

# Marfells Beach Campsite Rules

All campers and visitors need to observe DOC objectives. These rules are to ensure everyone has a pleasant and positive experience. They may be adjusted as circumstances require.

Acceptance and use of this campsite constitutes acceptance of the camp rules.

Marfells Beach Campsite is family-friendly. The camp manager/DOC ranger has the right to refuse access to any person he or she believes will not contribute to the family atmosphere.

Marfells Beach provides its visitors with a remote conservation experience, so come prepared. A camp manager/DOC ranger may not be present onsite 24/7, particularly during the off season (May to October). Instructions for emergency situations will be displayed at the kiosk and/or camp office.

Marfells Beach operates under a pack-in, pack-out policy for waste. There are no facilities for waste disposal or recycling on site. The nearest waste transfer station is Seddon, beside the golf course.

## Arrivals and departures

- All campers must register on arrival.
- Check the office and/or kiosk notices for office hours.
- Office hours may vary. If the camp office is closed, use the self-registration forms located at the kiosk or outside office areas.
- All groups must include a responsible adult who is 18+ years.
- No unoccupied sites allowed overnight.
- Book online for camping between 1 December and 30 April.
- Outside of this period campers must complete a self-registration form and pay fees in full on arrival in the 'iron ranger' (registration slip/payment box).
- Campers paying with a DOC Campsite Pass must fill in a self-registration form on arrival.
- Proof of online bookings and/or camp registration must be placed in your vehicle within view of the camp manager/DOC ranger.
- Registrations will be checked daily by the camp manager/DOC ranger.
- Check-in is no earlier than 2 pm and campsites must be vacated by 11 am.

## Vehicle use and parking

- The expectation is one vehicle per site/booking. Adjacent campsites, driveways and common areas cannot be used to park vehicles or boats except where specifically made available by the camp manager. Trailer and boat parking may be available separately. However, space is limited, and parking is not secure. Speak to the camp manager.
- Additional camp sites may be available for parking. These must be paid for/booked at a minimum of 2 adults per night.
- Maximum speed in campsite is 10 km. Vehicle use in camp is subject to New Zealand Road Code and includes all motorised conveyances and bicycles.
- Friends and family (not booked to camp) must park their vehicles in visitor parking and leave by 8 pm.

## Prohibited behaviour and equipment

- No open fires or fireworks are allowed in the campsite at any time.
- All other devices with a naked flame are banned.
- Only gas cookers, fridge/freezers and lanterns may be used.
- Unsociable behaviour will not be tolerated. You will be asked to leave.
- No disruptive or intoxicated behaviour, or use of abusive or obscene language.
- No public nudity within campground.
- Excessive noise will not be tolerated at any time, especially between 9 pm and 7 am.
- Generators are allowed but please respect other campers and only use them for essential purposes. Generators must not be operated between 9 pm and 7 am.
- Private toilet or shower tents may not be set up – showers and toilets are provided. Hoses or adapters cannot be left connected to campground water supplies or connected to shower units.
- Fish cleaning is to be conducted in the fish cleaning stations provided.
- All fish waste must be taken back out to sea or buried deep below the high tide mark.
- All DOC property, vegetation, birds and animals (including eels) are protected and not to be interfered with. No cutting trees or digging holes. Do not tie your tent, clothesline, or swings to the trees in the camp.

- No dogs or domestic animals permitted except registered guide dogs. This includes cats in campervans and caged birds.
- No emptying of chemical toilet waste or other material in campground toilets. The nearest dump stations are in Blenheim or Kaikoura.
- Access to adjacent farmland is prohibited.
- No business or commercial activity to be undertaken unless a concession has been granted and displayed or presented on request.
- Use of drones over DOC land and the campsite is prohibited.

## Safety practices

- Fire safety – tent walls must be 3 metres from neighbouring tents.
- Do not touch, damage or remove bait stations laid in the area as toxins may be present.
- Ensure young children are supervised at all times.

## Campground-specific booking conditions

- Maximum stay is 14 consecutive days (from 1 December to 30 April) followed by a minimum 7-day break before returning.
- No refunds will be issued at the campground. Refunds are only issued in exceptional circumstances and are subject to the DOC General Terms and Conditions at the time of payment/booking.

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## Complaints

Any complaints or problems are to be directed to the camp manager and will be dealt with immediately, where possible. If unable to arrive at a satisfactory solution to complaints, campers are asked to send their complaint by email to [Renwick@doc.govt.nz](mailto:Renwick@doc.govt.nz)

As a Recreational Reserve, Marfells Beach Campground is subject to the Reserves Act 1977 and the Conservation Act 1987. The rules outlined above are in keeping with the powers conferred under these enactments but do not in any way limit the scope of either as they apply to DOC administered land.

DOC reserves the right to adjust these rules as circumstances dictate at any time.