



OFFICIAL
VISITOR GUIDE
2023

THE Catlins

Te Akau Tai Toka

NEW ZEALAND - AOTEAROA



SOUTHLAND / SOUTH OTAGO

Welcome... Nau mai Haere mai...

Only leave your footprints; only take photographs and memories...

Tēnā Koutou katoa and welcome to The Catlins, a major highlight of the Southern Scenic Route. Situated off the beaten track, The Catlins encompasses the area between Fortrose / Kaik and Kaka Point / Rakitāmau and inland to Mokoreta. You will journey through rural heartland and podocarp and beech forest, past rugged coastlines, hidden lakes and stunning waterfalls. The natural landscapes are enthralling and the wildlife is extraordinary.

The Catlins southern location bestows upon us long summer days perfect for exploring. Vivid sunsets and long twilight evenings lead on to ideal star gazing opportunities. Rainy days

bring fresh growth to pastures and forest while strong winds shape the forests and raise impressive waves along the coast. Come prepared to enjoy dynamic weather conditions.

Remember The Catlins is another special part of New Zealand /Aotearoa that has steep topography and quite large distances from main cities; this means cell phone coverage is not always accessible. Plan your days, keep water on hand for long drives and always take note of fuel stops as they are sometimes few and far between.

The Catlins has many wonderful experiences to share. Accept our invitation and stay a few days. Meet the local people and relax on 'Catlins time'.

Toitū te whenua – leave the land undisturbed



Be sure to visit the local information centres at Owaka, Waikawa, Tokanui, Curio Bay Tumu Toka Curioscape and Fortrose / Kaik for helpful tips and local knowledge about The Catlins area.



Florence Hill, overlooking the Tautuku Peninsula Photo: CCI

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Endless breath-taking views of The Catlins

Photo: Tonia Kraakman on Unsplash

Origins and our Past

Early Māori of Kai Tahu, Kati Mamoe, Waitaha descent were the first to inhabit these lands. Many stories and encounters are etched into the fabric of this once forgotten coastline. Descendants are still part of this special area keeping their ancestors' memories alive for the next generations.

Early Māori made use of the available stone and tool resources on this coast. With many birds including moa and an abundance of seafood/kai moana, this coastline was perfect for settlements and pa that were established along the coastline.

Māori legend reverberate with

colourful escapades of great chiefs and large hairy monsters of the forest known as Maeroero.

The region's namesake was a ship's captain who regularly carried exports to Australia. Edward Cattlin purchased a huge tract of land from local Māori in 1840. However, authorities later reduced his claim and did not formally transfer title until 1873. This was a bit late for Captain Cattlin who had died in Sydney, 17 years earlier. Still, his name has stayed with us, albeit with a slight modification to the spelling. The boundary of The Catlins today is not all of his holdings.

The Wreck of the Manuka Watercolour: Fergus Sutherland



The first European communities centred around short-lived whaling stations during the 1830s. Sawmilling then became the sustaining industry. The prosperity of these early settlements relied on shipping and good port access.

Dense forest meant an isolated existence and volatile seas caused many shipwrecks along The Catlins coast. Among them New Zealand's worst civilian maritime disaster – the SS *Tararua* at Waipapa Point in 1881 with 131 lives lost.

Nevertheless, the early towns thrived. Fortrose/Kaik exported wool, grain and timber. Waikawa was a bustling port town with a succession of industries including whaling, sawmilling, gold mining,

stone quarrying, flax milling, sheep and dairy farming. Owaka in the north was settled later during the 1860s and, again, sawmilling and timber exports became big business.

The southernmost railway tunnel in the world was built at Tunnel Hill just north of Owaka and by the 1920s railways from Invercargill and Balclutha were both busy carrying sawn timber out of The Catlins. Tunnel Hill was excavated by hand between 1891-92 for the Balclutha to Tahakopa Railway Line.

Also by the 1920s Waikawa harbour had silted up and coastal shipping reduced. The boom times were over. Today farming and tourism are the main industries.





Kingfisher / Kotarē

Photo: Tony Somerville

Hector's Dolphins

Hector's Dolphins / Tutumairekurai / Tūpoupou are one of our shy local species. These little black and white dolphins can be seen in the summer surf at Porpoise Bay. They are one of the rarest and smallest dolphins in the world. Swimming with the dolphins is discouraged; it is best to watch them from the shore. If you are in the water, please do not approach the dolphins.

Wildlife

All of the indigenous species are a taonga species of special cultural significance to Ngāi Tahu whānau and were recognised in the Ngāi Tahu Settlement Act 1986.

