

Application for Land Based Guiding Activities

Is this the right application form for me?

Use this application form for commercial land based guiding activities on public conservation land e.g.

- Walking, hiking and tramping (day, night and overnight)
- Climbing
- Biking (manual and e-bike)
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Horse riding
- Vehicle activities (motorbikes, 4x4, quad bike and snow mobile)
- Other land based guiding activities.

Use this form for all new applications and variations to existing guiding concessions.

Is your activity on a conforming track?

There are a number of tracks, called [conforming tracks](#)¹, that are already approved and available for guided walking if certain conditions are followed. For guided activities on conforming tracks, use the Department of Conservation (DOC) [conforming track application form](#)².

How do I complete this application form?

- Complete all sections of this form
- DOC encourages electronic applications (e.g. typed Word document), rather than handwritten applications. Electronic applications are easier to read and less likely to be returned to you for clarification
- If you need extra space, attach or include extra documents and label them according to the relevant section. Record all attachments in the table at the back of the application form (section L).

Personal information will be managed by DOC confidentially. For further information check [DOC's privacy and security statements](#)³.

¹ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/guided-walking-conforming>

² <https://www.doc.govt.nz/guided-walking-conforming>

³ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/footer-links/privacy-and-security/>

If I need some help, where do I get more information?

- Check the DOC's '[Land-based guided activities](#)'⁴ webpage
- Arrange a pre-application meeting (either face to face or over the phone) by contacting the [Department of Conservation Office](#)⁵ closest to where the activity is proposed. You can use [DOC maps](#)⁶ to identify which District Office you should contact. Or arrange a meeting with any of our [four offices that process concessions](#)⁷ – choose the one closest to where the activity is proposed.
- If your application covers multiple districts, contact the office nearest most of the locations you are applying for, or nearest to locations you have a specific question about.

Have you considered DOC's statutory planning documents?

Your concession must not be inconsistent with [DOC's relevant statutory planning documents](#)⁸ as they set out how DOC and our Treaty partners manage public conservation land. Statutory planning documents can have a direct impact on your application, for example they may set the specific track limitations and maximum group size allowed.

Book a pre-application meeting with DOC staff if you require assistance with navigating DOC's statutory planning documents.

How do I submit my application?

Email your completed application and any other attachments to: permissions@doc.govt.nz

What happens next?

Once it is received, your application will be assessed by DOC. If your application is complete, DOC will begin processing.

If your application is incomplete it will be returned to you for more information.

Why does DOC ask for this information?

The questions in this application form are designed to cover the requirements set out in DOC's conservation legislation. Your answers allow us to assess:

- The effects of your activity and your proposed methods to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects of the activity.
- Your qualifications, resources, skills and experience to adequately conduct the activity on public conservation land.
- Your creditworthiness is a factor in determining whether DOC should extend credit to you and set up a DOC customer accounts receivable credit account for cost recovery. To make this assessment DOC will supply your information to a credit checking agency.

Note: Information collected by DOC will be supplied to a debt collection agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.

⁴ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/business-or-activity/land-based-guided-activities/>

⁵ www.doc.govt.nz/footer-links/contact-us/office-by-name/

⁶ <http://maps.doc.govt.nz/mapviewer/index.html?viewer=docmaps>

⁷ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/contacts>

⁸ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-policies-and-plans/statutory-plans/>

Treaty Partner consultation

DOC has a statutory responsibility to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. One component of this may be DOC consulting with Treaty Partners about your application. This consultation will feed into DOC's decision-making process. More information can be found on the DOC website on our [iwi/hapū/whānau consultation](#)⁹ page.

Contact your local [DOC office](#)¹⁰ if you require further information about consultation.

What fees will I pay?

You may be required to pay a **processing fee** for this application regardless of whether your application is granted or not. You may request an estimate of the processing fees for your application. If you request an estimate, DOC may require you to pay the reasonable costs of the estimate prior to it being prepared. DOC will not process your application until the estimate has been provided to you. In addition, if you are granted a guiding concession on public conservation land you may be required to pay annual **activity and management fees**. These fees are listed on the [Land-based guided activities](#)¹¹ page on the DOC website.

DOC will invoice your processing fees after your application has been considered. If your application is large or complex, DOC may undertake billing at intervals periodically during processing until a decision is made. If you withdraw your application DOC will invoice you for the costs incurred up to the point of your withdrawal.

Your application will set up a credit account with DOC. See the checklist at the end of the form for the terms and conditions you need to accept for a DOC credit account.

Will my application be publicly notified?

Your application will be publicly notified if:

- It is a license with a term of more than 10 years
- It is a lease
- After having regard to the effects of the activity, DOC considers it appropriate to do so

Public notification will increase the time and cost of processing of your application.

What does DOC require if my application is approved?

