

# Guide for nohoanga users

***We want all whānau to be able to use nohoanga, be safe and have fun, while being considerate of others.***

Nohoanga are for the purposes of gathering mahinga kai through temporary occupation of the lands of our tipuna. Nohoanga should be used in an appropriate manner in accordance with Ngāi Tahu cultural values.

## ***Authorisations***

Authorisations must be obtained to occupy a nohoanga. Up to six people can be booked under each authorisation. Larger whānau can call our team on 0800 NOHOANGA (0800 66426) and we can help you make a booking.

Only registered Ngāi Tahu whānau who are over 18 can book to use nohoanga. Whānau aged under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Authorisations can be issued for up to 30 days. To stay on nohoanga longer, you can apply for another authorisation, but you will need to move your camp within the nohoanga entitlement area, so everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the best spots.

Users cannot have more than two tents and/or campervans and one vehicle on site per authorisation. All dwellings must be removed at the end of the entitlement period. Do not leave any rubbish on site.

The nohoanga season ends on April 30, except for Tucker Beach which is open until May 15. Outside of the season, Ngāi Tahu whānau do not have the right to occupy nohoanga.

## ***Mahinga Kai***

Nohoanga authorisations do not give holders any special rights to take resources from the area. Hunting and fishing may require a licence or customary fishing authorisation.

## ***Facilities***

You need to provide your own toilet and shower facilities when using nohoanga. Look at the information sheets on the website to find out more about what public facilities are near each nohoanga.

## ***Firearms***

Firearms are not to be used on nohoanga. Any firearms stored onsite must comply with the laws relating to secure storage and transportation of firearms and ammunition as set out by the Firearms Safety Authority.

## ***Alcohol***

Local by-laws around alcohol may be in place. Please be considerate of other users and drink responsibly.

### ***Behaviour***

No intimidating behaviour will be tolerated. If you experience any behaviour or language which makes you uncomfortable, please contact the nohoanga team on 0800 NOHOANGA. If there is a serious incident, please contact the Police first.

### ***Fires***

Due to their remote locations, fires are not allowed on most nohoanga. Look at the nohoanga information sheets on the website to see if fires are permitted.

### ***Vegetation removal***

Don't trim or cut down trees on nohoanga. This is for your safety, but also to keep the nohoanga looking nice. If you think a clean-up is required, get in touch with the nohoanga team on 0800 NOHOANGA.

### ***Locks***

Some nohoanga have locked gates with coded padlocks. You will receive the code in your emailed authorisation when you apply to stay. This is to keep occupation limited to people who have an authorisation and prevent overcrowding. Please do not give out the gate code to anyone else.

Lost the code? Give us a call on 0800 NOHOANGA. Please be aware the phone is not always answered on weekends.

### ***Pets***

You can take your dogs with you to some nohoanga. Check the information sheets to see which ones allow dogs. Dogs need to be under control at all times. That means on a lead and away from other people. Don't forget to clean up after your pet.

### ***Wastewater***

Be thoughtful when disposing of your dishwater. Tip it well away from other campers. Toilets should be self-contained and never emptied onsite. The nohoanga information sheets show where the nearest Council dump stations are located.

### ***Enforcement***

Ngāi Tahu rangers will be out checking authorisations over busy periods. This is to help prevent overcrowding and ensuring that everyone is following the rules.

During the season, any unacceptable behaviour may result in users being asked to leave or being barred from booking nohoanga in future.

### ***Where to get more information***

The Ngāi Tahu website contains a map of all nohoanga that are available to book, information sheets and a link to the booking form.

[Nohoanga | Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu \(ngaitahu.iwi.nz\)](https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz)

Call 0800 NOHOANGA or email [nohoanga@ngaitahu.iwi.nz](mailto:nohoanga@ngaitahu.iwi.nz) if you have any questions.