Yellow-eyed Penguins

The Yellow-eyed Penguin / Hoiho is an endangered and unique species. Distinguished by its distinct yellow eyes and headband, the Yellow-eyed Penguin is native to New Zealand / Aotearoa. Hoiho, its Māori name, imitates its shrill call and translates to 'the noise shouter'. Penguins are best viewed at dawn or dusk and observed at a minimum of 50 metres. A special hide at Roaring Bay / Hakaparāoa provides discreet viewing. Never approach a penguin as they are shy and easily frightened. Please keep your distance and stay concealed if possible. Dogs are strictly prohibited from penguin colonies.



Sea Lions/Whakahao Photo: Fergus Sutherland

Seals & Sea Lions

New Zealand Fur Seals / Kekenō, New Zealand Sea Lions / Whakahao and the odd formidable Elephant Seal can be found sunning themselves on various Catlins beaches (especially Waipapa Point / Ōtara and Surat Bay). The only place on mainland New Zealand / Aotearoa where all three co-exist is at Nugget Point / Tokatā. Please keep your distance (at least 20 metres) at all times as these animals can be aggressive and chase people when feeling threatened. Keep dogs well away.

Birdlife

The Catlins boasts a variety of sea and forest birds. Shags roost in trees on the coast and river edges while Gulls and Terns are seen close to shore. Further out, the likes of Muttonbirds / Titī, Gannets / Takapu and Mollymawks dive for fish. Herons / Kotuku, Pied Stilts, Bar Tailed Godwits / Kuaka and Oystercatchers / Toreapango wade in the estuaries. Fernbirds / Mātātā and Bitterns / Kaoriki hide amongst the rushes and Kingfishers / Kōtare survey the rivers. Forest songsters include Bellbirds / Makomako / Korimako and Mohua. Fantails / Piwakawaka and Tomtits / Miromiro are often seen near walking tracks, while the Tui and the New Zealand Pigeon / Kererū are amongst those in the canopy overhead.





Waipapa Point / Ōtara Photo: Tonia Kraakman on Unsplash



Ferns Photo: Fergus Sutherland



Walks and Natural Attractions

Endless sightseeing choices await you inland and along the coast. Our native forests are home to mighty podocarp trees including Rimu, Totara, Matai, Kahikatea and Miro. Other trees to be found include Silver Beech/Tawhai and Flowering Kamahi and Rata. Perching plants, orchids, vines and 28 species of fern fill in the gaps, creating a perfect habitat for native birds and insects. Most tracks are maintained by our Department of Conservation; remember it is always safer to

keep to formed tracks and only leave footprints.

The cliffs at **Fortrose / Kaik** command spectacular views of the southern coastline and the Fortrose Estuary. At **Waipapa Point / Ōtara**, walk to the historic lighthouse and Tararua Acre, the cemetery of many of the victims of the 1881 shipping disaster.

Slope Point / Waipapa, the southernmost point of the South Island, has windswept trees and a magnificent view over the southern ocean.

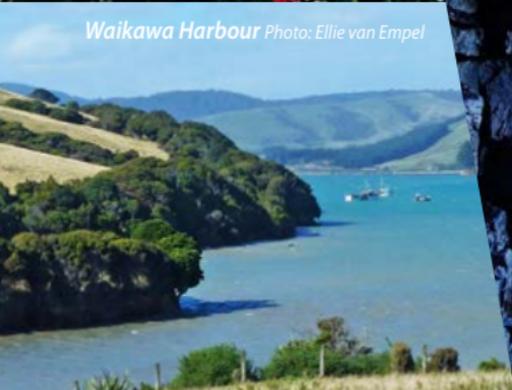


Nugget Point / Tokatā Photo: Lisa Biginato



Southern Rata

Photo: Tonja Kraakman on Unsplash



Waikawa Harbour Photo: Ellie van Empel



Cathedral Caves Photo: Destination Clutha

Waipōhatu is a tranquil picnic area offering a short 20 minute wheelchair track and a longer 3 hour wilderness track through native bush.

At **Curio Bay/Tumu Toka** you will find an ancient geological phenomenon of international significance – the **Petrified Forest**. Fossilised trees similar to Kauri and Matai lie embedded on coastal bedrock, remnants of a 170 million year old Jurassic era forest. Please do not damage or remove any fossils. Also at Curio Bay/Tumu Toka is the **Living Forest** walk; this is a direct descendant of the Petrified Forest.

Cathedral Caves resonate with the sound of the sea. Rising more than 30 metres in places, they are all at once imposing, grand and truly cathedral-like. The caves' private access is opened only at low tide with a small road fee (eftpos). The caves' opening is subject to safe sea conditions and can be closed at short notice (1 hour return). Closed June to end of October.

