach walk, fishing, diving and boating. Camping ground.

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	Pounaweia						
65	60	20	70	50	20	60	30	Papatōwai							
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															



Tautuku Bay Credit: Great South

Toitū te whenua - leave
the land undisturbed

EMERGENCY Call 111

For further information
on all aspects of The Catlins, go to
www.catlins.org.nz
or visit Information Centres at
Ōwaka and Waikawa

For information on where to camp, visit
www.freedomcamping.org

NB: Minimal cellphone coverage in The Catlins



THE Catlins
Te Akau Tai Toka
NEW ZEALAND - AOTEAROA

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

Tautuku Bay Credit: Great South

- The Point Café & Bar**
Lunch & Dinner – Open Tuesday - Sunday.
58 Esplanade, Kaka Point
P: 03 412 8800
E: lisa@thepointcafe.co.nz www.thepointcafe.co.nz
- Catlins Inn & Caravan Park**
Friendly community sports bar with outside decks, a relaxing café, function room, guest rooms, caravan park
21 Ryley Street, Owaka, South Otago
P: 03 415 8350 E: catlinsinn@clt-trust.co.nz

- Catlins Café & BakeHouse Takeaways**
Catlins Café: Enjoy our extensive menu in a cosy cafe
BakeHouse Takeaways: Outdoor seating or takeaway
3 Main Road, Owaka, The Catlins (365 days of the year)
Bakehouse **P: 027 267 9839** Catlins Café **P: 03-415 8040**
- Lumberjack Café & Restaurant**
A pinch of passion in every dish. Great food for a good mood
3 Saunders Street, Owaka, Catlins
P: 03 415 8747 E: lumberjackowaka@gmail.com
www.lumberjackbarandcafe.co.nz

- Owaka 4 Square Supermarket**
Shop where all Kiwis love to shop
Mon - Sun: 7:30am – 7:00pm
P: 03 415 8201 4 Ovenden Street, Owaka 9535
E: owaka@foursquare-si.co.nz www.foursquare.co.nz
- Peake's Kitchen & Country Store**
Famous burgers, pies, sandwiches, ice cream, coffee, gifts + more
E: hello@peakeskitchen.com
2501 Papatowai Highway, Central Catlins
P: 022 409 0798 www.peakeskitchen.com

- Niagara Falls Café/Restaurant**
All day homemade menu – arts & crafts gallery
256 Niagara Waikawa Road, Niagara, South Catlins
P: 03 246 8577 E: niagarafallscfe@extra.co.nz
www.niagarafallscfe.co.nz
- Tumu Toka Curioscape Restaurant & Cafe**
Enjoy the scenic views with all your classic favourites
590 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road, Curio Bay 9884
P: 03 246 8897 E: campground@curioscape.co.nz
www.curioscape.co.nz



Waipapa Point Credit: Great South

FARMSTAY / B&B

- Lakeside Cottage**
A relaxing holiday home beside the Catlins Lake.
Situated on a Sheep & Beef Farm
87 Lakeside Road, Hinahina, Owaka
P: 027 482 6260 www.facebook.com/LakesideCottageCatlins/
- Skylark Farmstay**
Luxurious super-king studio with private entrance on Family Sheep & Beef Farm, stunning views
87 Lakeside Road, Hinahina, Owaka E: lakeedgfarm@gmail.com
P: 027 482 6260 www.facebook.com/SkylarkBB

- Tram Track Retreat**
Peaceful, well-appointed cabin in private setting
25 Tahakopa Valley Road, Papatowai
M: 027 449 7076 E: stay@tramtrackretreat.com
www.tramtrackretreat.com

MOTELS

- Southern Secret Motels**
4 Studio units / Erewhon holiday home / Lancewood cottage
2510 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai Seaside Village
P: 03 415 8600 E: southernsecret@extra.co.nz
M: 027 228 0172 www.southernsecretmotel.co.nz
- Curio Bay Salthouse**
Accommodation right on The Catlins coast, stunning views
517 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road, Curio Bay
E: stay@curiobaysalthouse.co.nz M: 021 044 8378
For bookings please visit www.curiobaysalthouse.co.nz
- Mohua Park – Catlins Eco Accommodation**
Luxurious private cottages in a protected forest
744 Catlins Valley Road, RD2 Owaka 9586
P: 03 415 8613 E: mohuapark@outlook.com
www.catlinsmohuapark.co.nz

