



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

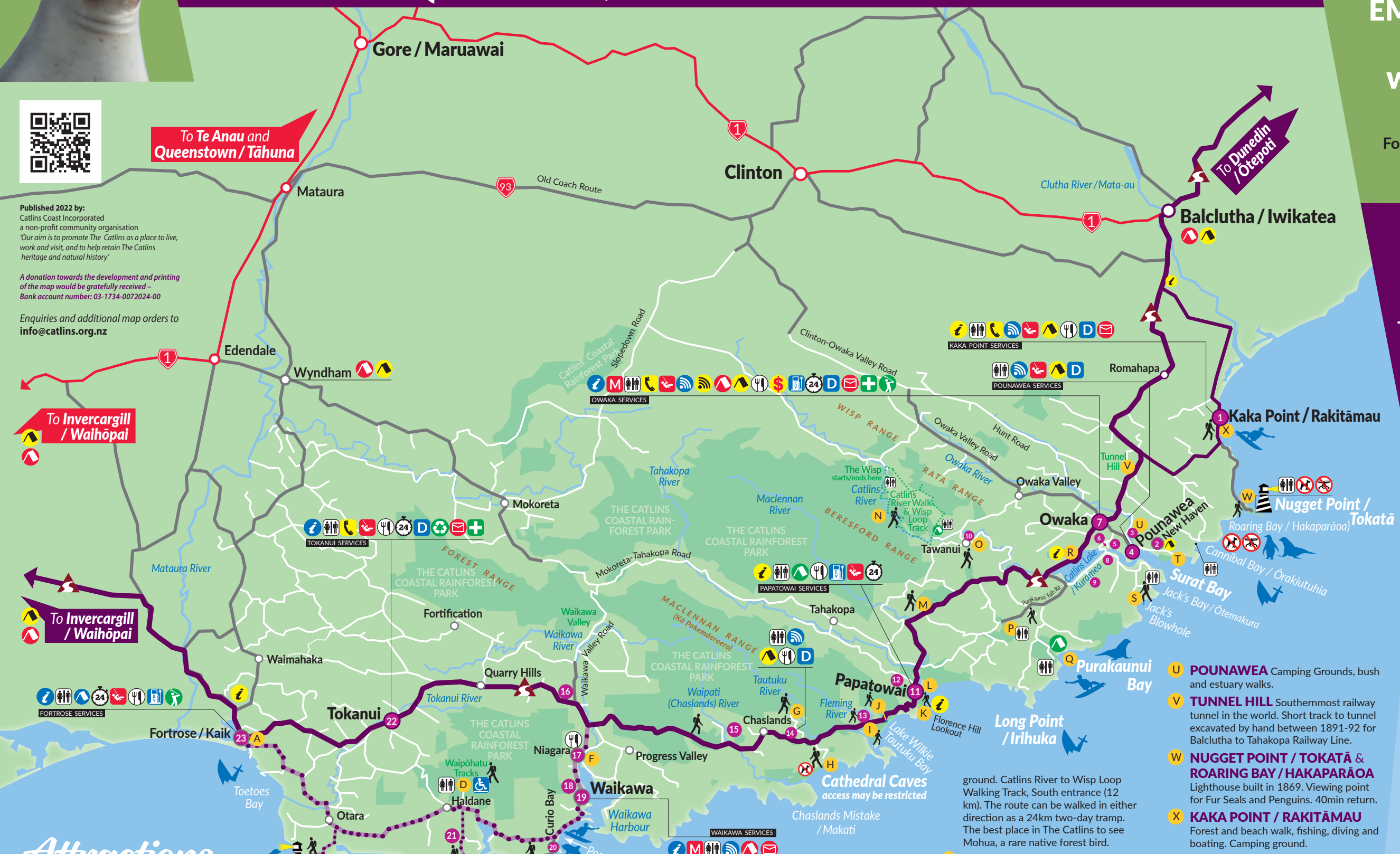


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a non-profit community organisation  
'Our aim is to promote The Catlins as a place to live,  
work and visit, and to help retain The Catlins  
heritage and natural history'  
  
