

# DEEP COVE OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRUST



## INFORMATION BOOK

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## General Information

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Deep Cove Hostel is situated at the head of Doubtful Sound in the Fiordland National Park, some three hours travel by launch and bus from Manapouri.

#### ADMINISTRATION:

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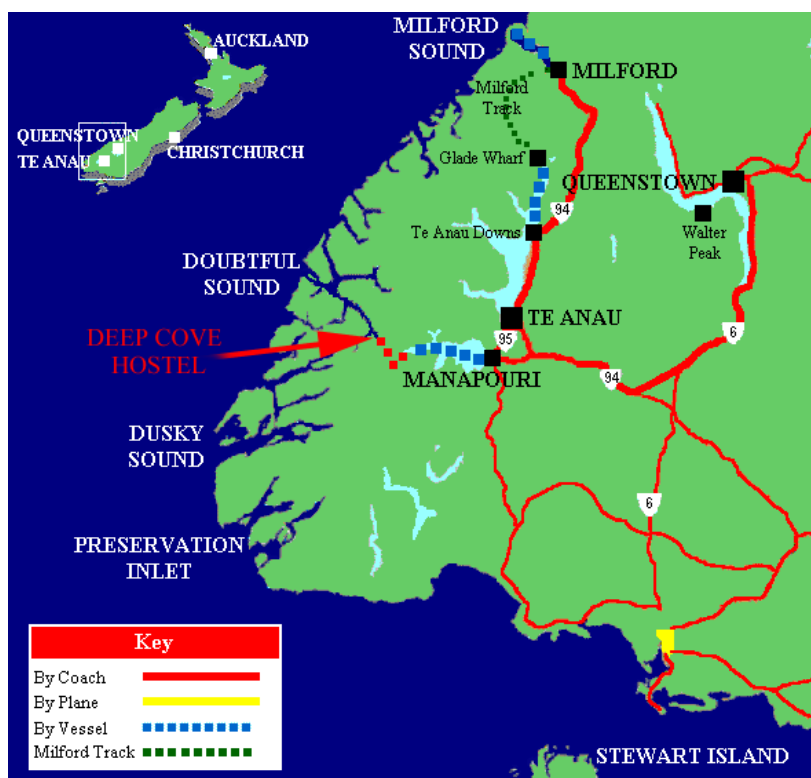
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## **CHAIRPERSON**

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## **HOSTEL MANAGER**

Phone (03) 928-5262 ***(Note: For business and operational calls only not for parent/student contact.)***

Satellite **Emergency** Phone 00870-7767-51930

E-Mail: [manager@deepcovehostel.co.nz](mailto:manager@deepcovehostel.co.nz)

## **ACCOMMODATION:**

Sleeping accommodation consists of rooms of two to four bunks with a total of 49 bed spaces in the hostel.

The hostel flat which is self contained and fully equipped is also available for school parties at rates for non-school groups. This unit sleeps six.

The hostel contains a fully equipped kitchen. Dining room, toilets and showers along with a large dining-lecture room, drying room medical room, storage space and a teacher's resource and equipment room.

A second accommodation block containing:

20 beds (Two per room)

Common room and adjoining kitchen

2 Shower/toilet blocks

Is available. – See Website for details.

**HOSTEL FACILITIES:**

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| a | Kitchen     | Fully equipped   |
| b | Cooking     | Large diesel burning stove and electric oven                                   |
| c | Dining      | Tables and chairs  |
| d | Showers     | Two male and two female student shower units plus adult showers and ablutions. |
| e | Ablutions   | Hot and cold water with adequate basins  |
| f | Toilets     | One unit in each of the male and female quarters plus adult toilets            |
| g | Electricity | Hydro generator supplied power. Diesel Standby.                                |
| h | Personnel   | A hostel manager is in residence at Deep Cove.                                 |
| i | Bedding     | Mattresses and pillows provided – Pillowslips are available if required.       |

**LAUNCH AND BUS BOOKINGS:**

These are made through Real Journeys, Manapouri 0800 – 656-502. Please contact Real Journeys for costs.

The buses are 44 seaters and Real Journeys are unable to exceed this number. Sometimes with prior discussion extra passengers can be accommodated on alternative transport. Schools are encouraged to book on the

**Doubtful Sounds Scenic Launch Trip.** As well as being a great adventure, giving opportunity to view the spectacular scenery and land forms there is a significant return to the Deep Cove Outdoor Education Trust as we collect the \$8.50 per pupil charge to go towards hostel improvements. We are grateful to Real Journeys for this arrangement. Adult costs are covered in the \$350 launch hire cost paid to Real Journeys. (See schedule of charges) most trips meet up with the dolphins, seal and penguins.



### **ATTRACTIONS:**

Set in the heart of the Fiordland National Park, Deep Cove offers a wide variety of experiences such as:

- Launch Travel across Lake Manapouri
- Crossing of the Wilmot Pass.
- Tramping and Bush Walks
- Botanical, historical and earth science studies
- Experience of living in a National Park
- An opportunity to visit the West Arm Underground power station.
- Doubtful Sound Launch trip
- Fishing and boating from the hostel dinghies.



