



Pinnacles Hut Photo: G. Iles

There are a number of huts scattered throughout the park. Their location is marked on the map. The Mt Somers Track links Pinnacles Hut (19 bunks) and Woolshed Creek Hut (26 bunks). Both require hut tickets obtainable from DOC offices or from the Mt Somers or Staveley stores. A brochure is available. There are a number of other huts and bivouacs in many of the river valleys throughout the park. Some are managed

Huts and bivouacs

department and others. In the various brochures and fact sheets published by the information on activities available is displayed on signs and history appreciation, fossicking, horse riding and fishing.

Activities

The park offers a range of recreational opportunities including swimming, boating, tramping, climbing, skiing, hunting, mountain biking, picnicking, camping, natural history appreciation, fossicking, horse riding and fishing. Information on activities available is displayed on signs and in the various brochures and fact sheets published by the department and others.

Access

Throughout the park there are a number of public access points. Hakatere Conservation Park extends over some 50,000 hectares and will expand further in the future as new areas are added through land tenure changes.

Hakatere Conservation Park



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Swin River and Taylor Range Photo: G. Iles



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by DOC and others by different clubs. All are available for public use. The huts/bivouacs shown on the map are all accessed via unmarked routes following riverbeds, apart from the upper Rakatia huts that have a high-level route (Glentalloch Route) marked by poles. This route can be used when weather conditions and high river flows make riverbed travel impossible. Private land may need to be crossed to access the huts in the upper Rakatia. Permission should be obtained from Phillip Todhunter (Upper Lake Heron Station). In the Lawrence and Clyde (Erewhon Station) permission should be obtained from Colin Drummond.

Take care visiting natural areas

Natural hazards in the park include weather effects, hypothermia risk, avalanches, rock falls and river crossing.

- Weather in this area can change dramatically. If you are planning outdoor activities you must be prepared for any changes. Information on appropriate equipment and behaviour in the outdoors is available from search and rescue organisations and tramping and mountaineering clubs.
- Operating cookers or lights within confined spaces is another potential risk. If using these appliances ensure you provide adequate ventilation.
- Cell phone coverage is very limited within much of the park. The use of satellite phones, mountain radios or personal locator beacons can all provide increased personal safety.

Further information

A range of useful information on the area is available from the information centres at Methven and Ashburton and from Mt Somers and Staveley stores.

DOC information

If you need any additional information or wish to report any incidents, issues or sightings of conservation interest, contact the Raukapuka Area Office in North Terrace, Geraldine, phone 03 693 1010 or fax 03 693 1019.

Dial 111 for fire emergency.

www.doc.govt.nz

Skiing and ski-touring

A commercial skitfield at Mt Hutt offers a full range of skiing options. Backcountry heli-skiing is available in the higher country. For further skiing information contact a ski company.

The park provides opportunities to hunt that, chamois, deer and the occasional pig. All hunters must have a permit from the Department of Conservation. These are available from all DOC offices.

Big-game hunting

The lakes, rivers and streams of the park all support an exotic sports fishery. The park also provides game-bird hunting. Both are regulated and managed by Fish and Game New Zealand. The local Fish and Game office is situated at Richard Pearce Drive, Temuka, 03 615 8400, but for any matter relating to the Rakatia catchment, contact Fish and Game North Canterbury, 3 Horatio Street, Christchurch, 03 366 9191.

Sports fishing and game-bird hunting

contact the Ashburton District Council, Baring Square, Ashburton, 03 307 7700.

Recreation Reserve, For queries about Lake Camp

Christchurch, 03 365 3828.

EcCan, Kilmore Street, contact the Harbour Master,

relating to water regulations

permitted. For any matters

lakes no powered craft are

District Council. On all other

managed by the Ashburton

Camp, a recreation reserve

craft are permitted on Lake

Canterbury (EcCan). Powered

regulated by Environment

All boating on lakes is

Boating



Climbing

The Taylor Range above the Swin River and the headwaters of the Cameron River are both noted training grounds for budding alpinists. More technically challenging climbing is available in the higher peaks.



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Threats to natural values

- Wildfires – any wildfire should be reported by dialling 111
- Damage to the environment through inappropriate off-road vehicle use
- Wildlife harassment – particularly relevant in the Lake Heron Nature Reserve, Maori Lakes Nature Reserve and the Lake Clearwater Wildlife Refuge

