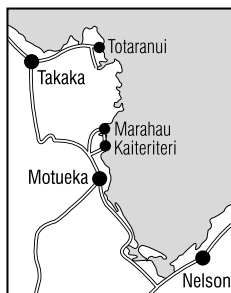


# Abel Tasman National Park



## Totaranui Campground



Locality

### How to get there

Totaranui is in the Abel Tasman National Park, 32 km east of Takaka via a narrow, unsealed, winding hill road. Travellers must drive carefully. Be prepared to give way, especially to the bus which operates seasonally. There are also daily boat services. Contact any local DOC office or Visitor Information Centre for more information.

### Size and facilities

The camp caters for up to 850 people. Camping is restricted to the marked areas shown on the location map. Campers are asked to make an effort keeping their areas as compact as possible. No camping is permitted on the beach side of the camp road, except for the Abel Tasman Coast Track walkers campsite (X bay). There are six toilet/ablution blocks, fireplaces, treated water and a supply of firewood. It is vital that all campers help to conserve water.

### Costs, bookings

From 1 December to 10 February, it is necessary to book a site. Bookings open on 1 July. A ballot system operates for summer, please refer to the booking procedure on the booking form which can be downloaded from [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) or requested from the Camp Office. Prices are \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child per night from 1 October to 30 April. Outside this period prices are \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 per school age child. Children are 5 years to 17 years.

### How to register

All campers must register and pay their full camp fees at the Camp Office on arrival. You will be issued with ID stickers for your camp and your car. Please display these in a prominent place. There are no refunds for early departure. An extra charge of one day's fees will apply for any campers who are found having failed to register at the Camp Office on arrival. Payment is by Eftpos, cash, cheque or credit card.

### Camp Office

The Camp Office is staffed from Labour weekend to mid-April and open from 9 am to midday and from 1 pm to 3 pm. During the peak time the Camp Office is open seven days a week. It has displays and orientation maps, notice boards and schedules of services. If you require assistance after hours the duty officer's name is on the notice board outside the Camp Office. The Camp Office also sells: insect repellent, films, stamps, postcards, Telecom phone cards, gas canisters, candles, sunscreen and may sell food items such as muesli bars, milk powder, dried food, canned drinks and chocolate. Ice for chilly-bins is available. Bread, meat and other groceries are not sold.

### What to do

Several well-marked and maintained walks explore the hills, forest, beaches and estuary around Totaranui. They range from half an hour to half a day, and are suitable for most people. Mountain bikes are not permitted in the park outside the campground. The Totaranui coast is ideal for water activities, but there are several submerged reefs and the coast is open to strong winds. All boat users should observe shellfish and fish limits. No fishing or seafood gathering of any kind is permitted in the Tonga Island Marine Reserve.

### Homestead

The Totaranui homestead 'Ngarata' functions as an Education Centre and may be booked for private stays when it is not used by school groups. The Education Centre has power and hot water and sleeps 40. For further information contact our offices in Totaranui or Takaka.

### Camp rules

Totaranui is part of the National Park and is subject to the National Parks Act and its regulations. In addition specific rules apply to users of the campground. Set out below are the main rules applying in the camp and its surroundings. These are not an exhaustive list of the legal requirements for behaviour in this area, and you are respectfully requested to comply with directions of the camp staff as they endeavour to keep Totaranui a safe and pleasant place for all.

**Pets:** No domestic pets are allowed in the National Park, including Totaranui Campground.

**Fires:** Fires are allowed only in the fireplaces provided. Barbecues, thermettes and boilers must only be lit in the areas adjacent to fireplaces. Gas cookers may be used outside these areas. Picnic tables are not to be removed from the fireplace areas. Fire hoses and hydrants are for emergency use and are not to be used for other purposes. Beachfront fires are not allowed. Due to the danger posed by fireworks and rockets in particular, all fireworks are banned. Bulk fuel supplies can be held in our fuel store by arrangement with the Camp Manager.

**Noise:** Under no circumstances are chainsaws and generators permitted in the park. The noise of radios, stereos or any other noisy devices must be confined to the immediate area of the owner's camp. If the noise is deemed to be excessive by staff, or staff receive complaints about noise, the offenders may be dismissed from the camp if the problem persists. Note that we expect all noise-making devices to be turned off by 11 pm.

**Water:** Washing of cars and boats with the camp water supply is limited between 1 December to 28 February.



## Camp rules continued

**Offensive behaviour:** Noisy parties and offensive language or behaviour will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Offenders may be dismissed from the camp without warning. You will note from the booking form that the group leader is responsible for the group observing the camp rules. Any complaints about offensive behaviour should be made to staff as soon as possible, preferably after the complainant has directly approached the persons involved. This action may be all that is necessary. However, if staff are to be involved we need to be notified promptly, not days later. Staff are on duty in the evening from 1 December to 10 February.

**Totaranui road and camp roads:** Be careful on the Totaranui road. Buses may be on the road, check timetable—and try to avoid travelling at those times. The speed limit for vehicles in the camp is 20 km/h. Pedestrians have the right of way! Unlit bicycles are not permitted at night. Bike helmets must be worn when riding on the camp roads.