A donation towards the development and printing of  
the map would be gratefully received -  
Bank account number: 03-1734-0072024-00  
  
Enquiries and additional map orders to  
[info@catlins.org.nz](mailto:info@catlins.org.nz)

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](http://www.catlins.org.nz)**  
or visit Information Centres at  
Owaka and Waikawa  
For information on where to camp, visit  
**[www.camping.org.nz](http://www.camping.org.nz)**  
NB: Minimal cellphone coverage in The Catlins



**THE Catlins**  
Te Akau Tai Toka  
NEW ZEALAND - AOTEAROA



- KEY**
- 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
  - Historical shipwreck site
  - Surfing
  - Seals
  - Dolphins
  - Penguins
  - 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

## Attractions

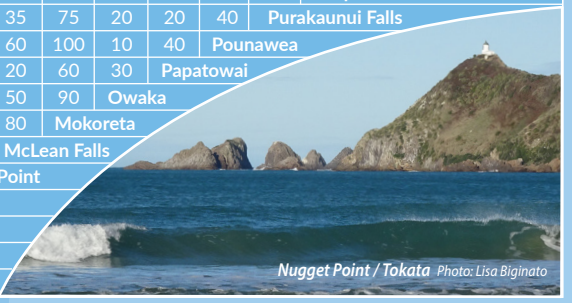
- A FORTROSE / KAIK**  
Boating, fishing, golf and campsite. Shipwreck only exposed at low tide.
- B WAIPAPA POINT / ŌTARA**  
Short walk to the historic lighthouse and 1881 shipping disaster cemetery.
- C SLOPE POINT / WAIPAPA**  
The Southernmost point of the South Island. Magnificent views. Approx. 20min return.
- 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.
- F NIAGARA FALLS / MĀNGAI PIRI**  
Short walk to the small Niagara Falls/Māngai Piri.
- G MCLEAN FALLS**  
The walk to the McLean Falls takes under 40min return.
- H 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](http://www.cathedralcaves.co.nz)
- I TAUTUKU BOARD WALK**  
1: Board walk to Estuary, 30min return. 2: Historic walk, 20-60min return. LENZ Reserve nature walk 1hr return.
- J LAKE WILKIE**  
Reflective and peaceful. 30min return.

- K FLORENCE HILL LOOKOUT**  
Beautiful views over Tautuku Bay.
- L PAPATOWAI** DOC Campsite and picnic ground. Picnic Point Forest and beach walk, 40min return. Old Coach Road Forest Track to Moa Hunter Sites, 1hr return. Shanks's Bush. Nature trail 30min.
- M MATAI FALLS & RAIL TRAIL WALK** Matai Falls 30min return. Rail Trail 1hr return.
- N THE WISP** DOC picnic ground. Catlins River to Wisp Loop Walking Track, North entrance (12 km).
- O TAWANUI** DOC Campsite and picnic

- P PURAKAUNUI FALLS**  
A picture of beauty. 20min return.
- Q PURAKAUNUI BAY**  
DOC Campsite and picnic ground. Attractive beach.
- R 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 lookout walk.
- S JACKS BLOWHOLE**  
100m from the sea. NB: A high tide and extremely rough sea conditions are required for spouting to occur. 1hr return.
- T SURAT BAY** A long sandy beach named after the sailing vessel Surat, wrecked in 1874. Sealions. 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					Purakaunui 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								Owaka
125	50	70	70	105	80									Mokoreta
71	40	15	55	70										McLean Falls
20	100	60	115											Kaka Point
140	50	60												Fortrose
75	40													Cathedral Caves
115														Curio Bay
														Balclutha



Nugget Point / Tokatā Photo: Lisa Bignato



# FOOD & SERVICES

Check relevant website/Facebook page for opening hours

**1 The Point Café & Bar**  
**Lunch & Dinner – Open 7 days**  
58 Esplanade, Kaka Point  
**P: 03 412 8800**  
E: lisa@thepointcafe.co.nz www.thepointcafe.co.nz

