

Hopewell Lodge Information
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Highly Recommended by Lonely Planet/Footprint/Rough Guide/Trip Advisor

Getting here:

With your car or rental car.

Hopewell is at the end of the Kenepuru Road. The Kenepuru Road winds around the coastline of the Kenepuru Sound and is a very scenic drive with breathtaking views of our wonderful natural environment.

Directions

The Queen Charlotte Drive is the scenic route which runs between Havelock and Picton. You need to take this road from either end to get to Linkwater. Here you turn into the Kenepuru Rd and Hopewell is at the end of this road. The drive from Havelock is not as winding as the drive from Picton; it is faster to go via Havelock if you are driving from Kaikoura.

It is **not** necessary to have a 4WD vehicle; the road is in very good condition with only 19kms of unsealed road.

From	Distance	Time approx.
Portage	35km	1 hour 15 mins
Te Mahia	45km	1 hour 30 mins
Linkwater	72km	2 hours
Picton	100km	2 hours 30 mins
Havelock	85km	2 hours 15 mins
Blenheim (via Havelock)	120km	3 hours
Nelson	175km	3 hours 30 mins
Golden Bay	300km	5 hours 15 mins
Kaikoura (via Havelock)	245kms	4 hours 30 mins
Christchurch	400kms	6 hours 30 mins
Westport (via Renwick)	400kms	6 hours 30 mins

We are happy to help you to find the best way to get to Hopewell.

By Water Taxi From Te Mahia

Te Mahia is only one hour's drive from Picton or Havelock. If you have a car but don't want to drive all the way, this is the best option. You can take the water taxi from Te Mahia and it saves you driving another 1 ½ hours to Hopewell. The car park at Te Mahia is safe to leave your car and there is no parking charge. The trip across the sound takes 15 minutes. Contact Ann & Pete Ph: (03) 5734344 or info@kenepuru.co.nz to make your booking. It is best to do this in advance. The charge is \$30 per adult each way with a minimum of two passengers.

By Water Taxi From Havelock

Havelock is only a 35 minute drive from Picton or a 60 minute drive from Nelson. This boat trip takes around 35 minutes through the Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds. This option is great for travellers relying on public transport as all the main bus companies stop in Havelock. We will be running a service once daily which will cost \$40 per adult each way, with a minimum of two people. Bookings are essential. Please contact us directly to book.

Pelorus Sound Water Taxis operate from Havelock and pricing depends on how many people are on board, but can start from \$30 per person. Contact Chris info@pelorusoundwatertaxis.co.nz or

ph: 0274442852 or 03 5742151. They have great rates for groups. Otherwise Kenepuru Water Taxis also offer a service to and from Havelock, pricing depends on how many people are on board. Contact Ann & Pete Ph: (03) 573 4344 or info@kenepuru.co.nz

Water taxi From Picton

You can get to Hopewell by taking a connecting water taxi leaving from Picton across the Queen Charlotte Sound to Torea. Kenepuru Water Taxi will pick you up in their van and bring you to Hopewell in their boat. It takes less than one hour in total. Contact Ann & Pete: info@kenepuru.co.nz or phone (03) 573 4344. The charge is \$83 per person each way.

By Watertaxi From Portage (Queen Charlotte Track Transfer)

If you are walking the Queen Charlotte Track you can come across the Kenepuru Sound from Portage or Te Mahia to Hopewell. Contact Ann & Pete: info@kenepuru.co.nz or phone (03) 573 4344.

With your own boat.

We have complimentary registered moorings available for our guests.

By Float Plane

From **Wellington, Nelson** or **Picton** fly directly to us.

Picton Float Plane Services offer very competitively priced fares and a unique experience. The rate this season is \$99 per person each way from Picton (minimum of two passengers).

Ph: 03 573 6866 or email: floatplane@xtra.co.nz

Food/Meals

While Hopewell is primarily a self-catering lodge we do offer our famous gourmet pizzas, delicious homemade breads and espresso coffee and this year we have "all you can eat pancake breakfast" every second morning. In the next bay there is a fully licensed restaurant, it is an easy 10 minute walk. We have regular mussel cook-ups, you can collect your own shellfish (mussels, oysters and cockles) from the beaches around us and there is a good chance you can catch fish. We will give you some tips on how to prepare your fresh seafood.

The water supply comes from a spring and is safe to drink, so you don't need to bring bottled water with you.

Our brand new designer common kitchen/dining area is fully equipped with fridges, freezer, kettles, toaster, ovens, microwave, panini press, pots and pans, all cutlery and crockery, wine glasses, serving dishes, sharp knives, tea-towels and complimentary tea and coffee. There are no tea and coffee making facilities in your bedroom.

You need to bring all your food with you as the nearest supermarkets are in Havelock and Picton. We can easily organise to have food delivered here from the supermarket in Blenheim, but need at least 3 days notice.