If your application is approved DOC requires:

- **Insurance** to indemnify the Minister against any claims or liabilities arising from your actions. The level of insurance cover will depend on the activity.
- A copy of your **safety plan** audited by an external expert (e.g. Health and Safety in Employment (Adventure Activity) Regulations 2011 audit or a DOC listed organisation). See the [Safety Plan](#)¹² information on the DOC website for further information.

Note: DOC/Minister can vary the concession if the information on which the concession was granted contained material inaccuracies. DOC may also recover any costs incurred.

⁹ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/iwi-consultation/>

¹⁰ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/footer-links/contact-us/office-by-name/>

¹¹ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/business-or-activity/land-based-guided-activities/>

¹² <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/managing-your-concession/safety-plans/>

A. Applicant details

Legal status of applicant (tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Go to ①)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered company (Go to ②)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust (Go to ②)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorporated society (Go to ②)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Go to ②)

①	Applicant name (individual)		
	Phone	Mobile phone	
	Email		
	Physical address		Postcode
	Postal address (if different from above)		Postcode

②	Applicant name (full name of registered company, trust, incorporated society or other)		Go Orange Limited		
	Trading name (if different from applicant name)		Go Orange Rafting		
	NZBN if applicable (to apply go to: https://www.nzbn.govt.nz)	9429030583214	Company, trust or incorporated society registration number	7068963	
	Registered office of company or incorporated society (if applicable)		Wayfare Group Limited, Level 1, 70 Town Centre, Te Anau 9600		
	Company phone	(03) 442-7340	Company website	www.goorange.co.nz	
	Contact person and role		Fiona Black (Real Journeys Manager Concessions & Consents)		
	Phone	(03) 249-9033	Mobile phone	027 491-2097	
	Email		fblack@realjourneys.co.nz		
	Postal address	C/o PO Box 1, Te Anau	Postcode	9640	
	Street address (if different from postal address)	14 Captain Roberts Road, Te Anau	Postcode	9600	

B. Variation of an existing concession

Is this application *varying* an existing concession?

No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Only complete the parts of the form that relate to the variation you are seeking.
- State the concession number of which you wish to vary and describe the variation.

Concession number you wish to vary

- Briefly describe the variation you are seeking to your existing concession:

C. Pre-application meeting

Have you had a pre-application meeting or spoken to someone in DOC?

No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- State when and who with:

On 23 September & 14 October 2019 Tracy Excell and I met with Susie Geh & Anna Morley (Via Skype) in Queenstown.

D. Description of activity

Select all the guiding activities you are applying for.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Day walks, hiking and tramping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunting*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Night walks, hiking and tramping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Overnight walks, hiking and tramping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Motorbike
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climbing	<input type="checkbox"/>	4x4 vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Manual bike rides	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quad bike
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electric bike rides	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow mobile
<input type="checkbox"/>	Horse riding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other ^

* If you selected **hunting**, state which type of animal/s you plan to hunt.

^ If you selected **other** explain below the type of guiding activity. (location details can be completed in section L below). **A pre-application meeting is strongly recommended for new or unusual guiding.**

Go Orange Limited is making application for a new lease for its Queenstown Rafting Base premises and access to this Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve site, including access down to the Shotover River which includes access to the adjacent marginal strip. Along with this we need to have an authorisation from the Department for the activities associated with guided rafting undertaken at the Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve and adjacent Shotover River Marginal Strip at 1 Arthurs Point Road, Queenstown.

Principle activity – guided rafting which includes the following activities at the reserve site and the adjoining marginal strip:

- a) collecting payments and administration;
- b) client induction and safety briefing;
- c) fitting clients out with gear at the reserve;
- d) changing into wetsuits;
- e) use of toilets and other facilities in the “Cavell’s” building;
- f) packing up gear for trip and loading trailers and passenger service vehicles with gear;
- g) embarking clients into Go Orange transfer coach to go to put in points;
- h) Disembarking clients from rafts at Shotover River edge;
- i) Client transfer (pedestrian) from Shotover River back to rafting base (Cavell’s);
- j) Cleaning and drying activities – cleaning of vehicles, trailers, rafts, kayaks, wetsuits, buoyancy vests, helmets etc.; and
- k) Vehicle, trailer, raft, kayak and gear maintenance.

E. Are you applying for anything else?

Are you submitting any other application forms in relation to this application?

No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- If yes, state which application forms:

Easement
3a. Tenanting

F. Duration

State how long (months and years) you want your concession to last?

16 years (to expire 31 December 2036 to align with 59942-SER).

- Explain why you are seeking this duration:

To line up with the associated Lease and Easement applications.

G. Background experience of applicant

Provide relevant information relating to your ability to carry out the proposed activity (e.g. details of previous concessions, membership of professional organisations, and relevant qualifications).