Lake Wilkie is reflective and peaceful. There is a clear succession of naturally establishing forest here. During summer the red brilliance of flowering Rata is stunning (30 minutes return).

View the sweeping **Tautuku Beach**



Windswept trees at Slope Point / Waipapa Photo: Linde Lanjouw on Unsplash



Ruggedness with amazing views Photo: Tonia Kraakman on Unsplash

and Bay from Florence Hill. To the east is the rugged **Papatowai coastline** where surfers from New Zealand and elsewhere come to surf the big waves of the southern ocean. At Papatowai is the **Shanks Bush Nature Trail** with a 20 minute return walk to enjoy many different natural habitats with activities for young people, and the **Old Coach Road**.

Tautuku Estuary – journey through time on this historic trail. There is an easy track leading through podocarp forest and out

onto a boardwalk above the estuary flats. Enjoy the raucous morning birdsong and look out for the rare Fernbird / Mātātā (30 minutes return). **Picnic Point** is reached via native bush and a sandy coastline with interesting rock pools (30 minutes return). The **LENZ Reserve Nature Trail** is a 15-20 minute informative history and forest walk.

Purakaunui Falls is a picture of beauty. Surrounded by bush, this magnificent waterfall cascades 20 metres over three



Curio Bay / Tumu Toka Photo: Tonia Kraakman on Unsplash



Florence Hill lookout Photo: Destination Clutha

distinct tiers (20 minutes return). Other enjoyable waterfalls are **McLean Falls** (40 minutes return) and **Matai Falls** (30 minutes return). Also at Matai Falls, the **Matai Rail Trail** (1 hour return).

The **Catlins River Walk** and **Wisp Loop Track** provide one or two days walking through native beech and planted forest. The routes feature swing bridges, high altitude views and opportunities to see the rare bird the Mohua.

Walk to a spectacular blowhole with exploding waves and roaring sound effects when at high tide. **Jacks Blowhole** is 100

metres inland from the sea. It has been known historically for its ability to dramatically spout water. Tunnel damage means that ideal sea conditions are required for this effect to occur (1 hour return).

Getting to the lighthouse at **Nugget Point / Tokatā** is an exhilarating experience. The roar of the sea rushes to fill your ears, and the visual drama of vast skies, endless ocean and sheer cliffs to the left and right is gripping. Its name is derived from the sea-worn rocks that resemble gold nuggets (20 minutes return).

EMERGENCY DIAL 111

Tokanui Medical Centre can see ANY patients regardless of whom your GP is. • Walk in service 9-12 Monday to Friday.
• Available by phone 9-5pm 0-3-246 8850.
• All **medical emergencies – ring 111** and we will be paged immediately alongside St John, providing **24 hour** emergency cover.

Southland Hospital, Invercargill Phone 03 218 1949

Catlins Medical Centre – Owaka

Phone 03 415 8006 anytime

Balclutha Hospital Phone 03 419 0500

(For Doctor on duty phone 03 419 0400)

Healthline 0800 611 116

To Te Anau and
Queenstown / Tāhuna

Mataura

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heritage and natural history'

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Bank account number: 03-1734-0072024-00

Enquiries and additional map orders to
info@catlins.org.nz

Edendale

Wyndham

To Invercargill
/ Waihōpai

To Invercargill
/ Waihōpai

Mataura River

Waimahaka

Tokenui

Fortrose / Kaik

Toetoes
Bay

Otara

Waipapa Point
/ Ōtara

Attractions

- A FORTROSE / KAIK** Boating, fishing, golf and campsite. Shipwreck only exposed at low tide.
- B WAIPAPA POINT / ŌTARA** Short walk to the historic lighthouse and 1881 shipping disaster cemetery.
- C SLOPE POINT / WAIPAPA** The Southernmost point of the South Island. Magnificent views. Approx. 20min return.
- D WAIPŌHATU** A tranquil picnic area
- E CURIO BAY / TUMU TOKA** The 170 million-year-old Petrified Forest is an ancient geological site of international importance. The wave-washed platform is accessible at low tide. Living Forest walkway, descendant of the petrified forest, 15min return.



