Tongariro National Park Vehicle Off-Road Access

This document sets out the procedures for access and movement of concessionaires' or contractors vehicles over the Whakapapa Ski area during summer. The Department's environmental and sustainable objective is to protect the access tracks' foundation by limiting vehicle access through a consistent, considered and controlled permit process.

These procedures apply to the following access tracks (excludes Tongariro):

- Rock Garden
- Salt Ridge
- Meads Wall

Things to know

- The application form will take about 15 minutes to complete. Have your vehicle details ready (I.e., registration, make/model, colour)
- DOC will process all applications within 3 working days. Applications are not processed during weekends or public holidays.
- Vehicle return trips must not exceed the maximum of four (4) per ski club per season.
- Approved permits will be emailed to the Visitor Centre, you must collect and return the access key the same day. No permit! No key!
- Any general enquiries or feedback regarding this process, please email tongariroskiclubs@doc.govt.nz.

Click the link below to apply for a vehicle permit

TNP - Vehicle Off-Road Access

(links to online form)