Go Orange Limited (along with Real Journeys) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wayfare Group and is an activity based tourism business centred in Queenstown. With experiences in Queenstown, South Westland, Te Anau, Doubtful Sound, and Milford Sound; Go Orange employs over 250 staff across the Southern Lakes and Southland regions. The adventure tourism companies Go Orange, Queenstown Rafting and Kiwi Discovery were merged in 2017 to form a comprehensive active and adventure tourism business under the Go Orange brand. Queenstown Rafting was New Zealand's largest white water rafting operator, Kiwi Discovery was one of the best known ski, sightseeing and adventure activity operators in Queenstown and Go Orange operates cruises and sea kayaking on Milford and Doubtful Sounds. These Fiordland day cruises are serviced by daily coach services ex Queenstown and to operate all the Go Orange products Go Orange has an extensive shuttle bus and coach fleet.

Go Orange operates white water rafting on the iconic Shotover and Kawarau Rivers, day and multi-day sea kayaking expeditions in Fiordland, full-package hiking/walking on the 'great walks', and the Landsborough Wilderness Experience - a multi-day adventure tour incorporating a 3 day white water raft down the Landsborough River in South Westland. In 2018 Go Orange purchased the Lake Wakatipu Water Taxi and Ferry business and Thunder Jet, thus extending the scope of the Go Orange water-based activities in Otago, and in 2019 Canyon Food and Brew Co was moved from a stand alone Wayfare Group subsidiary company into the ownership of Go Orange Limited.

H. Consultation undertaken

DOC has a statutory obligation to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. This often requires consultation with our Treaty Partner (iwi/hapū/whānau of local Maori) on your application. If you have already consulted with our Treaty Partner, or with other interested stakeholders, DOC would like to know about it.

We recommend you discuss consultation with a DOC staff member before starting your application.

No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If yes, supply details for each group consulted with:

Whānau/hapū/iwi consulted with:	
Name of individual you consulted with:	
Date of consultation:	
Form of consultation (e.g. email, meeting):	
Outcome of consultation*:	

Other interested stakeholders consulted with e.g. Conservation Boards or community groups:	
Name of individual you consulted with:	
Date of consultation:	
Form of consultation (e.g. email, meeting):	
Outcome of consultation*:	

If you received a written response to consultation attach a copy to this application. Record the document details in section 'L Attachments' of this form.

I. Location(s) and activity(ies)

List all the areas of your proposed operation. All columns must be completed. If the column is not applicable you must state so. If you require more space attach a separate document.

Need help? If you are unable to identify a location contact the local District Office or use DOC's online mapping system - maps.doc.govt.nz¹³.

- ① **Activity:** State the type of guiding you are undertaking: e.g. walking (day, night or overnight), biking (manual or e-bike), hunting, fishing, horse riding vehicle activities (state which type e.g. motor bike vehicle, 4x4 vehicle, quad bike, snow mobile) or you must specify any other type of guiding.
- ② **Public conservation land:** Should include the official name and type (e.g. Nature Reserve, National Park) of the Public Conservation Land that the track or location is within (use maps.doc.govt.nz¹⁴).
- ③ **Track name:** If the proposed activity is on a track you must include the official name of the track. If you intend to operate on part of the track, state where you plan to begin and end [see Example over page]. If the activity is off track you must include NZTM GPS coordinates and an annotated map outlining the proposed area [see Example over page].
- ④ **DOC facilities:** List any DOC facilities used in detail e.g. shelters, huts, campsites, drop off at car parks etc. Include the number of nights if applicable. Include the location even if it is used as a planned lunch/snack stop.
- ⑤ **Dates of operation:** The time of year you plan to operate e.g. all year activity or the exact months of the operation. Listing a season e.g. summer, will not be accepted.
- ⑥ **Maximum group number:** Provide the maximum guiding group number including the guide/s.
- ⑦ **Maximum number of trips:** List the maximum number of trips per day, week, and year.
- ⑧ **Duration of visit:** Select from: less than 1 hour; 1-4 hours; 4-12 hours; 12-24 hours; overnight (state total number of nights).

¹³ maps.doc.govt.nz

¹⁴ maps.doc.govt.nz

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<p>Principle activity – guided rafting which includes the following activities at the reserve site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) collecting payments and administration; b) client induction and safety briefing; c) fitting clients out with gear at the reserve; d) changing into wetsuits; e) use of toilets and other facilities in “Cavell’s” building; f) packing up gear for trip and loading trailers and passenger service vehicles with gear; g) embarking clients into Go Orange transfer coach to go to put in points; h) Disembarking clients from rafts at Shotover River edge; i) Client transfer (pedestrian) from Shotover River back to rafting base (Cavell’s); 	<p>Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve – Queenstown and Shotover River Marginal Strip adjacent the Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve.</p>	<p>Use of Cavell’s building – toilets, changing rooms etc.</p> <p>Access to storage sheds etc.</p>	<p>Year round.</p>	<p>Up to 8 incl guides per raft. Plus safety guides in kayaks. (the number of guides varies – ratio can be higher when training new guides). Parties include a couple of vehicle drivers to drive shuttle bus and trailer to rafting put in points and drive back to the rafting base.</p>	<p>Up to 4 departures per day with usually up to 8 rafts at any one time for Shotover River rafting. Plus parties for rafting Kawarau River (usually 4 departures of up to 8 rafts) and Landsborough River (3 rafts) who commence and terminate their trips at Go Orange Rafting Base.</p>	<p>Overall duration of Shotover rafting trip is 4½ hours. The time clients spend at Morning Star Reserve and on marginal strip varies from 30 to 60 minutes. Longest time is spent by Landsborough River clients as this is a multiday trip so it takes longer to organise clients pre and post the trip. NB Clients often stay on in the reserve after the rafting trip having a meal or a coffee at Canyon Brew or relaxing on the grass.</p>