HOLIDAY PARKS

- Kaka Point Camping Ground**
Cabins, Tent and Powered Sites
34 Tarata Street, Kaka Point, Catlins
P: 03 412 8801 E: info@kakapointcamping.co.nz
M: 027 408 2774 www.kakapointcamping.co.nz
- Catlins Newhaven Holiday Park**
Tourist flats, cabins, powered and tent sites
324 Newhaven Road, Owaka
P: 03 415 8834 E: newhavenholidaypark@gmail.com
www.catlinsnewhavenholidaypark.com
- Pounawea Motor Camp**
We are a well established camp centrally located in the Catlins
1 Park Lane, Pounawea, Owaka 9585
P: 03 415 8483 E: pounawea.motor.camp@extra.co.nz
- Thomas's Catlins Lodge & Camp Ground**
Large lodge & campground with laundry. Pet friendly.
8 Clark Street, Owaka 9535
P: 027 415 8333
E: stay@thomascatlins.co.nz
- Tumu Toka Curioscape Campground**
Stunning views, beaches, wildlife, powered & unpowered sites
590 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road, Curio Bay 9884
P: 03 246 8897 E: campground@curioscape.co.nz
www.curioscape.co.nz

BACKPACKERS

- Surat Bay Lodge**
Comfortable holiday accommodation right beside the beach
19 Surat Bay Road, RD1 Newhaven, Owaka
P: 03 415 8696 M: 027 202 9456
E: suratbaylodge@gmx.com www.suratbay.co.nz

- Tautuku Forest Cabins**
Forest & Bird Society Lenz Reserve
On-line bookings: www.forestandbird.org.nz/
our-community/lodges/tautuku-forest-cabins
E: tautukucabins@gmail.com

SELF-CONTAINED

- Kaka Point Motel**
Spectacular coastal views, 1&2-bedroom units, studio units
24 Rata Street, Kaka Point
P: 03 412 8602 E: kakapointmotel@gmail.com
www.catlins.co.nz
- Mike & Jenny's Kaka Point Accommodation**
Warm, comfortable Units with sea views
7 Marine Terrace, Kaka Point 9271
P: 03 412 8875 E: mikeandjennyhall@gmail.com
M: 027 882 8649 - Jenny M: 027 412 8014 - Mike
- Seascape Accommodation**
3 self-contained apartments, all with ocean views
8 Marine Terrace, Kaka Point
P: 027 367 2208 E: stay@seascapekakapoint.nz
www.seascapekakapoint.nz
- Catlins Estuary View**
Warm 3 bedroom house with awesome view, deck area & pool table
14 Forrester Drive, Owaka **P: 027 416 6819**
E: jakhills@outlook.co.nz www.catlins.org.nz
- Catlins Hilltop Accommodation**
Two character homes in a peaceful rural setting
77 Tahakopa Valley Road, Papatowai
P: 03 415 8028 Mobile/Text: 021 415 802
E: book@hilltopcatlins.co.nz www.hilltopcatlins.co.nz

- Anchorage**
2-3 bedroom homestead and 2 studio units, scenic views
52 Antrim Street, Waikawa, The Catlins
M: 021 128 0174 www.anchorage.co.nz
E: theanchoragewaikawa@gmail.com

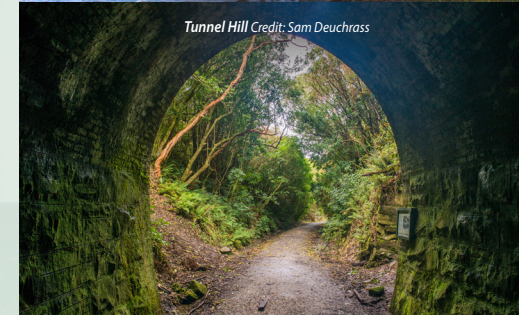
- Curio Bay Accommodation**
Quality Accommodation right on the beach.
521a Waikawa Curio Bay Rd, Curio Bay
E: curiobayaccommodation@gmail.com
M: 021 044 8281 or 022 128 1156 www.curiobay.co.nz

- Slope Point Accommodation**
Sheltered, quiet and relaxed surroundings on our farm
164 Slope Point Road, Tokanui
P: 03 246 8420 E: info@slopepoint.co.nz
www.slopepoint.co.nz

- Andy's Place**
Peaceful, cosy, self-contained 3 bedroom cottage
22 Mersey Street, Fortrose
P: 03 246 9813 M: 027 694 7895
E: bamandsharon@yahoo.com



