# **NOHOANGA SITE INFORMATION SHEET**

# WHAKARUKUMOANA (LAKE MCGREGOR), SOUTH CANTERBURY



## Getting there

- The site is adjacent to an existing camping area, on the edge of Whakarukumoana (Lake McGregor).
- From the Lake Tekapo township, travel towards Twizel on SH8 and turn off into the Godley Peaks Road.
- Follow the gravel road for 8-9km and take the second turn on the left.
- From the turnoff, the site is about 1km along at the south end of Lake McGregor, opposite the fence from the public camping site.
- The site is not signposted or marked. Signage is expected to be installed in late 2020.



### **Physical description**

- The nohoanga is quite flat and is bordered by the lake, road, and fence of the public camp site.
- The site is large, mostly flat, and suitable for tenting and campervans and caravans.
- There is no shade on site.



#### Vehicle access and parking

- The site has excellent vehicle access and is suitable for campervans and caravans.
- Parking is plentiful on site.

#### Facilities and services

- The are no facilities at the Whakarukumoana (Lake McGregor) nohoanga site. Site users need to provide their own toilet (portaloo or chemical toilet) and shower facilities.
- Nohoanga site users are required to provide their own water supplies.
- The adjacent public camping site has some facilities toilets (available from the end of September to the beginning of May) and a designated area for solar showers (water available in the creek). People must pay a daily fee per person for the use of these facilities to the Camping Committee. There is an honesty box on site. <u>Users need to contact the Lake Alexandra-McGregor Camp Committee in advance if wanting to access their facilities.</u>
- There is limited cell phone reception on this site.
- All rubbish and waste must be removed on departure. See key contacts below for details of refuse and dumping stations.

### <u>Hazards</u>

- In the past, Lake McGregor has had in the past a parasite in it called duck-itch. Swimming in Lakes McGregor or Alexandrina may consequently cause an itchy rash, with children being particularly susceptible. The problem is not as bad near the outlet and when sun comes out. Signage around the lake will indicate if this is still an issue.
- Some rives, 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.

• Visit the Ngai Tahu website <u>www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz/environment/nohoanga</u> for up to date information regarding hazards.

#### Site restrictions

- Lake McGregor is a wildlife refuge. Because of this there are several restrictions to protect the wildlife:
  - No domestic animals are allowed at the site.
  - o No firearms
  - No windsurfing
  - No powerboats or sail boats
- Permits are required for open fires when there is no ban in place. Permits can be obtained from the local Department of Conservation office. Alternative means of cooking, such as gas, should be taken as open fire bans are common. Northwest winds in the Mackenzie Basin can be strong and open fires should not be lit during strong winds, even if you have a permit, due to increased fire risk.
- People must also abide by any other signage or directions from Department of Conservation staff.
- **Note** by using the Whakarukumoana (Lake McGregor) nohoanga site you are agreeing to these conditions.



#### Key contacts

Emergency Services	Phone 111 (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
Police Station	Lake Tekapo Police Station Tekapo-Twizel Rd, Lake Tekapo 03 680 6855
	Twizel Police 23 Tasman Road, Twizel 03 435 0719
	Omarama Police 14 Chain Hills Hwy, Omarama 03 438 9559

	Fairlie Police 45 Kirk St, Farlie 03 685 8400
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	Te Manahuna / Twizel Area Office 15 Wairepo Road, Twizel 03 435 0802 twizel@doc.govt.nz
District Council	MacKenzie District Council 03 685 9010 0800 685 8514 info@mackenzie.govt.nz
Fish and Game (fishing licence outlets)	Fish and Game (Central South Island Region) 32 Richard Pearse Drive, Temuka 03 615 8400
Hospital / Doctors	Twizel Medical Centre 15 Mackenzie Dr, Twizel 03 435 0777 Fairlie Medical Centre Ayr Street, Fairlie 03 685 8211
Dump Station	<ul> <li>South Canterbury/Coastal Otago</li> <li>Fairlie Public D/S Main Street</li> <li>Lake Benmore Wildlife Camping Ground</li> <li>Lake Tekapo Public D/S SH8</li> <li>Lake Tekapo Public D/S 2 Lake Side Drive</li> <li>Methven Public D/S Mobil service station</li> <li>Oamaru Public D/S</li> <li>Waitaki Transport Yard, SH1</li> <li>Rakaia Public D/S</li> <li>Rolleston Street</li> <li>Rakaia Gorge Public D/S</li> <li>Public toilets, SH72</li> <li>St Andrews Domain St Andrews</li> <li>Twizel Public D/S Caroline Bay</li> <li>Wanaka Public D/S Brownston Street</li> <li>Wanaka Public D/S Sheffield Street, Timaru</li> </ul>
Refuse Site	Twizel Resource Recovery Park Hooker Cresent, Twizel Tekapo Resource Recovery Park Murray Place, Lake Tekapo
	Fairlie Resource Recovery Park Allandale Road, Fairlie