You also need to bring sunscreen, insect repellent and a torch.

Activities/Facilities

Fishing

We provide fishing rods, bait, tackle and row boats for \$15.00 per person for unlimited use. The Kenepuru is very famous for snapper fishing especially during the months of November through to March.

Dinghies/Rowboats

We have two Ramco dinghies equipped with anchors, oars and lifejackets available for fishing. These are included in the fishing charge.

Moorings

Hopewell has moorings available; all are registered and complimentary for our guests.

Mountain Biking

There are four Scott Mountain Bikes available for hire \$15.00 per person for unlimited use.

Sailing Charters

Join the "Sounds by Sail" team and explore the magic of the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds with a variety of charter options available. www.soundsbysail.co.nz

Mussel Farm Tours

Join Mike on one of the frequent mussel farm trips to collect the famous green shell mussels for our popular mussel nights. \$10.00 per person.

Kayaking

We have five single and two double kayaks equipped with lifejackets and waterproof bags. These cost \$15.00 per person for unlimited use during your stay.

Massage/Facials/Haircuts-styles

Deborah Clegg is our trained therapist who can provide these services at excellent prices.

Walks

There are some great walks in the area to look-out points and through a scenic reserve. Check out Mt Stokes for the best view in the Marlborough Sounds.

Swimming

We have a lovely safe swimming beach and you can swim off the jetty steps. The water gets quite warm in summer as the Kenepuru Sound is relatively shallow.

Hot Spa Pool

Open 24/7 all year round. A lovely setting overlooking the Kenepuru Sound. Temperature is 40 o C. Complimentary for our guests.

Hammocks

We have a number of hammocks for reading and relaxing in the shade under the native trees.

Golf

The Nopera Golf Course is just 10 mins down the road by car. A challenging 18 holes with stunning views over the Kenepuru. Green fees are only \$10, we hire golf clubs for \$15 and we are happy to help with transport.

Glow-worms

A 20 minute walk along a bush track at night time and you will discover a wonderful gathering of glow worms.

Bird Watching

Hopewell provides the perfect habitat for a wide variety of native birds. You will see or hear Weka, Pukeko, Fantail, Morepork, Riflemen, Tui, Kingfisher, Shag, Yellowhead, Tomtit, Silvereye, Blue Penguin and Bell-bird just to name a few.

Queen Charlotte Track Access

We are directly across the sound from the Track; it is not in walking distance, however it is easily accessible by water taxi.

If you want a night's accommodation at Hopewell while doing the walk you can be picked up from Te Mahia or Portage by water taxi.

Perhaps you would like to do a day's walk on the track while staying here. You can take a water taxi to Portage and walk along the track to Te Mahia and water taxi back. Or you can drive 35kms to Punga Cove and park your car there, walk to Endeavour Inlet (Furneaux Lodge) which takes around 4 hours and water taxi back to your car.

Internet and Telephone

There is a computer and telephone available for our guests. We also have a Wifi hotspot for laptops.

DVD Library

There is a great collection of movies available free of charge for our guests but you'll need a laptop as we have no televisions here at Hopewell.

Book Exchange/Magazines/Games

You are welcome to exchange your books and we have a large selection of board games.

Barbecue

A large gas BBQ and undercover area is available for our guests.

Accommodation

If you are a BBH card holder, then the price is reduced by \$5.00 per person per night. For more information regarding the BBH Network and membership cards, please visit www.bbh.co.nz

All our rooms have fully made beds with crisp linen and cosy duvets, bath towels, electric blankets and heating. Our double rooms have queen size or king size beds and all our rooms have wonderful sea and bush views.

The **cottage** is 100 metres away from the main complex; it has stunning views and a lovely deck along the front. It can sleep up to 6 people, although it is best suited for four. It is fully self contained with an excellently equipped kitchen and has been fully renovated recently. It has 2 bedrooms, one has a king bed (which can be split into two singles), the other has 4 built-in bunks. All beds are fully made and towels provided.

Families

Our fully self-contained cottage is the best accommodation option for families. We also have one double ensuite adjoining a four share or the family room with shared bathroom.

Group Bookings

Hopewell is the perfect place for that special occasion or conference and it is very affordable to book out the entire lodge for your gathering. We can accommodate up to 24 people and provide full catering if required. Please contact us for our group rates and we have reduced group rates from April to October

Payment method

Cash, EFTPOS or credit cards except American Express. Please note that if you pay with credit card there is a surcharge of 2.5%.

We require credit card details or a deposit before your booking will be confirmed. Your credit card is not charged at this stage only validated and you may pay with cash, EFTPOS when checking out if you prefer.

Cancellation Policy

We appreciate at least three days notice if you have a change of plans. You may be charged if you cancel after this time.

Your Check List

Food/Sun Block/Insect Repellent/Sun Hat/Torch/Beach Towel/Rain Jacket/A Smile!