FORTROSE SERVICES



TOKANUI SERVICES



- KEY**
- Seals
 - Dolphins
 - Penguins
 - Accommodation & Services
 - Key Township
 - Localities
 - Main Highway
 - Southern Scenic Route
 - Alternative Route/Heritage Trail
 - Major/sealed roads
 - Minor/gravel roads
 - Information Centre
 - i-Site
 - Information Kiosks
 - Museum
 - Library/Free WiFi
 - WiFi
 - Public Telephone
 - Public Toilet
 - Seals
 - Dolphins
 - Penguins
 - ATM
 - Campsite
 - Campsite (self contained only)
 - DOC Camping Ground
 - Camping Ground
 - Playground
 - Food
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Station
 - 24hr Fuel - card only (dedicated pin number)
 - Dump Station
 - Recycling Centre
 - Post Shop
 - Medical Centre
 - Wheelchair Access
 - Golf Course
 - No Dogs (check DOC website for current info)
 - No Drones

rough sea conditions are required for spouting to occur. 1hr return.

T SURAT BAY
A long sandy beach named after the sailing vessel Surat, wrecked in 1874. Sealion. Camping Ground.

U POUNAWEA
Camping Grounds, bush and estuary walks.

V TUNNEL HILL
Southernmost railway tunnel in the world. Short track to tunnel excavated by hand between 1891-92 for Balclutha to Tahakopa Railway line.

O TAWANUI DOC Campsite and picnic ground. Catlins River - Wisp Loop Walking Track, South entrance (12 km). The route can be walked in either direction as a 24km two-day tramp. The best place in The Catlins to see Mohua, a rare native forest bird.

P PURAKAUNUI FALLS
A picture of beauty. 20min return.

Q PURAKAUNUI BAY
DOC Campsite and picnic ground. Attractive beach.

R CATLINS LAKE / KURAMEA
There are a number of wahi taonga (sites of significance to Māori) within the wetland area, including middens and other evidence of occupation. Pull-off and lookout walk.

S JACKS BLOWHOLE 100m from the sea. NB: A high tide and extremely

K FLORENCE HILL LOOKOUT
Beautiful views over Tautuku Bay.

L PAPTOWAI
DOC Campsite and picnic ground. Picnic Point Forest and beach walk, 40min return. Old Coach Road Forest Track to Moa Hunter Sites, 1hr return. Shanks's Bush. Nature trail 30min.

M MATAI FALLS & RAIL TRAIL WALK Matai Falls 30min return. Rail Trail 1hr return.

N THE WISP DOC picnic ground. Catlins River - Wisp Loop Walking Track, North entrance (12 km).

I TAUTUKU BOARD WALK
1: Board walk to Estuary, 30min return. 2: Historic walk, 20-60min return. LENZ Reserve nature walk 1hr return.

J LAKE WILKIE Reflective and peaceful. 30min return.

F NIAGARA FALLS / MANGAI PIRI
Short walk to the small Niagara Falls/Māngai Piri.

G MCLEAN FALLS The walk to the McLean Falls takes under 40min return.

H CATHEDRAL CAVES The caves resonate with the sound of the sea,

DRIVE TIME IN MINUTES - distances are selected direct routes and times are indicative only

105	10	30	45	90	30	50	70	40	80	55	25	30	35	Waikawa
130	30	90	25	140	70	80	120	90	130	85	20	20	30	Waipapa Point
135	40	60	15	100	45	45	80	50	90	80	25	30	25	Tokanui
130	20	60	40	115	50	75	95	75	120	80	80	80	80	Slope Point
55	65	35	80	50	35	75	20	20	40	40	40	40	40	Purakaunui Falls
45	90	50	105	30	60	100	10	40	40	40	40	40	40	Pounaweā
65	60	20	70	50	20	60	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	Papatowai
35	80	40	95	20	50	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Owaka
125	50	70	70	105	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	Mokoreta
71	40	15	55	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	McLean Falls
20	100	60	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	Kaka Point
140	50	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	Fortrose
75	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	Cathedral Caves
115	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	Curio Bay
115	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	Balclutha



Photo: Tom Grahman on Unsplash



Leave the crowds behind and explore our iconic coastline, diverse wildlife in The Catlins, or discover Lawrence's rich heritage along the Clutha Gold Cycling and Walking Trail.



Visit CluthaNZ.com

Experience the hidden gems of The Catlins.
Start planning your trip today!



Southland

Visit southlandnz.com

The Catlins Care Code

Southland District Council 0800 732 732

Clutha District Council 0800 801 350



Please help us to protect the nature and wildlife of The Catlins -

Only leave your footprints; only take photographs and memories...

Check out the Tiaki Promise - www.tiakinewzealand.com

Nau mai Haere Mai...
Welcome to The Catlins



For fire or accident emergency - phone **111**

For conservation/wildlife emergency - phone **0800 362 468**

NOTE: There is minimal cell phone coverage in much of The Catlins. Public phones are located at Owaka, Papatowai, Kaka Point and Tokanui.