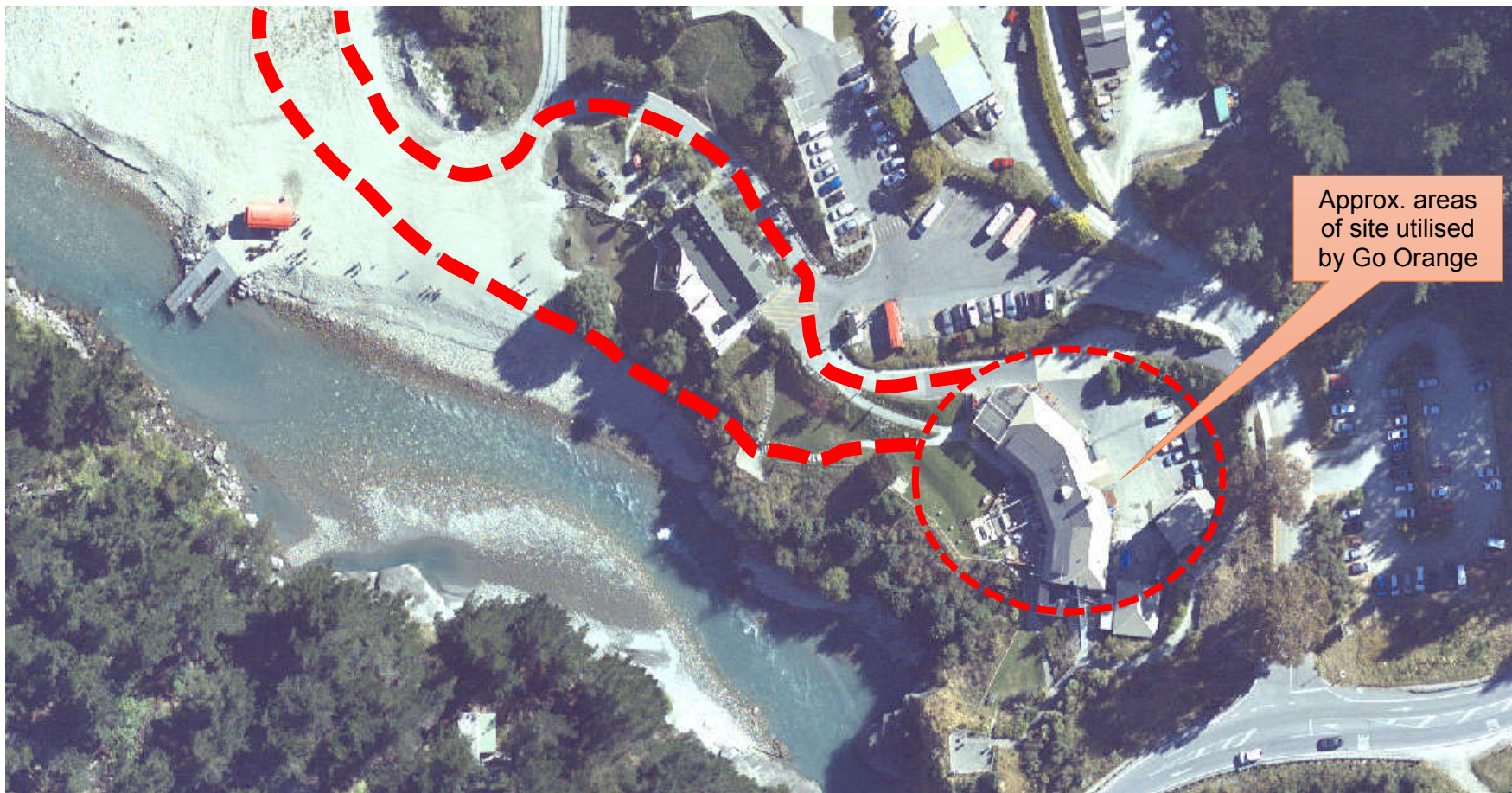
1 Activity	2 Public Conservation Land	4 DOC Facilities	5 Dates of Operation	6 Max. Group Size (Incl. Guides)	7 Max. Number of Trips	8 Duration of Visit
<p>j) Cleaning and drying activities – cleaning of vehicles, trailers, rafts, kayaks, wet suits, buoyancy vests, helmets etc;</p> <p>k) Vehicle, trailer, raft, kayak and gear maintenance.</p>						

