Welcome

Kia Ora 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 and Kaka Point and inland to Mokoreta. You will journey through rural heartland and podocarp 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 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’.

*Tatu te Whenua
Please leave the land undisturbed.*
Origins & Our Past

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 Maori 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.

Early Maori were the first people to live and travel extensively in the region, attracted by the abundance of seafood in coastal waters and prolific birdlife in the forest, including the large Moa bird (now extinct).

Maori legends reverberate with colourful escapades of great chiefs like Tuhawaiki and large hairy monsters of the forest known as ‘Maeroero’.

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 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.

By the 1920s the railway had arrived, Waikawa harbour had silted up and coastal shipping reduced. The boom times were over. Today farming, fishing and eco-tourism are the main industries.
Wildlife

**Hector’s Dolphins**
Hector’s Dolphins 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.

**Yellow-Eyed Penguins**
The Yellow-Eyed Penguin is an endangered and unique species. Distinguished by its distinct yellow eyes and headband, the Yellow-Eyed Penguin is native to New Zealand. Hoiho, its Maori 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 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.

**Seals & Sea Lions**
New Zealand Fur Seals, New Zealand Sea Lions and the odd formidable Elephant Seal can be found sunning themselves on various Catlins beaches (especially Waipapa Point and Surat Bay). The only place on mainland New Zealand where all three co-exist is at Nugget Point. 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, Gannets and Mollymawks dive for fish. Herons, Pied Stilts, Bar Tailed Godwits and Oystercatchers wade in the estuaries. Fernbirds and Bitterns hide amongst the rushes and Kingfishers survey the rivers. Forest songsters include Bellbirds and Mohua. Fantails and Tomtits are often seen near walking tracks, while the Tui and the New Zealand Pigeon are amongst those in the canopy overhead.
Walks & 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 command spectacular views of the southern coastline and the Fortrose Estuary. At Waipapa Point, walk to the historic lighthouse and Tararua Acre, the cemetery of many of the victims of the 1881 shipping disaster.

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

Waipohatu 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 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.

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 (cash only). 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 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.

Also at Tautuku Estuary 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 (30 minutes return). Picnic Point is reached via native bush and a sandy coastline with interesting rock pools (30 minutes return).

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

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 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).
The Catlins... where will you camp?
Assume Nothing Always ask here

Department of Conservation

VISIT AN i-SITE
ASK AT A Holiday Park
OR CHECK WITH the Department of Conservation

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Take only photos leave only footprints

The Catlins
Te Akau Tai Toka
NEW ZEALAND - AOTEAROA

Heritage Trail
Catlins Coastal Heritage Trail
- Fortrose & Fortrose Cemetery
- Waipapa Point Lighthouse:
  - Tararua Acre
- Slope Point: the South Island’s most southern point
- Waipohatu
  - native forest walks
- Curio Bay
  - petrified forest
  - yellow-eyed penguins
  - Hector’s dolphins
- Waikawa – museum
- Niagara – waterfall

ENQUIRIES
Visit local information centres for a brochure on the Heritage Trail or email info@catlins.org.nz

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Catlins Info Centre & Owaka Museum

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www.cluthanz.com
www.cluthadc.govt.nz

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.
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**Waikawa Museum & Information**

Based in the old school building, the Museum contains artifacts and history of the colonial settlers and information on local shipping, goldmining, sawmilling and farming in the area. Also a good collection of photographs.

- Research undertaken
- Information, brochures, accommodation bookings, telephone, stamps, postbox, newspapers, WiFi
- Open daily

[www.catlins.org.nz](http://www.catlins.org.nz)

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

Curio Bay Christian Fellowship
Facebook
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**Bookings & Enquiries**

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**Tokanui Skate-board Park**

Tokanui Skate-board Park is conveniently situated on McEwan Street, Tokanui, opposite the playground. It features:

- State-of-the-art skate ramps
- A tar-sealed scooter track
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**The Point Café & Bar**

- The Point Café & Bar is in the heart of the small township of Kaka Point – a small walk from any accommodation
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- Open 7 days a week
- Breakfast
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- Dinner
- Best Seafood Chowder and Blue Cod in South Otago

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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 offering a tasty country style menu
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- Accommodation available:
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Papatowai Country Store & Motels 11

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Whistling Frog Resort, Café/Bar 12

- 400 meters to Cathedral Caves
- WiFi available, free DVD’s, TV’s in-rooms.
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Niagara Falls Café/Restaurant 16

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- 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
Niagara Falls Café/Restaurant
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256 Niagara Waikawa Road, Niagara, South Catlins
Phone 03 246 8577
Email niagarafallscafe@xtra.co.nz

Tumu Toka Curioscape Café/Restaurant 18

Tumu Toka Curioscape Café and Restaurant is an excellent place to stop in for a snack or a meal. Serving Kiwi classics, scrumptious seafood, sweet treats and barista coffee all with an envious view of the coastline.
- Open 7 days a week
- Warm, inviting atmosphere
- Friendly staff
- Fully licensed
- Gluten free, dairy-free and vegetarian options available