WILDLIFE & NATURE



For more information visit www.doc.govt.nz

- Talk quietly and move slowly when near sea lions / whakahao or fur seals / kekeno - do not disturb them, give them space, stay at least 20m away.
- Yellow-eyed Penguins / Hoiho are shy and easily stressed - do not disturb them, give them space, stay at least 50m away.
- Do not remove plants, animals or fossils from the environment - treat New Zealand / Aotearoa forest and birds with respect, they are unique and often rare.
- Respect our cultural heritage, treat these places with consideration and care.
- Dogs can disturb and even kill wildlife, please respect signage regarding dogs.
- No drones at Nugget Point / Tokatā, Roaring Bay / Hakaparāoa, Curio Bay / Tumu Toka, Slope Point / Waipapa and Waipapa Point / Ōtara.



Use of drones is restricted - for further information on use of drones in public places, private land, around livestock, wildlife and wildlife habitats visit www.doc.govt.nz or www.airshare.co.nz

CAMPING

For more information visit



CDC
(Clutha District Council)



SDC
(Southland District Council)



- Please use official camping sites as they have toilets and waste disposals.
- No Roadside, Lookout or Beachside Camping.
- Permission must be obtained for camping, parking or walking on private land.
- Please leave areas clean and tidy.
- Check it is all right to light fires - permits are required. www.fireandemergency.nz



Fires can destroy the Forest



DRIVING

Visit www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/driving-safely/visiting-drivers/ and www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/driving-in-nz



- Keep left, observe all road signs. Pass school bus at less than 20km/hr.
- Reduce speed when driving on 'unsealed' roads.
- Limit vehicle use on beaches, respect other beach users, the road rules apply.
- Indicate and pull over to the left-hand side of the road to take photographs, read road signs and to allow vehicles behind you to pass safely.
- If you see sheep and cattle on the roads, drive slowly and stay in your vehicle.



WASTE DISPOSAL



- Please take all rubbish away with you, carry out what you carry in. Rubbish disposal points are at Kaka Point / Rakitāmau, Owaka, Papatowai and Tokanui. Recycling is also available at Owaka and Tokanui.
- Use public toilets provided, please do not pollute the environment
- Use Campervan waste disposals which are located in Owaka (Inn Street) and Tokanui.



The Catlins Care Code revised by Catlins Coast Inc for The Catlins Community (2022)

www.catlins.org.nz

Heritage Trail

Follow the Catlins Coastal Heritage Trail for inspiring history along our beautiful coastal route in South Catlins. Travel in either direction from Fortrose through to Niagara – there are 13 sites to visit along the approximately 70km road.



ENQUIRIES Pick up a brochure from Owaka Museum, Waikawa Museum or Fortrose Cafe. Also available online: catlins.org.nz under visitor information



www.catlins.org.nz

Art Nuggets Gallery

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An art gallery with all locally made goods and art works. All original art painted by Beth and Peter with a small number of local works sold on commission. Local scenes, flowers and mixed media works.



- Paintings, jewellery, wood items, bags, wool garments, handmade cards
- Open daily 10am-5pm or by arrangement

CONTACT & ENQUIRIES

34 Factory Road, Paretai, 1 RD Balclutha 9271, North Catlins
Phone 21 151 1801
Email artnuggetsgallery@gmail.com

www.artnuggetsgallery.nz

Catlins Horse Riding

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Experience the coastal Catlins on horseback or by bike – view spectacular scenery, native bush, farmland, farm animals and wildlife. Located 2.5km from Owaka, Pounaweia and Surat Bay.



- Now offering new activity – tours on UBCO electric bikes
- Personalised horse riding to suit your level of experience
- Rides from 30 mins/\$45 flexible timetable; advance bookings strongly recommended

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Cara and Neil Meyer
41 Newhaven Road, RD1 Owaka
Phone 027 629 2904 / 027 786 4534
Email catlins_horses@outlook.com

www.catlinshorseriding.co.nz

Catlins Info Centre & Owaka Museum

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Catlins Information Centre

The place to go for travel advice and bookings for activities and accommodation in The Catlins. Local information on attractions, restaurants and more!

www.cluthanz.com

Owaka Museum *Wahi Kahuika*, The Meeting Place – ‘a rest on your journey’ captures the essence of The Catlins. Visit this popular visitor hub with its informative exhibitions to discover the exciting history that made this region what it is today.