The specifics of Rafting Trips are as follows:

1 Activity	2 Public Conservation Land	4 DOC Facilities	5 Dates of Operation	6 Max. Group Size (Incl. Guides)	7 Max. Number of Trips	8 Duration of Visit
Landsborough River Rafting Trips	Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve	Use of Cavell's building – toilets, changing rooms etc. Access to storage sheds etc.	1 November till 30 April each year	21 + 5 guides	1 departure per week (26 trips)	Three day trip – hence clients – spend a couple hours in reserve on the first day and about ½ hour on site on last day.

<p>Kawarau River Rafting Trips</p>	<p>Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve</p>	<p>Use of Cavell's building – toilets, changing rooms etc. Access to storage sheds etc.</p>	<p>Year Round</p>	<p>7 + 2 per raft (or 3 when training new guides) 2 guides per = 1 rafting guide + 1 safety guide in kayak. Drivers are in addition – usually 1 driver per 3 or 4 rafts (when training drivers 2 per vehicle). Maximum number of pax per day 2x 70 (10 rafts) + guides and drivers.</p>	<p>Usually 2 departures per day (with up to 10 rafts per day); however if Shotover River is too low or too high and fast the Shotover Rafting trips are transferred to the Kawarau River resulting in up to 4 departures per day.</p>	<p>Rafting trip is about three hours duration clients – spend about ½ hour on site prior to the trip and ¼ hour on site after trip – however many clients remain on site at Canyon Brew after their trip.</p>
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<p>Shotover River Rafting Trips</p>	<p>Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve – Queenstown and Shotover River Marginal Strip adjacent the Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve.</p>	<p>Use of Cavell’s building – toilets, changing rooms etc. Access to storage sheds etc.</p>	<p>Year round</p>	<p>7 + 2 per raft (or 3 when training new guides) 2 guides per = 1 rafting guide + 1 safety guide in kayak. Drivers are in addition – usually 1 driver per 3 or 4 rafts (when training drivers 2 per vehicle). Maximum number of pax per day 4 x 70 (10 rafts) + guides and drivers.</p>	<p>Up to 4 departures per day (from November till April) in winter 2 departures per day</p>	<p>Rafting trip is about 4½ hours duration clients – spend about ½ hour on site prior to the trip and ¼ hour on site after trip – however many clients remain on site at Canyon Brew after their trip.</p>
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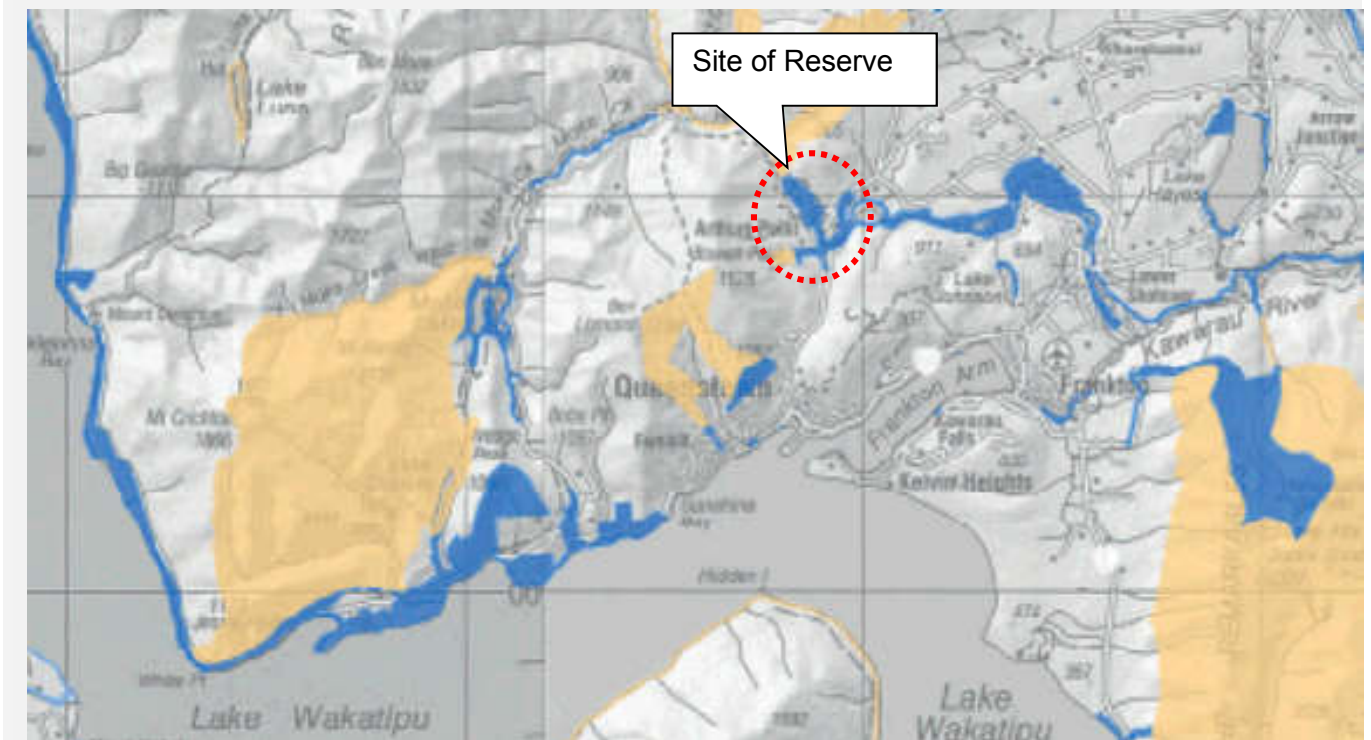
Approx. areas
of site utilised
by Go Orange