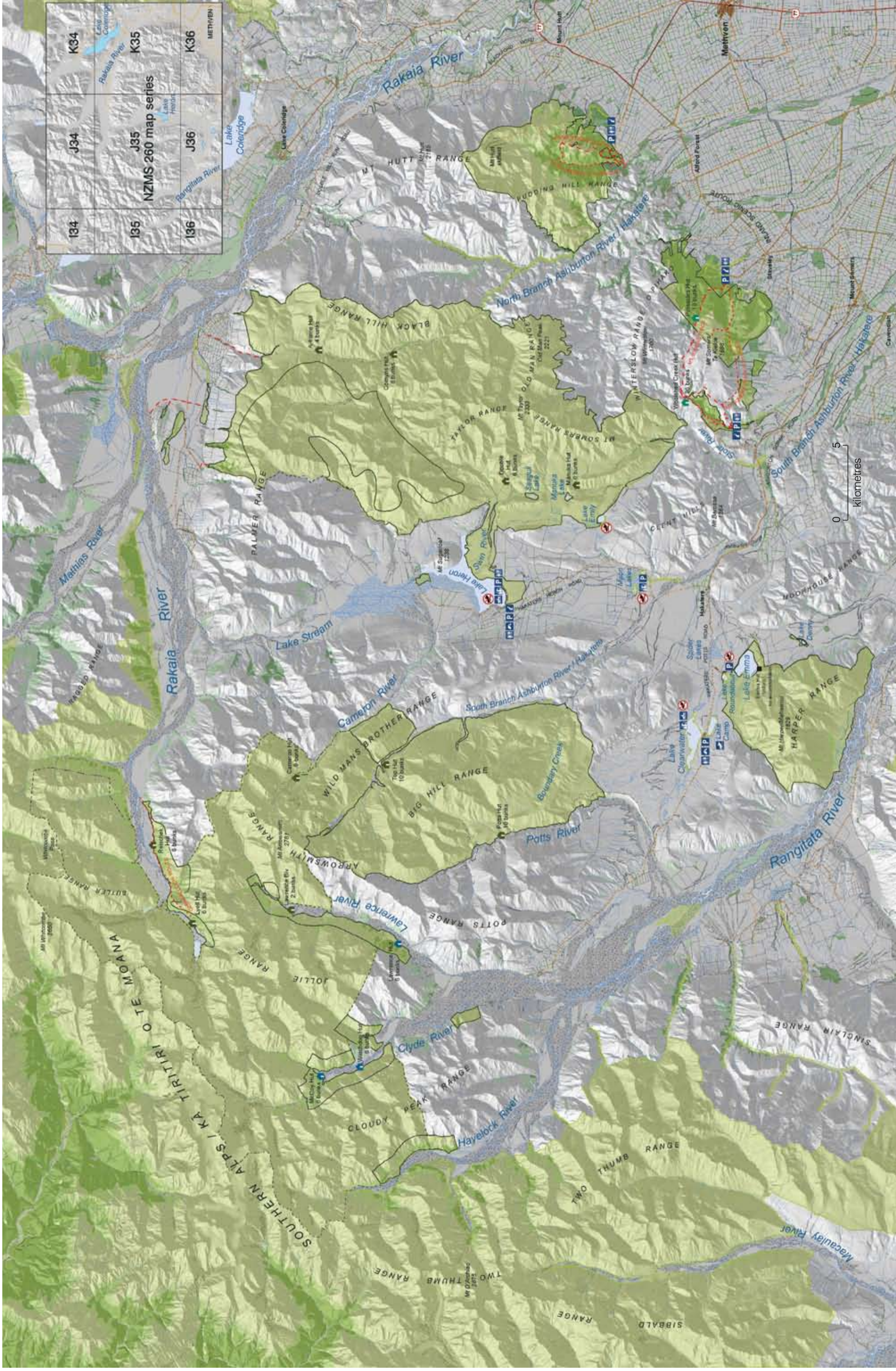
Didymo

To reduce the spread of the aquatic pest didymo, it is vital to clean all gear that has had contact with water including boats, vehicles, gear and personal clothing. Signs advising didymo decontamination actions can be found at boat launching points. **Check. Clean. Dry.** Further information is available from www.biosecurity.govt.nz



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- Hakatere Conservation Park
- Proposed park additions
- Conservation land
- Track
- Route

- Parking area
- Information
- Camping area
- Toilets

- Wildlife Refuge
- Row boating
- Power boating
- No power boating

- Standard hut—bunks or sleeping platforms with mattresses. Heating, water supply, toilet and hand-washing facilities. 2 hut tickets per adult per night
- Basic hut—basic shelter with limited facilities and services. Free

- Serviced hut—bunks or sleeping platforms with mattresses. Heating, water supply, toilet and hand-washing facilities. 2 hut tickets per adult per night
- Standard hut—bunks or sleeping platforms with mattresses. Toilet and water supply, 1 hut ticket per adult per night
- Basic hut—basic shelter with limited facilities and services. Free

DOC HOTline
0800 362 468
 Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies
 For fire and search and rescue call 111



- Protect plants and animals
Remove rubbish
Bury toilet waste

- Keep streams and lakes clean
Take care with fires
Camp carefully

- Keep to the track
Consider others
Respect our cultural heritage

- Enjoy your visit
Toitu to whenua
(Leave the land undisturbed)