



# Auckland Tramping Club (Inc)

## Memorial Hut

### Information for New Visitors

As a first time user, there are a few things you need to know to make your stay a pleasant and memorable one.

You can reach “**Memorial Hut**” along an access track off the lower western side of the “**Top o’ the Bruce**” loop access road. Proceed some 50m beyond Tokoroa Hut (located on your left) climbing up the 10m rise and circling to the left where the ATC path diverges to the right (the track is marked at the junction with a pole and an ATC sign, but this may be obscured by snow). Follow this track a further 150m west to Memorial Hut. You should get there during daylight if possible as the track can sometimes be difficult to find at night.

Memorial Hut sleeps 29 people in 6 x 4 bunkrooms and 1 x 5 bunkroom. Separate men’s and women’s bathrooms are provided. A drying room just off the wet area provides ample facility for drying of wet clothing and footwear.

The lodge is fully catered, but all cooking and duties are communal, so you will be allocated a duty during your stay. All guests are responsible for cleaning their own bunkroom and assisting with the safe running of the lodge.

- **When leaving the lodge for the day, please remember to write your names and intentions for the day on the notice board located near the lodge exit.**

You will find the lifts and ticket office about 10 minutes easy walk from the Hut. Ski and Snowboard hire is situated at the “Top o’ the Bruce”. During good snow it is possible to ski or snowboard back to the lodge from the ski fields – the best way is down between the other lodges.

**Memorial Hut Phone: (07) 892 3800**

#### **Bunkrooms:**

- Bunks are not allocated, so be early if you require a room for a larger group.
- Bring a pillowcase and preferably a sleeping bag. Using a backpack will be much easier than carrying bags.
- When leaving the lodge, please stand mattresses up to air, and vacuum and clean your room. Do not leave it untidy for the next guest.
- **Please do not dry clothing on the heaters in the bunkrooms, as this constitutes an extreme fire risk.**

#### **Motoring Tips:**

- Be sure your cooling system contains at least 50% anti-freeze. Refer to the owners’ manual for your vehicle for the correct ratios for sub-zero temperatures.
- Always carry chains. Make sure they suit your vehicle and you are well practiced with fitting them before you go to the mountain. There is a hire/fitting service available during daylight hours, and usually on Friday nights. Even if the road is open when you get to the mountain, it is recommended that you still hire chains as conditions can change in an instant and you may otherwise be stranded.
- Ensure your fuel is topped up in case roads are closed and you need to turn back. Depending on which direction you are travelling from, Turangi and Taumarunui have 24 hour service stations.
- When travelling to the mountain, be very aware of road conditions. **Beware of black ice!** Travelling from Taumarunui, roads are prone to black ice, particularly in the mornings and in shaded sections. All roads around the central plateau should be treated with utmost caution at all times.
- There is limited overnight parking at Whakapapa, and you may need to unload gear and passengers near the track and then park further down the road. Remember that day parks close at 5pm and remaining vehicles will be towed away. Gates are chained at night.

#### **Parking Precautions:**

- Park in gear with the handbrake *off*. Leaving the handbrake off will stop brake pads sticking to the metal brake drum. Placing a wedge or block of wood in front of your wheels is also recommended.
- Flip your wipers away from the glass to avoid sticking and damaging the blades, or burning out your wiper motor.
- Take care de-icing your windscreen and windows. Use luke warm water (not hot) if you can, or a can or two of de-icing spray (obtainable from some service centres). A domestic freezer scraper is a good thing to keep in your pack (not locked in the car). Take care that door locks are not frozen when unlocking your vehicle.
- If your engine starts but stops or runs rough, stop and check the exhaust pipe is not plugged with snow. Make sure any aerials are down to avoid being damaged by snow or wind.
- **Caution.** If parked in the overnight areas beside the road, avoid parking too close to the roadway where you run the risk of being covered in snow and subsequently damaged by road clearing machines.



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- Heaters in the bunkrooms, bathrooms, wet area and lounge should be used conservatively and always turned off when rooms are not occupied.
  - **All heaters, including the drying room, must be off when the lodge is not occupied.**
  - **Check heaters in the lounge, bathrooms, and wet area are off before retiring for the night.**
- Ensure the drying room heater is only used as needed. Check drying items regularly.
- Conserve water where possible. Don't leave taps running, limit showers, etc.
- Please use the hand hygiene facilities provided.

#### What to Bring to the Lodge:

- Torch
- Pillowslip.
- Sleeping bag or duvet and sheets. It is best to bring a sleeping bag.
- Toiletries and towel.
- Light clothing and footwear for wearing inside.
- For outside, wear many thin insulating layers with windproof and waterproof outer layers.
- A pair of sturdy boots (not ski boots) suitable for wearing in snow.
- Hats, gloves, sunglasses or goggles and sunscreen.
- Ski or snowboard gear (or hire at the 'Top o the Bruce').
- BYO snacks and refreshments for out on the mountain or to go with dinner.
- CDs, iPods etc, or a good book. We have no radio or TV but we do have table tennis and games.

#### Transport of Food for 'Catered' Stay:

- Club volunteers stock the hut with meat, non-perishable food, and general hut consumables at least twice a year. Perishable foods, however, need to be taken to the hut by the occupants on a weekly basis. This includes vegetables, milk, bread, etc.
- The Memorial Hut Catering Officer will make contact some days prior to your departure to the mountain to organise transport of this food. It is expected that each party will take some food to the hut. Where it is inconvenient to collect the food from the Catering Officer prior to departure it may be necessary to purchase food, as directed by the Catering Officer, and claim a refund for expenses (receipts are required).

#### Cancellation Policy:

- Notify the booking officer no later than 48 hours before trip departure. A full refund will automatically follow.
- Applications for refunds for later cancellations must be made in writing to the committee within 7 days. They will only be given in certain circumstances at the discretion of the committee.
- Once the period of hut occupancy has started, there will be no refunds made for early departure, unless the hut has had to be evacuated.

#### Contact Details:

Memorial Hut Phone: (07) 892 3800

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