

Gunn's Bush Camp

About the Camp

Situated 50km south of Timaru and 10 minutes from Waimate, Gunn's Bush Camp, nestled in 140 hectares of beautiful New Zealand forest, is ideally suited for schools, outdoor experience groups, church groups, clubs and corporations for team building, and family groups who want a retreat-like exclusive location.

This is also a unique location for the celebrating of special occasions including weddings and birthdays and is set up as a self-catering experience providing basic sleeping accommodation in 'bunk rooms' with shared communal kitchen and hall facilities, and two bathroom blocks.

The camp has an abundance of grass fields for use in outdoor activities during your stay and the native bush and creek is easily accessed via the camp.

About us

We (Stephen and Lisa Dobson) live on site after relocating from Timaru in August 2019 and look forward to welcoming you to Gunn's Bush. Address: 36 Gunn's Bush Road, RD 8, Waimate. Location: If travelling south, turn right at Makikihi and follow the signs. If travelling north turn left at the Yellow Shed and follow the road to Waimate then turn right onto Queen Street, left onto Parsonage Road, past Waimate golf course following signs for Waimate Hunter Road/Gunn's Bush Camp.

Hall and Kitchen

The large hall can easily accommodate 100 people and has a large log burner surrounded by couches, and tables and chairs are available for use.

The kitchen is fully equipped with jugs, toasters, pots pans, cutlery, crockery etc.

Accommodation

There are two wings comprising of 12 rooms with 104 bunk beds (rooms have 6 , 8 or 13 beds per room. All bunk beds have a mattress. Pillows, linen, blankets, sleeping bags will need to be brought with you.

There is a limited supply of bedding packs available if you wish to hire these at \$10 per person.

We would be happy to provide a plan of the bunk rooms if you wish to allocate occupancy.

There is also 6 powered sites for those guests who wish to bring caravans/campervans – and an abundance of lawn for tenting.

Ablution Blocks

There are two ablution blocks, each with four toilets and showers along with urinals in one block. Please bring a supply of toilet paper for your stay.

Laundry

There is a washing machine available at \$2 per load.

Barbeque

A gas barbeque is available for your use. Please bring your own gas bottle and leave the barbeque clean for the next guests.

Disabled Person Access

The hall, kitchen, bathroom blocks and bunkrooms are accessible by wheelchair.

Gunn's Bush Outdoor Experience

Walks

Gunn's Bush Camp native bush

There is the Gunn's Stream and short tracks to explore within the camp.

Gunn's Bush DOC Track

Enjoy the diversity this region has to offer with a 1.5 hour loop DOC track (at the back of the camp) taking walkers up the valley where you will find lovely specimens of native bush, including very old Totara trees. Bellbirds, fantails, wax-eyes, woodpigeon and tui are easily spotted, and during early evening walks wallabies may be seen.

Mt Studholme Walkway

For those requiring a challenge Mt Studholme walkway starts/ends just a short walking distance from the camp, this full day trek rewards walkers with amazing 360 degree views at the top.

Games and activities

- There is a six hole disc golf course, discs and team score cards available
- A cricket set and other balls
- Lawn games – Jenga, Yardzee, Kubb
- Tug of war rope and a water slide

Some things you need to know

Rubbish

Please use the bins provided and remove all rubbish from the camp at the completion of your stay. The Waimate Recourse Recovery, on Racecourse Rd and will accept rubbish Mon – Fri 10.30am-4.30pm, Saturday 10.30am-4.30pm and Sunday 12.00pm-4.30pm (closed Public Holidays). Recyclable items are free to drop off. There are recycling stations nearby at Hunter and Makikihi. If you would like us to manage the disposal of your rubbish and recycling the fee is \$90.00.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in any of the camp buildings. Please use the buckets provided for butts.

Fires

Fires are currently by permit only, due to the camp being so close to forestry and native bush. Please let us know 14 days prior to your stay if you would like us to apply for a fire permit for the fire pit.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed with prior arrangement. Dogs must be kept under control and doggie waste picked up. Please don't bring your dog if it is likely to chase our precious wildlife.

Cleaning

Please ensure the camp is left in a suitable condition for the next guests – this includes:

- Kitchen – all dishes washed, dried and put away, rubbish removed, ovens and fridges left clean, benches cleared and floor swept and mopped.
- Hall – tables and chairs left how you found them, fire cleaned out and wood basket restocked, floor swept and mopped if needed.
- Bunk Rooms – dusted, swept and mattresses propped up.
- Bathrooms – toilets, showers and hand basins cleaned, floors swept and mopped.

A cleaning fee may be charged if the camp is not left clean and tidy and breakages outside of normal wear and tear or are deliberate damage, will be charged for.