**7 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

**7 BakeHouse Takeaways**  
**Outdoor covered seating or takeaway available from our retro food caravan; Sushi, Burgers, Pizza, Fish 'n' Chips etc.**  
8 Waikawa Road, Owaka, The Catlins  
**P: 027 267 9839** www.bakehousetakeaways.com

**7 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

**7 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

**11 Peake's Kitchen & Country Store**  
**Ice cream, Gourmet menu, Refreshments, Beer, Wine, Snacks**  
E: peakeskitchen@gmail.com  
2501 Papatowai Highway, Central Catlins  
**P: 022 409 0798** www.peakeskitchen.com

**17 Niagara Falls Café/Restaurant**  
**All day homemade menu – arts & crafts gallery**  
256 Niagara Waikawa Road, Niagara, South Catlins  
**P: 03 246 8577** E: niagarafallscafe@xtra.co.nz  
www.niagarafallscafe.co.nz



Florence Hill, overlooking the Tautuku Peninsula Photo: CCI

Pounawea Photo: Destination Clutha

Endless breath-taking views of The Catlins Photo: Tonia Kraakman on Unsplash

# ACCOMMODATION *Advance bookings advised*

## FARMSTAY / B&B

**8 Lakeside Cottage**  
**A relaxing holiday home beside the Catlins Lake**  
87 Lakeside Road, 2 RD Hinahina Owaka 9586.  
E: lakeedgefarm@gmail.com  
**P: 027 482 6260**

**9 Skylark Bed and Breakfast**  
**Luxurious super-king studio with private entrance, stunning views.** 87 Lakeside Road, 2 RD Hinahina Owaka, South Otago 9586. E: lakeedgefarm@gmail.com  
**P: 027 482 6260** www.facebook.com/SkylarkBB

**15 Chaslands Farm Cottages**  
**Self-contained, affordable, comfortable accommodation**  
219 Waipati Road, Chaslands, RD2 Owaka  
**P: 03 415 8669** E: info@chaslandscottages.co.nz  
M: 0210 248 6631 www.chaslandscottages.co.nz

## HOLIDAY PARKS

**1 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

**2 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

**14 Whistling Frog Resort Accommodation**  
**Powered Sites, Amenities, Cabins, Luxury self-contained Chalets, Lodge** E: stay@catlinsnz.com  
9 Rewcastle Road, Chaslands, Central Catlins  
**P: 03 415 8668** www.whistlingfrogresort.com

**20 Tumu Toka Curioscape Campground**  
**Amazing views, beaches, wildlife**  
590 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road, Curio Bay 9884  
**P: 03 246 8897** E: campground@curioscape.co.nz  
www.curioscape.co.nz

## BACKPACKERS

**2 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

## MOTELS

**1 Kaka Point Luxury Spa Accommodation**  
**King studio units with double spa, quality accommodation**  
26 Esplanade, Kaka Point  
**P: 027 399 7900** E: kakapointluxuryspa@gmail.com  
www.kakapointspaaccommodation.co.nz

**4 Pounawea Grove Motels**  
**Waterfront location, studio units, double/twin rooms**  
5 Ocean Grove, Pounawea  
**P: 03 415 8339** E: alyon@xtra.co.nz  
M: 021 046 8441 www.pounaweagrove.co.nz

**11 Southern Secret Motels**  
**4 Studio units / Erewhon holiday home / Lancewood cottage**  
2510 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai Seaside Village  
**P: 03 415 8600** E: southernsecret@xtra.co.nz  
M: 027 228 0172 www.southernsecretmotel.co.nz

**20 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

## SELF-CONTAINED

**1 Kaka Point Motel**  
**Spectacular coastal views, 1&2-bedroom units, studio units**  
24 Rata Street, Kaka Point  
**P: 03 412 8602** E: nugview@catlins.co.nz  
www.catlins.co.nz

**1 Mike & Jenny's Kaka Point Accommodation**  
**Newly renovated units – 1 minute walk to the beach/café**  
7 Marine Terrace, Kaka Point  
**P: 03 412 8875** M: 027 882 8649  
E: mikeandjennyhall@gmail.com