www.owakamuseum.org.nz



CONTACT & ENQUIRIES

10 Campbell Street, Owaka, The Catlins

Phone Catlins Information Centre 03 415 8371
Email catlinsinfo@cluthad.c.govt.nz

Phone Owaka Museum 03 415 8323
Email owakamuseum@outlook.com
Hours: 8.30am–5.00pm, 7 days a week

Curio Bay Christian Fellowship 18

- Come and share the love of Jesus at a church with an ocean view
- Services each Sunday 10.30am
- Lunch to follow
- Warm welcome to all
- Pastor Paul & Celia Watson



CONTACT

Curio Bay Christian Community Centre
 41 Mair Road, Curio Bay, South Catlins
 Ph/Fax 03 246 8431 Email paulwat1942@hotmail.com
 Curio Bay Christian Fellowship Facebook

www.curio bay.info

Tokanui Multi-Play Park 20

Tokanui Multi Play Park is a community project that opened in April 2015 for everyone to enjoy.

- RHINO skate ramps and rails
- Scooter track
- Small BMX track

Conveniently located across the road from the Tokanui Public Playground



ADDRESS

Tokanui Multi-Play Park, McEwan Street, Tokanui



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT:

Tomtit / Miromiro Photo: Sandra Van der Sommen

Tui Photo: Fergus Sutherland

Royal Spoonbill / Kōtuku Ngutupapa Photo: Tony Somerville

White Faced Heron / Matuku Moana Photo: Lisa Biginato

Southern Black Backed Gull / Karoro Photo: Tony Somerville

New Zealand Pigeon / Kererū Photo: Fergus Sutherland

Birdlife

The Point Café & Bar

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- Open 7 days a week
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Best Seafood Chowder and Blue Cod in South Otago
- Panoramic views
- Find us on Facebook



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Lisa Lee, Ph 03 412 8800
58 Esplanade, Kaka Point
Email lisa@thepointcafe.co.nz



www.thepointcafe.co.nz

BakeHouse Takeaways

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Located in the heart of The Catlins is Bakehouse Takeaways. This retro food caravan is a must visit when in Owaka. Outdoor covered seating or takeaway available. The best burgers and fish 'n' chips in The Catlins.



- Sushi, Japanese Curry
- Burgers, Pizzas
- Vegetarian options available
- Fish 'n' Chips

ENQUIRIES

8 Waikawa Road, Owaka, The Catlins
Phone 027 267 9839
Email bakehouseowaka@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook

www.bakehousetakeaways.com

Catlins Inn & Caravan Park

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The Catlins Inn offers a friendly community sports bar with outside decks and a relaxing café

- T.A.B. • Pool table
 - 4 gaming machines
 - Ryley's Café, country style menu
 - Function room, groups up to 45, own bar, kitchen, 50" TV
- Accommodation available:

- 3 modern serviced guest rooms with bathrooms and TVs and a 3 bedroom apartment
- Caravan Park with powered and non-powered sites



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Yvonne Evans
21 Ryley Street, Owaka, South Otago
Phone 03 415 8350
Email catlinsinn@clt-trust.co.nz

Peake's Kitchen & Country Store

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- Papatowai, Central Catlins
- Gourmet seasonal menu
- Ice cream & Desserts
- Beer, Wine and Snacks
- Boutique gifts and Groceries
- Dining and Takeaway service from retro Bedford food truck



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Peake's Kitchen & Country Store
2501 Papatowai Highway, Papatowai,
Catlins, Phone 022 409 0798
Email peakeskitchen@gmail.com



www.peakeskitchen.com

THE CATLINS OFFICIAL WEBSITE: www.catlins.org.nz

Niagara Falls Café/Restaurant

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Our refurbished old school has a casual, warm atmosphere.

- Best stop in The Catlins by Cuisine Restaurant Guide
- Voted best coffee between Invercargill and Dunedin
- All day homemade menu
- Slices, cakes, desserts, made here
- Gallery with local art and crafts



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

200m from Niagara Falls
256 Niagara Waikawa Road, Niagara, South Catlins
Phone 03 246 8577
Email niagarafallscafe@xtra.co.nz

www.niagarafallscafe.co.nz

Tokanui Recycle Centre

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- Save your glass, cardboard, cans and plastic bottles for our hungry recycling bins located at 23 McEwan Street in Tokanui
- Open to the travelling public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Help us keep The Catlins tidy!