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
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590 Waikawa-Curio Bay Rd
Curio Bay 9884
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Email caferestaurant@curioscape.co.nz

Tokanui Food Centre & Post Shop 20

Tokanui Food Centre is a convenience store and local information centre, situated within the Tokanui township, on the Southern Scenic Route.
- Open all year, 7 days
- Fish and chips, burgers
- Top Taste Chicken
- Rolls, sandwiches, cakes
- Tea, coffee, icecream
- Meals
- Groceries
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Farmlands suppliers

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Tokanui Food Centre & Post Shop
9 Rewcastle Road, Chaslands, Catlins
Phone 03 246 8876  Fax 03 246 8523
Email tokanuifoodcentre@xtra.co.nz

Tokanui Recycle Centre 20

- 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

Tokanui Tavern 20

- Open daily from 11am
- Bistro – Thurs to Sun from 5pm
- ATM & EFTPOS
- Hometown Bottleshop
- Beer ● Wine ● Spirits
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- Sky TV ● WIFI
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BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
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18 McEwan Street, Tokanui
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Email tokanuitavern@xtra.co.nz

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Licensed cafe & restaurant on the waterfront with splendid views of native birdlife over Toetoes Estuary.
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- Local native bushwalk
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- Studio unit with fridge, microwave & breakfast facilities
- Free WiFi
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Tui (photo by Fergus Sutherland). See page 7 for more information on the local birdlife.
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Email info@chaslandscottages.co.nz

Catlins Farmstay B&B
- 10 minute drive to Curio Bay
- 3 spacious bedrooms with ensuites
- Great breakfasts
- 2km to Niagara Falls and café/restaurant
- Large comfortable farmhouse centrally heated
- Local hosts
- 1000 acre sheep, beef, deer farm
- Also available: self-contained Waterside Waikawa holiday home
- Visa, Mastercard and EFTPOS
www.catlinsfarmstay.co.nz

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
June & Murray Stratford
174 Progress Valley Road, South Catlins
Phone 03 246 8843 Fax 03 246 8844
Email catlinsfarmstay@gmail.com

Anchorage
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, RD1, Tokanui 9884
Phone 03 246 8585
Cellphone 027 278 9585
Email milkfarm@xtra.co.nz

Waikava Harbour View
Relax in peaceful native settings overlooking Waikawa harbour
- Spacious 4 bedroom lodge; central heating, full kitchen facilities, BBQ
- Two 1 bedroom cottages; Toi Toi & Harakeke; basic kitchen facilities
- All accommodation is self-contained; limited free WiFi internet, modern amenities, laundry facilities, linen provided
- Instant booking & credit card payment via website
www.waikava@southcatlins.co.nz

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Judy Leith
14 Larne Street, Waikawa
Phone Judy 03 246 8866
Email waikawa@southcatlins.co.nz

Catlins Beach House
Absolute beach front location in the heart of The Catlins.
- Self-contained house
- Well equipped kitchen with standard oven, fridge, freezer and microwave
- 1 queen room with ensuite
- 1 queen room, shared bathroom
- 1 room has 2 bunks and a single bed
- Linen, bedding, towels supplied
- Comfortable with log fire
- Washing machine
www.catlinsbeachhouse.co.nz

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
For bookings please visit our website
499 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road
Email stay@catlinsbeachhouse.co.nz

See page 7 for more information on the local birdlife.
**Curio Bay Salthouse**

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

**BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES**
For bookings please visit our website
517 Waikawa-Curio Bay Road, Curio Bay
Email stay@curiobaysalthouse.co.nz

**Curio Bay Accommodation**

Absolute Beachfront at Curio Bay Boutique studios
- quality self-catering studios, super king bed
- spacious, warm, modern, private
- ideal for a romantic getaway
- Curio Cottage
- 3 bedroom cottage (sleeps 6), 2x Queen, 1x bunk
- open plan living/kitchen room
- cozy & warm with wood burner
- Lily & Moby (cats) on site
Both places have complimentary BBQ, laundry facilities, linen, towels

**BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES**
Nick & Dani
521a Curio Bay Road, South Catlins, Southland
Phone 03 246 8797
Email curiobayaccommodation@gmail.com

**Tumu Toka CurioScape Campground**

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 with power
- Shower, kitchen, laundry
- Shop for essentials
- Chance to spot Hector dolphins which often frequent the area

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

**Lazy Dolphin, Curio Bay**

Panoramic views of Porpoise Bay and Curio Bay.
- Split-level budget accommodation
- Double, twin and shared rooms
- Beds made up
- Huge lounge and balcony
- Private beach access
- Only a couple of minutes walk to Petrified Forest and penguin watching
- Friendly helpful host
- Wireless Internet, eftpos and credit card facilities available

**BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES**
529 Curio Bay Road
Curio Bay, South Catlins
Phone 03 246 8579
Email lazydolphin@netspeed.net.nz

**Slope Point Accommodation**

- 2 self-contained units
- 1 basic double
- 1 twin single
- 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

**Slope Point Getaway**

- 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
- Hand-feed the farm animals