Tautuku Estuary Boardwalk Credit: Great South



Tunnel Hill Credit: Sam Deuchrass



Curio Bay Credit: Sam Deuchrass



Tomtit / Miro Credit: Sandra van der Sommen



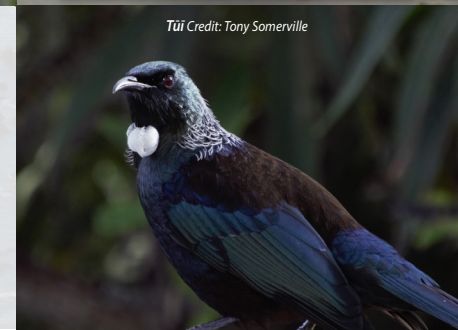
Nugget Point Credit: Sam Deuchrass



Cathedral Caves Credit: Great South



Sea Lions / Whakahao at Pūrākaunui Bay Credit: Great South



Tui Credit: Tony Somerville

- Catlins Horse Riding**
Personalised horse experiences and riding to suit you
41 Newhaven Road, RD1 Owaka
P: 027 629 2904 E: catlinshorseshorseriding.co.nz
P: 027 786 4534 www.catlinshorseriding.co.nz
- Owaka Museum**
Museum, Shop and Gallery – open 7 days
10 Campbell Street, Owaka
P: 03 415 8323 E: owakamuseum@outlook.com
www.owakamuseum.org.nz

- The Lost Gypsy Gallery & Coffee**
Mechanical Gizmos and Gadgets Galore
Open late Oct - late April (10am-5pm) closed Wed.
2532 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai
www.thelostgypsy.com

- Thickthorne Llamas**
Fibre Yarn and Handcrafted Garments
63 Waikawa Valley Road, 1RD Tokanui 9884
P: 03 246 8499 E: thickthorne@extra.co.nz
www.catlins.org.nz/activities Contact us first, if possible.

- Waikawa Museum & Information Centre**
Open Fri-Mon 10:30-4pm or by arrangement (Closed Jun-Oct)
604 Niagara-Waikawa Highway
P: 03 246 8464 E: waikawamuseuminfo@gmail.com
www.catlins.org.nz/activities

- Catlins Surf School & Accommodation**
Surf lessons, surfing equipment & vetsuit hire.
Beachfront cottages available.
M: 021 208 0501 E: nickcuriobay@gmail.com
www.catlins-surf.co.nz

- Curio Bay Christian Fellowship**
Church with an ocean view – services each Sunday 10.30am
Curio Bay Christian Community Centre, 41 Mair Road, Curio Bay, South Catlins E: paulwat1942@hotmail.com
P/F: 03 246 8431 www.curiobay.info Find us on Facebook

- Green Meadows Alpacas**
Home to both suri and hyacaya alpacas and rare Waipu goats, set in beautiful surroundings next to the Catlins.
988 Waimahaka-Fortification Rd, Pine Bush. Call to book.
P: 022 048 6885 E: greenmeadowsalpacos@gmail.com

- Heritage Trail**
70km of inspiring history along the South Catlins coastal route, from Fortrose to Niagara (in either direction).
Pick up a brochure from Owaka Museum, Waikawa Museum or Fortrose Cafe. www.catlins.org.nz

CHECK RELEVANT WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE FOR OPENING HOURS

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...

*Nau mai Haere Mai...
Welcome to The Catlins*

Southland District Council (SDC) | 0800 732 732
Clutha District Council (CDC) | 0800 801 350

For fire or accident emergency –

PHONE 111

For conservation/wildlife emergency –

PHONE 0800 362 468

NOTE:

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

NO DOG AREAS

Please be aware there are areas in The Catlins which have dog restriction areas as seen in the information provided and also at the restricted sites.

BEST WILDLIFE VIEWING SITES

- Nugget Point/Tokatā
- Surat Bay
- Curio Bay/Tumu Toka
- Waipapa Point

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/Hakaparaoa, 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

CAMPING

For more information visit



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. Or head to www.checkitsalright.nz

FIRES CAN DESTROY THE FOREST

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.



Check out the Tiaki Promise
www.tiakinewzealand.com

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.



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TIAKI MEANS TO CARE FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE.

THE TIAKI PROMISE IS A COMMITMENT TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND, FOR NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

HOW TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND

TIAKINewZealand.com

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DRIVE CAREFULLY



KEEP NZ CLEAN



PROTECT NATURE



SHOW RESPECT



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