CONTACT & ENQUIRIES

For further information contact the Southland District Council



www.southlanddc.govt.nz



Waipohatu Falls Photo: Tony Somerville



McLean Falls Track Photo: Great South/Jeremy Pierce

Kaka Point Camping Ground

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- Peaceful settings
- Native bush and birds
- Adjacent to bush walk
- 400 metre walk to beach, café and bar
- Sheltered tent and powered sites
- Comfortable cabins
- Great showers and laundry
- Well appointed kitchen and barbecue
- Closest camping site to Nugget Point



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Denise Anderson
34 Tarata Street, Kaka Point
Phone 03 412 8801 Mobile 027 408 2774
Email info@kakupointcamping.co.nz

www.kakupointcamping.co.nz

Surat Bay Lodge

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Comfortable holiday accommodation right beside the beach and sea lions

- TV in lounges with fully equipped kitchens
- Centrally heated, double, twin, and shared rooms, all with lovely sea views
- Free WiFi and phone
- Beach walks to False Island and Cannibal Bay
- Family and group bookings welcome by arrangement



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Esther & Jack Johnson
19 Surat Bay Road, RD1 Newhaven, Owaka 9585
Phone 03 415 8696 Mobile 027 202 9456
Email suratbaylodge@gmx.com

www.suratbay.co.nz

Earthlore

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- Tiny house accommodation on site

We run a range of fun, nature based activities in our wildlife gardens plus small, exclusive day and night tours for the whole family.

- help Yellow-eyed penguins
- learn about Long Tailed bats
- experience nature at night
- play mini Frisbee golf
- meet the donkeys
- 5 minutes from Owaka



CONTACT & ENQUIRIES

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129 Hinahina Road, RD2 Owaka 9586
Phone 027 385 3182
Email earthlore3@gmail.com

www.earthlore.co.nz

Lakeside Cottage

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A relaxing holiday home overlooking the Catlins Lake

Lakeside Cottage

- Three spacious bedrooms
- Renovated warm Villa
- Great base to explore The Catlins
- Kids play room
- Situated on a sheep and beef farm
- Quiet and relaxing deck



CONTACT & ENQUIRIES

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Email lakeedgefarm@gmail.com

[www.facebook.com/Lakeside Cottages Catlins](http://www.facebook.com/LakesideCottagesCatlins)

Skylark Bed and Breakfast

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Stunning 180 degree hillside views of the Catlins Lake, Surat Bay and Pacific Ocean

- Luxurious super-king studio, en-suite with private entrance
- 1500 acre Sheep & Beef Farm
- Continental breakfast
- 6km to Owaka restaurant/café's
- Quiet and peaceful
- Third generation farmers
- Farm trips complimentary



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Catlins River Station House

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Four bedroom, spacious, self contained home with a beautiful, private and tranquil setting with access to our farm for walking, cycling and trout fishing; a lovely safe spot for families.

- Fully self-contained
- 4 bedrooms
- 3 Queen, 2 single beds available
- Wifi
- Woodburner
- Outdoor BBQ area & deck space
- Privacy and tranquility



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Tracey Hancox
16 Hanning Road, Owaka 9586
Phone 027 212 0033
Email tracey_rangi@extra.co.nz

www.airbnb.co.nz

Tiromoana

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Nestled on top of farmland with native plantings and simply stunning coastal views, Tiromoana is fully self-contained accommodation, just five minutes south of Owaka, close to all The Catlins' magnificent attractions.

- Exclusive use of Tiromoana
- 4 bedrooms and bathrooms
- Wifi
- BBQ facilities
- Hot tub
- Continental breakfast supplies



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Mohua Park – Catlins Eco Accommodation 10

A luxurious Eco-Friendly stay, we offer four spacious king studio eco cottages with incredible views, all secluded and providing warmth and comfort in a natural bush setting.

- Own private balcony
- Heat pump
- Ensuite
- Free wi-fi
- Kitchenette & barbeque
- Continental breakfast, BBQ pack and antipasto platter available
- 4km private walking tracks



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Tracy & Mike Bell – Owner/Operators
744 Catlins Valley Road, RD2 Owaka 9586
Phone 03 415 8613
Email mohuapark@outlook.com

www.catlinsmohuapark.co.nz

Catlins Hilltop Accommodation 12

- Relax in the heart of The Catlins, in a peaceful native bush setting.
- Stunning valley and ocean views overlooking Papatowai Beach and the Southern Scenic Route.
- 2 cosy restored character homes both have internet, full kitchen, heating, laundry, 2 bathrooms.
- "The Lodge" (Top House) – 4 bedrooms, BBQ, pool table.
- "The Cottage" (Bottom House) – ensuite queen and twin room.



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

77 Tahakopa Valley Road, Papatowai
Phone 03 415 8028
Mobile/Text 021 415 802
Email book@hilltopcatlins.co.nz



www.hilltopcatlins.co.nz

Tautuku Forest Cabins 13

Secluded, comfortable accommodation in a forest setting 35km south of Owaka. Five minutes drive to the beach.