### **TRACKS**

Brasell Point is a self teaching nature walk. Free booklets are available at the hostel. Other tracks vary in difficulty and must not be attempted without someone familiar with the area in the party. The track from the Hanging Valley to the ridge is restricted to small competent groups and must only be attempted with prior discussion with the hostel manager and never in snow or adverse conditions. A track map with approximate times is available at the hostel.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- a Internet access via a WiFi connection is now available at the Deep Cove Hostel. Due to the considerable cost of providing this service via a satellite connection a charge is made for this service. Using this service however means that schools and hostel users can communicate when they wish and does not require a person to be at the school to maintain a listening watch.
- b The Deep Cove Outdoor Education Trust require each school to maintain contact with their school on a daily basis.
- c Satellite phone: - Available for emergency calls - \$10-00 per minute.  
Phone number **0087-077-675-1930**  
  
Phone 03) 928-6262 - Please note this is for business or emergency calls not for parents/student contact calls.
- d NB:.. **Mobile phones do not work at Deep Cove.**

## ALCOHOL POLICY

The Trust policy on alcohol consumption is set out in appendix 1 at the end of the document. Teachers and Boards of Trustees should be aware of its contents. i.e **NO ALCOHOL.**

## **HOSTEL SHOP**

Deep Cove stickers, hats, badges, pens and drink bottles are all available from the hostel shop. Please check this web site for the current price list.

[www.deepcovehostel.co.nz](http://www.deepcovehostel.co.nz)

**Note – No foods are available from the hostel shop**

## **HOSTEL CERTIFICATE:**

It is a requirement of the Deep Cove Outdoor Education Trust that in school parties one person (Usually the teacher in charge) has a Deep Cove Familiarisation Certificate.

Certificate numbers must be supplied when school bookings are made.

Arrangements can be made with the Hostel Manager to sign off a check list indicating that teachers have walked the tracks, received instruction in the use of the boats, standby generator and other safety equipment at the hostel, while you are there.

Before a certificate is issued you would need to attend an evening course of instruction. These are arranged from time to time as the need arises.

## **RULES**

Rules pertaining to living in a National Park apply along with those set by the Deep Cove Outdoor Education Trust. A 3 R's book of instructions is available.

## **WET WEATHER**

Some parkas in various sizes are available at the hostel. These are for use in situations where it is difficult for a child or parent to obtain waterproof parkas.

## WORKSHEETS

Worksheets for the Manapouri launch trip are available from the convenor of the Deep Cove Outdoor Education Trust. Brasell Point sheets are available from the hostel.



## FISHING

Quite a large area of Doubtful Sound is now a Marine Reserve but fishing is still permitted in Deep Cove within the boundaries of the Recommended Fishing area. (The hostel manager will make groups aware of these boundaries)

If schools are going to fish during their stay they must bring in their own fishing gear.

- Trout or boat rods are ideal for students to use from the designated wharf where students will mainly catch “spotties”. For best results use Size 16 Mustard Sea hooks which are available from most sports shops.
- For fishing from the dinghies use slightly larger hooks, but in any case it is wise to use barbless hooks for all fishing activities. Prior to use the barbs of hooks can be crimped back using a pair of pliers or similar.
- Parents may bring in a set line to catch species such as Groper, Ling and sharks etc.



## **BUSH SKILLS COURSE**

Near the hostel is a bush skills course, designed to allow people to experience some of the bridges and obstacles they may encounter in the Fiordland area.

This course is not for “**time trials**” and the two and three wire crossings have a limit of one person at a time.

## **RUBBISH**

In line with the rest of the Department of Conservation estate, rubbish both biodegradable and non-biodegradable is to be brought out the area. Rubbish bags are provided.

## **EQUIPMENT ISSUE TO SCHOOLS**

The following items are provided by the Deep Cove Outdoor Education Trust at no cost, subject to fair wear and tear.

On a per pupil basis:

- Lifejackets
- Survival Kits
- Day packs
- Brasell Point booklet.

On a per class basis:

- Parkas (Limited range)
- Leaders packs
- Educational Resources

Resource material at Deep Cove which is also available for schools:

Data projector

Intranet

Interactive Whiteboard (For educational use only)

TV and DVD player (No access to broadcast television).

## **CLEANING MATERIALS**

As the new sewage systems bacterial process can be inactivated by the chemicals in many cleaning products, specific cleaning materials are now being provided at the hostel. There is a charge for this material.

Camps up to 34 persons:       \$25.00 per camp

Camps 35 and more persons:   \$35.00 per camp

Plastic rubbish bags and toilet paper are also provided.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

### **Individual**

Sleeping Bag

Pillow case

Toilet gear

Cothing (Indoor and outdoor)

Waterproof parka or similar

Change of footwear, slippers or similar.

Normal Camp gear

Torch.