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

**Waipapa Point Cottage**

- Come and enjoy a stay on a sheep/beef farm on the Catlins Coastal Heritage Trail, 3km from Waipapa Point Lighthouse and the sea lions
- Our cosy self-contained cottage overlooks farmland to the southern ocean
- Cottage comfortably sleeps 4
- Fantastic place for families, with games, books, swings and trampoline

**BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES**
Tim & Kim Barker
59 Waipapa Otara Road, South Catlins
Phone 03 246 8493
Email info@slopepoint.co.nz

**Andy’s Place**

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
27 Neva Street, Fortrose, RDS, Invercargill 9875
Phone 03 246 9813, 027 694 7895 or 027 694 8206
Email bamandsharon@yahoo.com
NO FREEDOM CAMPING

A tranquil picnic area offering a 20 min wheelchair bush track and a longer 3hr waterfall wilderness track return route.

The Southern most point of the South Island. Magnificent view. Walk time 20mins

Waipapa Point Walk

Attractions

- The Catlins Coastal Rainforest Park
- Niagara Falls
- Tunnels Hill
- The McLean Range
- A picture of beauty: 20mins return.
- New Zealand's Grandest Waterfalls: 40mins return.
- Jacks Blowhole
- The caves resonate with the sound of the sea. 1hr return walk.
- Picnic Point Forest and beach walk, 40min return
- Walk to Tautuku Estuary - 10mins

Papatowai

Walk and Wisp Loop Walk. The routes can be walked in either direction and can be done as a 24km two day tramp or one long day tramp. DOC Campground. Shanks's Track to Moa Hunter Sites, 1hr return. Beautiful views over Tautuku Bay.

The Southernmost point of the South Island.

SLOPE POINT

Shipwreck only exposed at low tide.

Boating, fishing, golf and campsite.

Invercargill

On the Heritage Trail, predecessor of the petrified forest, 15min return.

Curio Bay (Tuma Toka)

Short track to tunnel excavated by hand between 1891-92 for Balclutha to Owaka Railway.

McLean Falls

A long sandy beach named after the sailing vessel Surat, wrecked in 1874. Seals. Camping Ground.

POUNAWEA

Camping grounds, bush and estuary walks, 24hr. Camping ground.

TUNNEL HILL

Ship track is turned excavated by hand between 1891-92 for Balclutha to Owaka Railway.

NUGGET POINT

Light house built in 1869. Viewing point for Fur Seals and Penguins. 40mins return.

KAKA POINT

Forest and beach walk, fishing, diving and boating. Camping ground.

The Catlins Coastal Rainforest Park

Includes two 12km routes, The Catlins River Walk and Wisp Loop Track. The routes can be walked in either direction and can be done as a 24km two day tramp or one long day tramp. DOC Campground & picnicning. The best place in The Catlins to see Moahua, a rare native forest bird.

WAIPAPA POINT

Walk to the historic Lighthouse and 1881 Shipping disaster cemetery.

WAIPOHUATI

A tranquil picnic area offering a 20min return wheelchair bush track and a longer 3hr waterfall wilderness loop track.

O’NEILL WALK

13min return.

FORTROSE

Boating, fishing, golf and campsite. Shipwreck only exposed at low tide.

The Catlins Coastal Rainforest Park

A picture of beauty. 20min return.

CATLINS RIVER WISP LOOP TRACK

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TAU TUKU BOARD WALK

1. Historic walk to Erosion, 20min return. 2. Historic walk, 20-60min return.

CATHEDRAL CAVES

The caves resonate with the sound of the sea, 1hr return through bush and along the beach. Access may be restricted. Check www.cathedralcaves.co.nz for opening times.

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JACKS BLOWHOLE

100m from the sea. NB: ideal sea conditions are required for spouting to occur. 1hr return.

Surat Bay

A long sandy beach named after the sailing vessel Surat, wrecked in 1874. Seals. Camping Ground.

Distances are selected direct routes and times are indicative only
The Catlins Care Code

HAERE MAI – WELCOME
Please help us to protect the nature and wildlife of The Catlins – Only leave your footprints; only take photographs and memories...

Wildlife and Nature
For more information visit www.doc.govt.nz

- Talk quietly and move slowly when near sea lions or fur seals – do not disturb them, give them space, stay at least 20m away
- Yellow-eyed penguins 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 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/Roaring Bay or Curio Bay.

Camping
For more information visit www.camping.org.nz

- 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. Permits are required. www.fireandemergency.nz
- Fires can destroy the bush

Driving
www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/driving-in-nz

- Keep left, observe all road signs. Pass school buses at 20k/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/maps; and to allow vehicles behind you to pass safely

Waste Disposal

- Please take all rubbish away with you, carry out what you carry in – Rubbish disposal points are at Papatowai and Kaka Point and recycling is available at Owaka and Tokanui
- Use public toilets provided, please do not pollute the environment
- Use Campervan waste disposals – Inn Street Owaka, Thomas’s Lodge Owaka, Kaka Point, Tokanui, Whistling Frog Resort and Pounawea Holiday Park
- If you see sheep and cattle on the roads – drive slowly and stay in your vehicle

For fire or accident emergency – phone 111
For conservation or 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 and Tokanui.

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