- Cottage sleeps 10
- Cabin sleeps 4
- A-frame sleeps 2
- Bush walks
- Tranquil setting
- Supply own bedding
- No domestic animals without permission
- \$32/night adults, \$7/night school-age children

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INFORMATION & BOOKINGS

www.forestandbird.org.nz/our-community/lodges/tautuku-forest-cabins
Email tautukucabins@gmail.com

Whistling Frog Resort Accommodation 14

- Central Catlins location
- Next to Cathedral Caves and McLean Falls
- Free guest Wifi and self-catering
- Advance bookings recommended
- Powered sites, Amenities, Cabins, Luxury Chalets, Lodge
- Groups, gatherings and events



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Whistling Frog Resort Accommodation
9 Rewcastle Road, Chaslands, Catlins
Phone 03 415 8668
Email stay@catlinsnz.com



www.whistlingfrogresort.com



Lake Wilkie Photo: Great South/Sam Deuchrass

Chaslands Farm Cottages

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Come and stay on our centrally located farm tucked away in the heart of The Catlins rainforest

- Affordable, comfortable, fully self-contained accommodation
- Linen supplied
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Washing machine
- Cottages sleep either 5 or 7
- Port a Cot available
- No Credit Card / Eftpos
- No cellphone coverage
- Free unlimited WiFi

www.chaslandscottages.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Dianne & Tony Miller
219 Waipati Road, Chaslands, The Catlins
Phone 03 415 8669 or 0210 248 6631
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Anchorage

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Anchorage, set above the Waikawa Harbour, is a substantial 3 bedroom homestead and has 2 studio units downstairs. Enjoy the scenic views from the balcony.

- Units 1, 2 and 4 all fully self-contained
- Unit 3 has tea/coffee, microwave and fridge facilities
- Log burner upstairs, electric heaters studios
- TV all units
- 5 minute drive to Curio Bay

www.anchorage.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

52 Antrim Street, Waikawa, The Catlins
Cellphone 021 128 0174
Email: theanchoragewaikawa@gmail.com

Curio Bay Salthouse

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A great choice for accommodation on the Curio Bay beachfront with stunning uninterrupted seaviews.

- 2 queen self-catering studio units
- 1 self-catering studio unit with additional bedroom (1 queen, 1 single)
- One 2-bedroom well-appointed apartment
- Central heating, WiFi, all linens
- Breakfasts available on request

www.curio baysalthouse.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

For bookings please visit our website
517 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road, Curio Bay
Phone 021 044 8378
Email stay@curio baysalthouse.co.nz

Tumu Toka Curioscape Campground

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The campground offers a unique coastal environment to take a break on your Catlins journey. Nestled along the swimming beach of Porpoise Bay, alleys of flax provide the campground with scenic sheltered sites.

- Campervan and caravan sites – powered and unpowered
- Shower, kitchen, laundry
- Shop for essentials
- Chance to spot Hector dolphins which often frequent the area

www.curioscape.co.nz



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

590 Waikawa-Curio Bay Rd,
Curio Bay 9884
Phone 03 246 8897
Email campground@curioscape.co.nz

Slope Point Accommodation

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- 2 self-contained units
- 1 basic double
- 1 twin single
- 4 dorm beds
- Group bookings available
- Laundry, BBQ and Wi-Fi available
- Sheltered, quiet and relaxed surroundings on our farm
- Hand feed the farm animals



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Justine & Andrew
164 Slope Point Road, RD1 Tokanui
Phone 03 246 8420
Email info@slopepoint.co.nz

www.slopepoint.co.nz

Slope Point Getaway

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- Affordable, peaceful, self-contained 3 bedroom house
- Sleeps up to 6
- Fully equipped kitchen, BBQ, Freeview TV, washing machine, fireplace, free WiFi, linen provided
- Totally surrounded by farmland with estuary views
- Close to many southern attractions and activities
- Southernmost accommodation in the South Island
- Minimum 2 nights stay



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Andy's Place

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Fortrose, gateway to The Catlins

- Peaceful, cosy, self-contained 3 bedroom cottage
- 2 queen beds, 1 single
- Fully equipped kitchen with fridge and microwave
- TV with Freeview, DVD player
- Southernmost golf club 2 mins
- Fortrose estuary is great for boating, fishing, beach walks
- Waipapa lighthouse 20 mins
- Curio Bay ³/₄ hour
- Invercargill 40 mins



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Sharon & Russell Crosbie
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