**Groups:**

First aid kits

Food

Fishing gear. (See note under fishing)

**POWER STATION TOUR**

The underground power station is visited either on the way to Deep Cove or as part of the return trip. Schools are met at the Visitors Centre at West Arm and conducted on the power station tour by a qualified instructor. The scope and length of this tour must be discussed with Real Journeys when launch bookings are made.

**HOSTEL MANAGER**

All school camp leaders are asked to report to the Manager immediately on arrival at Deep Cove so that the important rules and regulations can be explained to everyone in the school party.

**SCHOOL GROUP CHARGES:**

For current pricing - see our website

## **ALCOHOL POLICY**

### **The alcohol policy:**

Policy on consumption of alcohol by adults attending a school children's camp while staying at the Deep Cove Hostel.

### **Rationale:**

The policy is based on the Trust's philosophy "To provide a safe environment away from home where children are treated with dignity and respect and can interact with the adults in a family type situation"

### **Purpose:**

To ensure that safety and welfare of the children is paramount at all times.

### **Guidelines:**

1. The consumption of alcohol by adults attending school camps at Deep Cove is not permitted.

2 School Boards of Trustees and the Principals are to ensure that parents and teachers are fully aware of this policy and will endeavour to support it.

3 The Boards of Trustees are responsible for the welfare and safety of their students who attend Deep Cove. The Hostel Manager is responsible for the buildings and plant.

4 It is not the responsibility of the Hostel Manager to enforce this policy.

5 The Deep Cove hostel is basically a camp for school children and there is always a real concern for their welfare and safety and we as adults must be aware of our responsibilities to them at all times.

6 Problems and or concerns reported to the Trust by people associated with school camps at Deep Cove will be referred to the Boards of Trustees of the school concerned.



**MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY WILL NEED TO BRING:**

On tramps away from the hostel members of your group will each need the following items:

A **DAY PACK** containing: : (**Day packs are available at the hostel**)

A **PLASTIC BAG**: (suitable for use as a pack liner or plastic bags to contain items which need to be kept dry.)

A **PARKA**: parka – (Quilted nylon jackets, and light shower proof jackets are not suitable for use in Fiordlands rain – A number of suitable parka's are available at the hostel.)

**POLYPROPYLENE** or woollen shirt

**SHORTS**: Shorts – (Blue jeans provide little warmth when wet and both jeans and track pants become heavy, and create extra drag on the legs resulting in undue fatigue.) Polypropylene long johns can be worn under shorts if desired.

TRACK PANTS pants or over trousers should preferably be carried in the pack to be put on should a party have to stop for any length of time.

SPARE JERSEY OR TOP TOP –Preferably woollen or polypropylene type material. It is ESSENTIAL that each members has a top layer in addition to the clothing that they are wearing in their packs to provide additional warmth should the party have to stop for a meal break or in an emergency.

WARM HAT AND GLOVES . – A spare pair of socks can be used as gloves if need be. 90% of body heat is lost through the top of the head and cold feet and hands add to a feeling of generally being cold.

URVIVAL KIT Kit – These are supplied at the hostel.

DRINK BOTTLE : - Many students may feel more comfortable carrying a water supply on walking trips and a drink bottle is an ideal container for this purpose.

FOOTWEAR : Boots obviously provide the best protection and support for ankles and feet. However, most students manage the walks at Deep Cove in good firm sneakers. It should be remembered that activities will be carried out in wet bush and often muddy situations with the associated wear and tear that this can have on footwear.

GUMBOOTS: G (Slip on type) while suitable for boating activities are not satisfactory for walking on tracks and must not be used as a replacement for boots or sneakers for that purpose.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP: are able to protect themselves from the weather and in particular the wind. If it becomes necessary to wear wet weather gear, even in dry conditions, people will get wet either from the rain or from sweat. Without having additional clothing to put on for warmth and a parka to keep out the wind which can chill a body in minutes, people can quickly get into trouble. This is particularly evident where a group has to stop for any reason.**

### **EVACUATION FROM DEEP COVE – EMERGENCIES.**

**While the head teacher normally has overall responsibility for the the management of a group, in the event of an accident or other emergency, including disciplinary matters requiring the removal of a student from Deep Cove, the Hostel Manager will be responsible for controlling the situation, contact with emergency services and if need be the evacuation of patients or other persons from Deep Cove.**

PRICES: - Every effort is made to keep quoted prices as current as possible.

However costs beyond our control often change, accordingly prices quoted on the website are subject to confirmation.

### **DOUBTFUL SOUND CRUISE:**

This event is often the highlight of the camp particularly if dolphins are sighted. It is highly recommended that school groups take advantage of this arrangement.

However unless Real Journeys state otherwise please try to organise this event so that it does not take place on the last day of the camp. Doing so puts too much pressure on a school and does not leave time for a proper clean up of the hostel. The failure to clean the hostel properly could result in your departure from Deep Cove being delayed.

The consequences of such a delay has a flow on effect and impacts negatively on everyone involved in getting you home.



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