



Nohoanga Site Information Sheet
Piano Flat, Waikaia River



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Getting there

- The nohoanga is situated at approximately 2542 Piano Flat Road, Waikaia.
- It is about 1 hours' drive north-west of Gore township, next to the Piano Flat Public Campsite.
- From Gore follow State Highway 94 (north-west). Turn off at Riversdale onto Riversdale-Waikaia Road and travel north past Waikaia township, past Glenary Station and into the Waikaia (Piano Flat) recreation area. Riversdale-Waikaia Road runs onto Piano Flat Road.
- The nohoanga site is on the right-hand side of the road adjacent to the last private hut in the recreation area.
- Directly across the road is a Department of Conservation camping area and further up the road is a children's playground.



Physical appearance

- The nohoanga is on an elevated site overlooking the Waikaia River just off the Waikaia road.
- It is situated between native forest and a private hut.
- The site is tiered and has a sloped accessway. Gravel has been laid up to the first tier.
- Campervans should be able to access the site.
- The nohoanga has been planted with native species and is grassed. It is suitable for tents and campers.
- The nohoanga is well sheltered by beech forest.

Vehicle access and parking

- There is excellent two-wheel drive vehicle access to the site along Piano Flat Road.
- Parking is also available on the flat area immediately adjacent to the site. Vehicles parked here may not inhibit public access or be parked in an obvious camping site.

Facilities and services

- Nohoanga site users have permission to use the nearby public water supply, approximately 100 m away from the site. Users may not tap either the water race or pipes carrying the water.
- There are public toilet facilities approximately 100m from the nohoanga.
- The site has a large field nearby and a children's playing area with swings and slides.
- There is limited cell phone reception in this area.
- Waikaia contains a store, café and post office. It is approximately 40 minutes' drive from Piano Flat.
- All rubbish and waste must be removed on departure. See key contacts below for details of refuse and dumping stations.



Hazards

- There are numerous old shafts associated with gold mining/prospecting throughout the wider area of the nohoanga site. There are known shafts behind the site, adjacent to the public access walk.
- Take care when walking around the bush area.
- There is an old mining shaft in the back-left corner of the site. It is not deep, but care should be taken.
- There is a shallow heritage water race that runs across the site. Refer to hazard map below. Take care when walking and driving.
- The Waikaia River is subject to flooding in high rainfall events and the river can rise quite suddenly. During high rain fall road access could be impeded to and from the site.
- Some rivers, lakes or waterways may have health warnings applied to them throughout the year for toxic algae and bacteria such as benthic cyanobacteria. Regional and District Councils will have up to date information on their websites regarding any waterway health warnings in place. Refer to www.es.govt.nz for results of the latest water quality testing.
- Visit the Ngāi Tahu website www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz/environment/nohoanga for up-to-date information regarding hazards.

Site restrictions

- Dogs are permitted but must be kept on a lead at all times. Owners must also ensure dogs do not worry stock or other campers both on the nohoanga site and adjacent public camping site.
- Those wishing to hunt in the area require a hunting permit from the Department of Conservation. Firearms should not be carried without a valid hunting permit. Please see the Department of Conservation website for information about hunting and firearm safety.
- Fire restrictions may apply to this area. Please contact the Department of Conservation Area Office in Invercargill. Comprehensive information on fire control in this area is available on the Southern Rural Fire Authority website: www.southernruralfire.org.nz

By using the Waikaia River (Piano Flat) nohoanga site you are agreeing to abide by these conditions.

Key contacts

Emergency Services	Phone 111 (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
Police Station	<p>Riversdale Police 1 Lincoln Street, Riversdale 03 202 4140</p> <p>Lumsden Police 28 Hero Street, Lumsden 03 248 9089</p> <p>Gore Police 2 Hokonui Drive, Gore 03 203 9300</p>

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	Te Whare o Te Waipounamu 15 Show Place, Addington 8024 PO Box 13-046 CHRISTCHURCH 0800 NOHOANGA nohoanga@ngaitahu.iwi.nz
Department of Conservation	Murihiku / Invercargill Office Level 7 / 33 Don Street, Invercargill 03 211 2400 Invercargill@doc.govt.nz
Fish and Game (fishing licence outlets)	Southland Region 17 Eye Street, Invercargill 03 215 9117
Hospital / Doctors	Gore Hospital 9 Birch Lane, Gore 03 209 3030
Refuse Stations	Invercargill Transfer Station 303 Bond Street, Invercargill 03 218 7939
Dumping Stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gore Public D/S Richmond Road • Gore Public D/S Entry 1, A&P Showgrounds • Invercargill Public D/S Spey Street • Riversdale S/S Newcastle Street • Riverton BP Bay Rd • Riverton Racecourse Public D/S Bay Road • Winton Anzac Oval Public D/S • Winton Public D/S