J. Consistency with DOC statutory plans

List the [DOC statutory planning documents](#)¹⁵ relevant to your application:

The Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve is managed by the Department of Conservation on behalf of the Crown. The land was formalised as a Recreation Reserve in 1991, as Gazette Notice 1991, P.2665. The Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve is considered a Special Place (30) within the Queenstown area, under the Otago Conservation Management Strategy, Chapter 10 (1998:359). The Conservation unit number is E41 122.

The Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve is also designated “frontcountry” under Otago Conservation Management Strategy in the Western Lakes and Mountains /Ngā Puna Wai Karikari a Rākahautū Place. Accordingly Go Orange proposed activity is consistent with the outcomes for this visitor management zone. Refer CMS map below.



Are you aware of any potential inconsistency of your activity with DOC's statutory planning documents?

No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered yes explain why it is inconsistent with the statutory planning documents.

¹⁵ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-policies-and-plans/statutory-plans/>

K. Effects assessment

The table below suggests some common environmental effects and ways to remedy, mitigate or avoid them. Tick the boxes that are relevant to your application.

If you have identified effects or mitigation measures that are *not* included in the table below, or you have an unusual activity, you will need to attach a document listing your potential effects and how you propose to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. Record this additional information in section L as an attachment.

LOCATION ON PUBLIC CONSERVATION LAND

Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve and adjacent Shotover River Marginal Strip at 1 Arthurs Point Road, Queenstown.



SPECIAL FEATURE OR VALUE

Go Orange Rafting Base and Canyon Brew are located within the Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve and the adjacent marginal strip which does not have high conservation values. The land which is the site of this application is significantly modified, being either built on, hardened, or grassed. When viewed from Arthurs Point Road the site and surrounds appear as a cluster of development and contain very little signs of naturalness. The landscape in the immediate and wider area is constrained by the Shotover River, Arthurs Point Road, Edith Cavell Bridge and the topographic character of the river canyon. The main river gorge carves through outcrops of schist, while fine mica gives the river its silty colour. The wider canyon however displays exceptional views up the Shotover River. Accordingly we contend that the only special feature of the site is the adjacent Shotover River and its gorge.

The vegetation on the reserve is dominated by introduced woody weed species, notably sycamore, broom, blackberry, hawthorn and larch. The site also contains mature introduced pine trees. Some indigenous plant species are present naturally such as prickly shield fern and *Muehlenbeckia australis*, along with and scattered matagouri. However, there are no significant stands of indigenous species in the reserve. Given the lack of natural indigenous communities, the ecological values of the site are low.

POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF YOUR ACTIVITY ON THE FEATURE OR VALUE

This is an application for activities already undertaken by Go Orange at this site, therefore the effects of this proposal are all known to a large extent because the rafting base and café have been operating at this site for in excess of 25 years.

Cumulative effects of development on the landscape

The proposed continued use of the site by Go Orange Rafting will not introduce elements inconsistent with the natural character of the site and surrounding landscape. Go Orange's activities conducted at this site will not compromise the remaining natural character of the site, with the Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve and marginal strip being characterised by similar activities undertaken by Shotover Jet.

In consideration of the site and wider Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve, it is not considered that the proposal will result in any effects which will breach any threshold relating to the site's ability to absorb activities. Furthermore, it is not considered that the proposal will result in degradation of natural values or inappropriate domestication of the landscape because of the significantly modified nature of the site.

Potentially adverse visual effects

Morning Star Beach Recreation Reserve and adjacent marginal strip are accessible to the public so a range of views of the activities can be obtained. Due to the location of Arthurs Point Road above the site and the nature of the access or egress onto Edith Cavell Bridge, the visibility of the site is limited. Also neighbouring residential properties are interspersed above the site and are well shielded from views. No residential neighbour will be affected by the proposal.

