



# Changes you need to know about Marlborough region



## For the week beginning 23 December 2011

**For your safety:** Every effort has been made to ensure that this information is correct at the time of writing. However you should contact the local DOC visitor centre for the latest updates. Changes to weather will affect conditions in the backcountry. Always check the latest weather report ([metservice.co.nz](http://metservice.co.nz)) before you venture out and be prepared to change your plans if conditions are unfavourable.

**Your safety is your responsibility:** Plan, prepare and equip yourself for any trip into the backcountry.

**Note:** This notice only reports on changes that differ to what is stated in brochures and on the website. Other track, facilities and services in the Marlborough Region are operating as normal.



### Queen Charlotte Track



- The section of track between Ship Cove and Kenepuru Saddle is closed for mountain biking until 1 March 2012.



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### Mt Richmond Forest Park

- Hacket Track**- A slip on Hacket Track has closed the track just after the junction to Browning Hut. Trampers planning to exit the park from Starveall Hut via Hacket Track need to use Browning Track.
- Wakamarina Track**  
Access via Kiwi Road (Northbank) is closed. Access in the Northbank is via Bartletts Road.
- Maungatapu Road is closed.** For more information contact Nelson City Council 03 546 0200.
- Right Branch Wairoa Hut has been **removed** and the tramping track in that valley is **no longer maintained**.
- Access to Saddle Hill, Zig Zag and Pukatea tracks in Mt Richmond Forest Park off Central Rd in Hira Forest are closed due to forestry operations.
- Park access roads - In Blenheim this info is displayed on Northbank Rd just off SH6. For all information on access roads into the park check the Plan and Prepare page for the park on the DOC web site [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) or at the DOC Regional Visitor Centre in Nelson 03 546 9339



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### Other useful track information:

- Molesworth Station** – the Acheron Road through Molesworth Station opens on 28 December until 9 April 2012. The road being open is subject to weather and road conditions. For up-to-date road information go to [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) or contact DOC South Marlborough Area office 03 572 9100.
- Hanmer to St Arnaud Road** via Rainbow Station opens on 26 December 2011 until 9 April 2012.
- In 2012 Ka Whata Tu o Rakihouia **Clarence** will be open to 4WDs for 5 consecutive weekends starting 6 January to Waitangi weekend 4-6 February. Weekends maybe cancelled, at short notice due to bad weather, and will be rescheduled in February. For more information go to [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) or contact DOC South Marlborough Area Office 03 572 9100. There is no hunting allowed on these 4WD weekends.
- Nelson Marlborough DOC track conditions** – DOC would value reports from trampers of any track damage they find, either by emailing [nelsonvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nelsonvc@doc.govt.nz) or phoning the Nelson Regional Visitor Centre 03 546 9339.
- Huts and shelters removed as agreed in the National Recreation Opportunity Review are** - in Kahurangi NP - Loveridge Hut, Haystack Hut, and Rolling Shelter. In Nelson Lakes NP; Upper Glenroy Hut and Prospect Shelter. In Abel Tasman NP - reclassification of Moa Park Hut to Moa Park Shelter, Tummil Hut moved to the top end of Lake Alexander NZ Topo50-BR27 grid reference E1655010-N5377848 and re-named Lake Alexander Hut. Right Branch Wairoa Hut (Mt Richmond Forest Park).

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