

Attachment - WPQ-38556

Piopirotahi/Milford Sound

The Department of Conservation administers Piopirotahi/Milford Sound but most facilities at there are owned and operated by Milford Sound Tourism Ltd (MSTL).

DOC facilities at Piopirotahi/Milford Sound include:

- An amenity toilet block.
- Several short walks (the Milford Foreshore Walk and associated seats and picnic tables, Milford Sound Lookout Track and platform).
- The Deepwater Basin public boat ramp, and roading infrastructure for the staff village and Deepwater Basin.

Aoraki/Mount Cook

The Department of Conservation provides a range of visitor facilities and services at Aoraki/Mount Cook. DOC also undertakes all local body functions such as the provision of water, sewage, rubbish collections, roads and footpaths.

DOC facilities include:

- Aoraki/Mount Cook Visitor Centre.
- White Horse Hill Campground.
- Public toilets – located at the visitor centre and key track heads.
- 17 huts – a mix of tramping, alpine and heritage huts.
- 31 tracks from short, local walks within the village and lower Tasman areas, to longer day walks in the Tasman and Hooker valleys, overnight tracks with shelters, huts and toilets, and multi-day tramping tracks and marked routes with basic huts; plus associated infrastructure such as bridges, lookouts, shelters, and visitor interpretation.
- Roading, bridges and carparks at the village and major track entrances.
- Picnic areas near walking tracks and scenic spots.

Mautohe/Cathedral Cove

The Department of Conservation provides the following facilities at Mautohe Cathedral Cove:

- Grange Road shuttle drop off/pick up zone.
- Cathedral Cove track – 2.5 km return, descending to Cathedral Cove beach.
- Hahei Walk – Connects Hahei beach to the Cathedral Cove track; currently undergoing rerouting.
- Gemstone Bay track – access to snorkelling site within Te Whanganui-a-Hei Marine Reserve; currently being reinstated to support marine reserve education.
- Two toilet blocks – located at the Cathedral Cove track entrance and approximately 10–15 minutes from the beach.
- Interpretive signage – installed along tracks to provide geological, ecological, and cultural information.
- One viewing platform – positioned along the Cathedral Cove track for coastal and marine reserve views.
- Track infrastructure – Includes sealed and gravel paths, wooden steps, and boardwalks to manage erosion. Seating at various points on the track.

Tongariro Alpine Crossing

The Department of Conservation provides the following facilities on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing:

- A 20.2km track traversing volcanic terrain between Mangatepopo and Ketetahi road ends, including gravel paths, boardwalks, and stair sections, with alpine exposure and steep gradients.
- 28 toilets located at nine key points along the track, including road ends, major rest stops and high-use areas such as Soda Springs, South Crater and Blue Lake. Six of these toilets are seasonal, installed during the peak walking season.
- Mangatepopo track entrance -
 - Pou Whenua (Te Ririo) – gifted by Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro.
 - Te Pūrenga (cleansing water basin) – located at the start of the track.
 - carpark, covered rest and information shelter at the track entrance, and new stairway.
- Ketetahi track end –
 - Pou Whenua (Hinetapeka) – gifted by Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro.
 - Shelter, seating.
- Mangatepopo Hut – part of the Tongariro Northern Circuit Great Walk but is available for overnight use for TAC.