Use of the outdoor areas will be visible from Arthurs Point Road, however this will not represent any change compared to the status quo. Moreover the storage buildings (where much of the maintenance activities occur) are behind the Cavell's building which shield views of the storage buildings and rafting maintenance activities. The site is visible from the opposite side of the Shotover River but the far side of the river is not readily accessible, nevertheless views from the far bank of the river will not be any different from what are gained from the present use of the site.

Further given the sloped nature of the area between the Cavell's building and the Shotover River, most of the Rafting Base activities will not be visible from the Shotover River itself, consequently we do not believe this proposal will have any adverse effects on the adjacent Shotover River.

Creation of noise

Noise, vibration and lighting from vehicles will remain relatively consistent with the status quo. It is expected that such noise effects will not be prominent outside of the site. In addition the vehicle movements associated with rafting are confined to the daylight hours, accordingly the adjacent residential areas will not be adversely affected.

Effects on Intrinsic and Conservation Values

No significant intrinsic and nature conservation values will be adversely affected by the proposal. In particular it is noted that there are no indigenous ecosystems within the immediate vicinity of the Rafting Base that will be damaged, and the proposal will not establish any introduced vegetation that has a high potential to spread and naturalise.

Risk of Fire

The area where the rafting activities occur are mainly hardened and mostly cleared of vegetation, and in the unlikely event of a fire it would be confined to Go Orange plant and it is not likely a fire would spread to adjacent vegetation or equipment.

Potential chemical contamination

Vehicles servicing the site could leak oil when on site, however most of the vehicles servicing these facilities spend time parked up on tar seal or concrete on site or in Queenstown, hence such a leak would not contaminate the ground. Also such a leak would be readily detected because most of the vehicles servicing the property only park on hardened surfaces. There will be no other chemicals stored on site that could cause contamination.

Weed introductions from seeds / plant materials carried into area

The proposed licence area has been hardened, accordingly we do not believe weed / plant introductions are an issue in this location. Also the vehicles accessing the reserve are road vehicles and it is unlikely they would have been in locations to pick up any plant materials.

Disturbance of soils, vegetation, invertebrates, lizards, frogs or nesting birds

The proposed licence area has been hardened and gravelled. The ongoing use of the Go Orange rafting facility will not result in significant disturbance of soils, vegetation, invertebrates, lizards, frogs or nesting birds. However, some vegetation mainly landscaping plants, may need to be kept cut back over time to retain access to these facilities, including the driveways and walkways but this vegetation trimming will be minor.

Degradation of Historic or Archaeological sites

There are no known historic or archaeological sites in the immediate area adjacent to the proposed lease area.

Natural waterways or bodies of water adversely affected by activity

The Shotover River is adjacent to the proposed lease area, nevertheless there will be no contaminants or hazardous chemicals used as part of the rafting activities which would result in any discharges which could impact on the water quality of this river.

Spreading *Didymosphenia germinata*

We do not believe the occupation of the proposed licence area could contribute to spreading *Didymo*. *Didymo* is already present in the Kawarau and Shotover Rivers¹⁶, the main rivers utilised by Go Orange Rafting. Moreover as part of the rafting gear maintenance, all rafting gear is cleaned on site before being redeployed to other waterways such as the Landsborough. Specifically Rafting gear is cleaned and dried as per MPI guidelines¹⁷ before undertaking rafting activities in another water catchment.

Displacement of other users or negative impacts on other users

As previously stated this site is already in use by Go Orange and Canyon Brew (owned by Go Orange) including the outdoor areas at this site, and apart from a minor building extension proposal, this occupation will not change significantly with this proposal and therefore the displacement of other users of the reserve will likewise remain unchanged. Also the existing and ongoing use of the café's outside deck and lawn does not exclude the public thus the public are not displaced by these outdoor activities.

¹⁶ <http://www.didymo.net/files/Didymo%20literature%20review.pdf>

¹⁷ <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/travel-and-recreation/outdoor-activities/check-clean-dry/>