**1 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

**2 Keppelstone by the sea**  
**Two self-contained units, one with sea view, one with garden**  
9 Surat Bay Road, Newhaven, Owaka 9585  
**P: 03 415 8134** M: 021 101 9991  
E: keppelstone@xtra.co.nz www.keppelstonebythesea.com

**5 Catlins Estuary View**  
**Warm 3 bedroom house with awesome view & games area**  
14 Forrester Drive, Owaka  
**P: 03 415 8296 / 027 416 6819**  
E: jakhills@outlook.co.nz www.catlins.org.nz

**6 Earthlore**  
**Tiny house accommodation on site; family-based activities**  
129 Hinahina Road, RD2 Owaka 9586  
**M: 027 385 3182**  
E: earthlore3@gmail.com www.earthlore.co.nz

**10 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

**12 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

**13 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

**19 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

**21 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

**23 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

# ACTIVITIES

**3 Catlins Horse Riding**  
**Personalised horse riding to suit your level of experience**  
41 Newhaven Road, RD1 Owaka  
**P: 027 629 2904** E: catlinshorseshorseriding.co.nz  
**P: 027 786 4534** www.catlinshorseshorseriding.co.nz

**7 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!** **P: 03 415 8371**  
E: catlinsinfo@cluthadcc.govt.nz www.cluthanz.com

**7 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

**11 The Lost Gypsy Gallery & Coffee**  
**A tinkering masterpiece. Rewarding the curious since 1999**  
Open end Oct - end April (10am-5pm), closed Wed.  
2532 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai  
www.thelostgypsy.com

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

**18 Waikawa Museum & Information Centre**  
**Open Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon – 10.30 until 4pm.**  
604 Niagara-Waikawa Highway  
**P: 03 246 8464** E: waikawamuseum@netspeed.net.nz  
www.catlins.org.nz/activities

**20 Catlins Surf School & Accommodation**  
**Surf lessons, no experience necessary; surf equipment, hydrofoil & SUP hire** 601 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road, Curio Bay  
**M: 021 208 0501**  
E: nickcuriobay@gmail.com www.catlins-surf.co.nz

**20 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

**22 Tokanui Multi-Play Park**  
**Skate ramps, tar-sealed scooter track, BMX bike track**  
Tokuani Multi-Play Park  
McEwan Street, RD1 Tokanui  
(opposite the playground)



Cannibal Bay / Ōrakituhia Photo: Destination Clutha



Curio Bay Photo: Tonia Kraakman on Unsplash



Sea Lions / Whakahao (photo: Fergus Sutherland)



Red-billed Gull / Tarāpunga (photo: Sandra van der Sommen)



The Whio (photo: Fergus Sutherland)



Waipapa Point / Ōtara Photo: Tonia Kraakman on Unsplash



Tamiti / Mironiro (photo: Sandra van der Sommen)

# The Catlins Care Code

Southland District Council 0800 732 732  
Clutha District Council 0800 801 350

## WILDLIFE & NATURE

For more information visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://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 respect signage regarding dogs.
- 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.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) or [www.airshare.co.nz](http://www.airshare.co.nz)



## CAMPING

For more information visit CDC:  or SDC:   
(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.
- Check it is all right to light fires – permits are required.

[www.fireandemergency.nz](http://www.fireandemergency.nz)  
**Fires can destroy the Forest**



## DRIVING

Visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/driving-safely/visiting-drivers/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/driving-safely/visiting-drivers/) and [www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/driving-in-nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/driving-in-nz)

- 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
- 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 Kaka Point / Rakitāmau, Owaka, Papatowai and Tokanui. Recycling is also available at Owaka and Tokanui.
- Use public toilets provided, please do not pollute the environment
- Use Campervan waste disposals which are located in Owaka (Inn Street) and Tokanui.



The Catlins Care Code revised by Catlins Coast Inc for The Catlins Community 2022 [www.catlins.org.nz](http://www.catlins.org.nz)

## 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

## Check out the TIAKI PROMISE – [www.tiakinewzealand.com](http://www.tiakinewzealand.com)

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 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, Kaka Point and Tokanui.