

REX SIMPSON HUT INFORMATION

Rex Simpson Hut is available to the public subject to a booking system. A **maximum of 6 participants** can book the hut at any given time. The hut has full kitchen facilities (including pots, cutlery, crockery) and has gas cookers, a wood-burning stove and electric light (solar). Gas and firewood are provided. All you need to bring is your own sleeping bag, pillowcase, tea towel, toilet paper and your own food. Please bring a cell phone. Telecom and Vodaphone work well on the entire access line and anywhere in the ranges where there is a clear view of Mount John near Lake Tekapo and Mount Mary.

Hut is situated on DOC land just outside the Mount Gerald pastoral lease. Exact location: NZ E2319364 N5712702. Access to the hut is through Richmond Station, to the south of the Mount Gerald boundary fence. When crossing the Coal River bridge, turn right after 50 metres at the DOC sign. Leave the gate as you find it. The car park is 800 metres up this track. Please follow the orange warratahs after crossing the little side stream. This is the official access across Richmond Station. Please refer to map for details - available from us when you collect keys.

Parties need to be completely self-sufficient, they need to bring their own ski-touring equipment, avalanche transceivers, shovel etc. Alpine Recreation's ski touring equipment is only available to its guided parties. Please be aware that you may be sharing the hut with guided groups. Guides' primary responsibilities are with their clients and while they may be happy to give the occasional tip, please respect that this is their workplace and they are not there to provide free advice. **If you are uncertain of where to go or how to travel safely through avalanche terrain, then we recommend booking a guided trip or course with us to learn the necessary skills to become self-sufficient.**

HUT FEES

Hut fees cover annual maintenance costs, DOC lease, gas and firewood and are scaled in order to be equitable to the users (charges per person):

- Supporters of Rex Simpson Hut: NO charge
- General Public: \$55 per night
- Students: \$30 per night
- Children under 14: \$20 per night
- School Groups and local residents (Lake Tekapo): By negotiation
- Members of New Zealand Alpine Club, Canterbury Mountaineering Club, Back Country SkiersAlliance: \$45 per night
- Clients and guides of guided parties: \$65 per night plus concession fee.

For winter use (June to October) a minimum charge of \$120 per night applies. Visitors need to collect a key from Alpine Recreation at 30 Murray Place, Lake Tekapo and need to carry a cell phone.

BOOKING, PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY

1. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required to confirm a booking. Please provide your group details and deposit payment (by direct credit or credit card) to secure the booking, by using the following form:
http://www.alpinerecreation.com/bookingform_rsh.html
2. Full payment of hut fees is required to be settled when the key is collected (or can be paid in full at time of booking).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF REX SIMPSON HUT