Feature	Potential effects	Proposed methods to avoid, remedy or mitigate the effect	Tick which apply
Flora and fauna	Disturbance of vegetation or natural area	- Educate staff, and clients on the sensitivities of the area and advise them of low impact techniques	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Remain on formed tracks or well used routes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Do not cut down or damage any vegetation or natural feature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Ensure vehicles remain on formed roads	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Damage to wildlife or habitat	- Remain on formed tracks or well used routes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Ensure vehicles remain on formed roads	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Stay at least 20m away from wildlife and educate staff and clients on appropriate behaviour where wildlife is present (a separate permit is required for viewing marine mammals)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Don't startle wildlife with noise or camera flashes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Use infra-red torches for night time viewing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Do not feed any species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Do not harass any species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Do not take animals, including domestic pets, onto the land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Do not play recordings of bird song	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- When driving vehicles, ensure that special care is taken during bird nesting periods. Ensure speed is dramatically reduced where wildlife may be present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Biosecurity	Introduction of new or increase in existing threats to indigenous ecosystems e.g. pests, weeds and pathogens	- Follow Biosecurity New Zealand's Check Clean Dry procedure when in and around waterways	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Ensure footwear is cleaned at designated cleaning stations (e.g. Kauri die back areas) or with appropriate cleaning methods when cleaning stations are not available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Take all precautions to ensure weeds are not introduced to the land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other users of the land	Crowding – too many people in a hut, campsite, car park or along the track in relation to the visitor setting. Cumulative impacts of additional concessionaire operating at already busy sites	- Ensure party sizes are kept to the limits set out in the statutory planning documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Complete accurate annual activity returns to allow DOC to monitor usage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Consider timing of visits to off peak periods of the day, week, season or year where possible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Ensure clients and guides do not monopolise any part of the track, viewing area or car park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Allow other users to pass the group easily	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Park vehicles in designated parking spaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Co-ordinate visits with other concessionaires (where possible)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Limit hut use to 50% for all commercial operators combined and ensure all relevant details are recorded in the 'hut book'	<input type="checkbox"/>
		- Carry tents in case hut is full	<input type="checkbox"/>
		- Ensure no permanent camp sites are created and no stores of equipment left on the land	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Conflict between different activities and visitors	- Co-ordinate visits with other concessionaires (where possible)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Noise invasion of people's quiet enjoyment of the area e.g. loud noises.	- Educate staff and clients on the need for respect for other visitors and their right to quiet enjoyment of the area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Damage or impingement on other existing public use facilities	- Educate staff and clients to respect public facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Cultural values	Offensive to Tangata Whenua or members of the public generally. Incorrect stories/history about the site	- Consult with Iwi over any proposal for cultural interpretation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Ensure any cultural interpretation is consistent with Iwi values	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Educate clients to respect cultural values or traditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic values	Damage to historic sites or objects, including Wahi Tapu e.g., disturbance of the ground	- Educate staff, and clients on the sensitivities of the area and advise them of low impact tramping/riding etc. techniques	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Limit approach distance and stay on existing paths	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rubbish and waste	Rubbish, toilet waste or debris left on public conservation land	- Follow the ' Leave no Trace ' and ' Visit the Kiwi way ' principles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Do not bury any toilet waste within 50 metres of a water source	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Designate someone in the party as a 'Tail-End Charlie' to ensure no rubbish or debris is dropped/left behind	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		- Provide rubbish bags, proper waste containers and removal procedures and ensure these are not accessible to wildlife or able to be blown away	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fires	Wildfires	- Ensure no open fires	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Private / leased land	Entering private land or public conservation land leased by DOC, without consent	- Ensure permission is obtained from the land owner if required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Positive effects	Allow members of the public to experience public conservation land in a safe manner and in areas they may not be capable of experiencing on their own	- N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

L. Attachments

Attachments should *only* be used if there is:

- Not enough space on the form to finish your answer
- You have additional information that supports your answer
- You wish to make an additional request of DOC regarding the application.

Label each document clearly and complete the table below.

Section of the application form the attachment relates to	Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment
OTHER			
<p>This Go Orange Rafting Base is also used for a set off point and return point for all Go Orange Rafting Trips – including Kawarau River Rafting and Landsborough River Rafting. That is all Go Orange Rafting clients check in at this site to collect gear and get changed etc., and return to this site at the end of their trips.</p>			
<p>Go Orange Rafting safety management is audited against the HSE regulations and the Safety Audit Standard for Adventure Activities 2013 and has a Maritime New Zealand Certificate of Compliance For Commercial Rafting issued pursuant to section 41 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994.</p>			

M. Checklist

Application checklist	Tick
I have completed all sections of this form relevant to my application and understand that the form will be returned to me if it is incomplete.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I certify that the information provided in this application form and any attached additional forms is, to the best of my knowledge true and correct.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I have supplied maps to accompany my NZTM GPS locations listed in section 'I. Locations' (maps are <i>not</i> required if you have used the official track name).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I have appropriately labelled all attachments and completed section 'L. Attachments' to match.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

N. Terms and conditions for a credit account with the Department of Conservation

Have you held an account with the Department of Conservation before?	Tick
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "yes", under what name:	Go Orange Limited

In ticking this checklist and placing your name below you are acknowledging that you have read and agreed to these terms and conditions for an account with the Department of Conservation

Terms and conditions	Tick
I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my/our details to the Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to conduct a full credit check.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of any disputed charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation for any invoice received on or before the due date.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to recover any money owing on this account.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions (as above) of the credit account are not met.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Applicant Name/s (of authorised person/s)	Fiona Black on behalf of GO Orange	Date	22 January 2020
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Comments:			
Signed		Name	
Approved (Tier 4 manager or above)		Name	