**Windfalls:** Don't camp under the Avenue trees, or under the big macrocarpas at the northern end of the camp—there is a danger of falling limbs. Vehicles parked here are at owner's risk. Please observe the no camping signs posted in other areas with danger of windfalls.

**Gate:** The gate at the entrance of the camp will be locked on New Year's Eve till 4 January from 9pm to 8am next morning. The gate may be occasionally locked at other times to deal with problems in the camp, but this will be kept to the absolute minimum.

**Boating:** There are two boat ramps at the north end of the beach. All users should be familiar with the Water Recreation Regulations—copy in the Camp Office and at ramp. Boat trailers are not to be left in the ramp area. There is a trailer park nearby. Owners of boat trailers taking up useful camping space will be required by staff to move them. Powerboat use in the estuary is restricted to launching and retrieving at the ramp, and to slow access in and out of the estuary entrance.

**Water skiing:** The ski lane located between the boat ramp and the Camp Office provides the only area where 8 km/h can be exceeded within 200 metres of the shore. It is also an area where swimming and other boating activities are not permitted. Boat movement in the ski lanes is anticlockwise, incoming keeping to the north side and outgoing to the south. Any boats stopping must keep to the middle of the lane. Water skiing in the Awaroa Estuary is not permitted.

## Further information

Visit the DOC website [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) or contact:

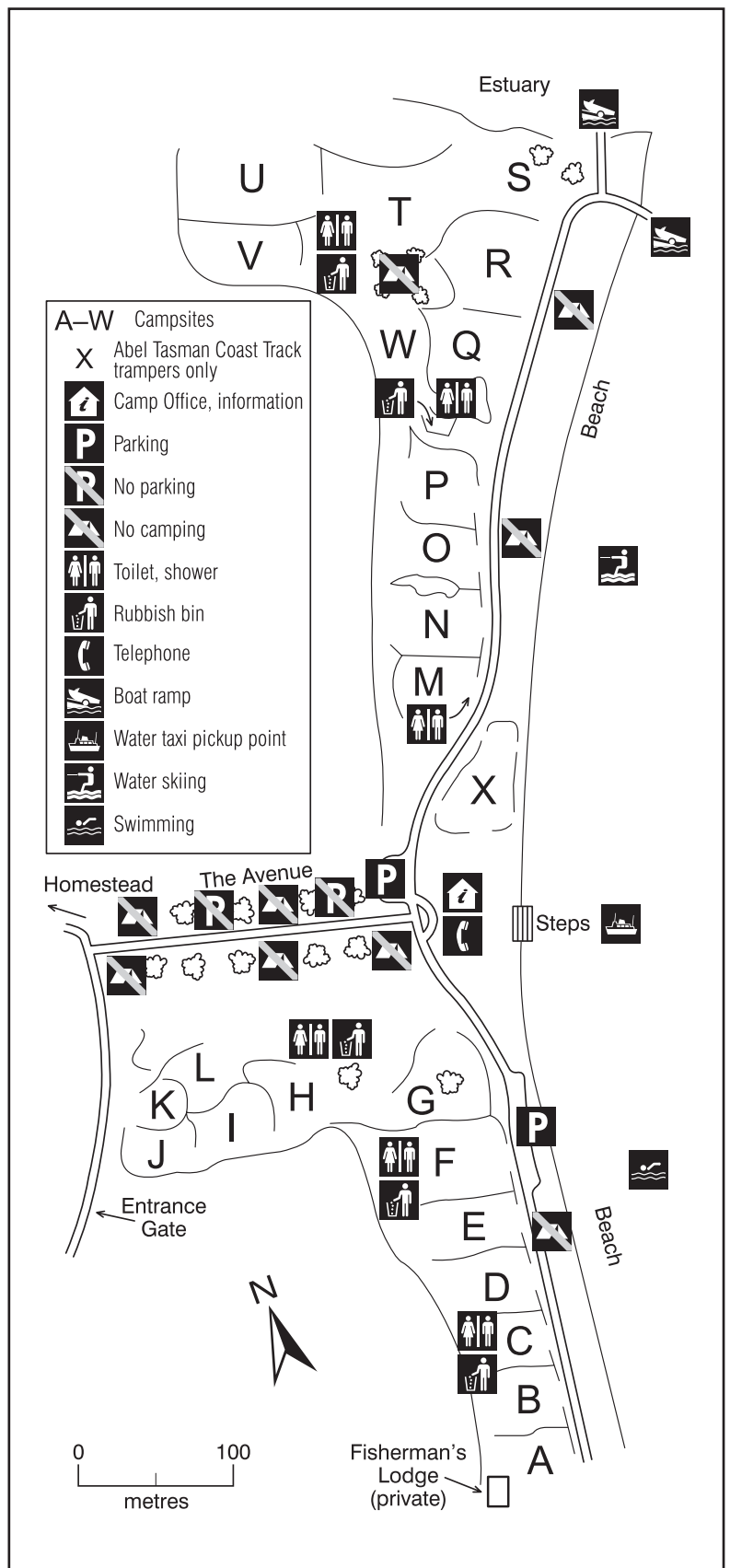
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