- **Hut shoes:** Please remove boots before entering the hut and use the hut shoes (cros), which are stored in cube boxes to the left of the door as you enter.
- **Light:** Turn time switch in kitchen area. (The regulator incorporates a LVD - Low Voltage Disconnect) feature. Whenever the battery charge state falls below the LVD set point of 11.5 volts, the load will be disconnected and the red LED will light. This indicates that the controller has disconnected the load to protect the battery from further discharge and possible damage through harmful deep discharge of the battery. When the battery recovers to approx. 40-50% of its rated capacity, 12.6 volts, the red LED will turn off and the load will automatically be reconnected. **Avoid having all lights on at once or you will quickly deplete power source.**
- **Gas:** Turn each gas bottle off at night and when leaving hut. Spare gas bottles are underneath hut. Empty gas bottles to go under hut. Only use gas elements for cooking, not for heating.
- **Firewood:** It is neither cheap nor easy to get the firewood to Rex Simpson Hut, so please use the firewood sparingly. Please fill wood box inside before leaving. Sacks of firewood and pinecones are under hut. Access is from northwestern corner of hut.
- **Water:** Look east from the hut balcony, uphill, in the direction of the small saddle above the hut that leads into Camp Stream. You should be able to see two warratahs marking the spot to take the water from. The water is piped here, so you can get sediment-free water. In winter when you leave the hut, please refill the buckets and leave them up on the kitchen bench, so they'll get the sun and be liquid rather than frozen when the next group comes. You may wish to use the yellow toboggan (stored under the bunks) with two people to make it easier to fetch the water. Water buckets normally reside on the floor behind the potbelly stove. Please use the small saucepan hanging on the wall as a water dipper and **don't** use it on the stove.
- **Grey water:** Use sieve to separate food parts and take out as compost. All grey water to go into toilet. Before closing up hut, clean the sieve, scrub the bucket with black brush (located in basket of cleaning materials in toilet hut) and please put bucket upside down to dry out completely.
- **Pot Belly Stove:** For lighting fire use paper and pine cones. More under the hut. Use firewood sparingly, as it is not easy or cheap to supply the hut. During summer and high fire danger do not light fire. Do not use fire for waste disposal nor burn large amounts of cardboard as it blocks the chimney. Use metal bucket to empty ashes and put COLD ashes into toilet.
- **Fire:** There are only two designated candleholders, one in the kitchen area and one in the back bunkroom. Strictly no candles anywhere else.
- **Smoking:** Rex Simpson Hut is a smoke-free area. During summer be aware of extreme fire risk.
- **Bunks:** Please do not have any food or drink on the bunks. We try to keep them clean for everybody after you. If you're eating or drinking, sit at the table.
- **Dishes:** Please use red and purple washing-up bowls for dishes only (on shelf above gas bottle at lefthand end of bench). Pre-wash with very hot water and detergent and rinse with very hot water in second bowl. When you leave, put dishes away in cupboard - don't leave on drying rack on bench.
- **Body wash:** Please use brown bowl only for body wash.

- **Toilet:** Only toilet waste, ashes and grey water into toilet. No pissing around hut. Please make sure toilet door is locked properly before leaving.
- **Rubbish:** All rubbish is to be carried out, including all food waste. No food waste into toilet! It attracts vermin. COLD ashes from fireplace can go into toilet.
- **Food:** Please bring your own food. Food in the hut belongs to Alpine Recreation. Please do not use it. Take all your own perishable food out again. We do not appreciate a collection of half empty jars of food left behind.
- **Hut book:** Please sign hut book.
- **Floor:** Please sweep and mop floor at the end of your stay. Use squeeze mop and fresh water, squeeze out in grey water bucket, and then clean this bucket.
- **Library:** Please treat with respect.
- **Map:** Please leave in hut.
- **Keys:** Always lock hut when leaving, even on short day trips. Test and make sure the doors are shut properly. Please leave right hand door unlocked. It has to stay open as it serves as the emergency shelter. Do not lose keys, there are no hidden keys. Please return keys to Alpine Recreation when coming through Lake Tekapo. If nobody is in the office, please leave the key in coal bin behind our office building.
- **Damage:** Please report any damage or better, try to fix it yourself. No food scraps around hut, please.

Checklist for when leaving the hut:

1. Sign hut book.
2. Lift all mattresses for airing and put any ARC sleeping bags and pillows back in the end bunk room.
3. Sweep floor with broom and mop with squeeze mop. Use grey water bucket and clean it afterwards using the brush labelled for that purpose. Leave lid off and turn upside down to dry.
4. Check all windows are shut.
5. Shut damper on oven flue.
6. Ensure gas is turned off at each bottle.
7. Fill water buckets. In winter place water buckets on kitchen bench to catch the sun and stop water from freezing.
8. Re-fill wood box inside hut.
9. Clean toilet seat. There are rubber gloves and a cloth in the toilet. Use the grey water bucket after cleaning it first.
10. Shut doors FIRMLY and test that they are shut properly. Door to main room and bunkroom are to be locked. Emergency room (right hand door) stays unlocked. **In winter leave door to firewood under hut unlocked.**
11. Report any damage to Alpine Recreation.
12. Return keys to Alpine Recreation in Tekapo.