

Hopewell Lodge Information
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Getting here!

You can drive directly to Hopewell by 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 wonderful views of the Sounds.

Directions

The Queen Charlotte Drive is the scenic route which connects Havelock and Picton. You need to take this road from either Havelock or Picton to get to Linkwater. Here you turn into the Kenepuru Rd and Hopewell is at the end of this road. 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 16kms of unsealed road.

From	Distance	Driving Time approx.
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

You can drive part way and take a short cut across the Sound by boat from Te Mahia Bay.

Te Mahia Bay is only one hour's drive from Picton or 40 minutes' drive from Havelock and the road is sealed all the way.

If you have a car but don't want to drive all the way around to Hopewell, taking the Hopewell Boat is the best and cheapest option. \$50 per person return, \$20 return for children under 14 years (children under 5 are free of charge) or Family Rate of \$60 each way. Bookings are essential. The boat usually runs three times daily, contact us for times.

Taking the Hopewell Boat from Te Mahia saves you driving another 1 ½ hours to Hopewell. The car park at Te Mahia Wharf is safe to leave your car and there is no parking charge. The trip across the sound takes 15 minutes. Please book with us directly. We appreciate your booking in advance.. Make sure you park down at the wharf and not at the resort. There is mobile phone reception at the end of the wharf. There is NO public phone at Te Mahia Bay Resort.

Water Taxi From Picton .

The Hopewell Boat Connects with Cougarline Water Taxis or Arrow Water Taxis from Picton. They bring you to Waterfall Bay (also known as Onahau) where you are then picked up by the Hopewell Car/Boat Transfer. Cougarline depart from Picton daily at 11.30am and 2.30pm. The cost for transfer from Picton to Hopewell is \$70 one way or \$62 if you have a BBH card. www.cougarline.co.nz Phone: (03)573 7925.

Arrow offer great group rates for 3 or more people. www.arrowwatertaxis.co.nz and have earlier and later scheduled runs in the summer season. Phone: (03) 573 8229 Mobile: 027 4444689

Please book the Hopewell connection directly with us.

By Water taxi 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. Please book directly with us. From Portage the price is \$30pp (minimum run rate - 2 adults) each way and this includes any baggage transfers from the track, and \$25 pp each way from Te Mahia and \$30pp each way from Waterfall Bay. Children under 14 years cost \$20 return and children under 5 years are free of charge.

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. Pricing depends on the number of passengers. Please contact the following companies directly for quotes and times.

Kenepuru Water Taxis. info@kenepuru.co.nz or phone: 03 5734344. **Pete** offers the best rates for small numbers.

Or contact **Del**, the skipper of **Havelock Water Taxis**, phone 021 221 0808 or email him at skipper@havelockwatertaxis.co.nz **Del** has great rates for large groups.

Another option is to go on the **Pelorus Mail Boat** run from Havelock and be dropped off on the way back or picked up on the way back!

Pelorus Mail Boat. From the beginning of December the Mail Boat will be delivering our post into the Kenepuru Sound. They are offering transfers to Hopewell from Havelock and from Hopewell back to Havelock for only \$35 per person (one way) on Saturdays only. bookings@themailboat.co.nz

You can join The Mail Boat cruise from Hopewell on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the connecting return transfer from Hopewell is \$40 (minimum two people). **www.mailboat.co.nz**

Kayak here!

Contact **Sea Kayak Adventures** info@nzseakayaking.com +64 800 262 5492 and they can organise everything for you. They can pick you up in Picton, organise your kayaks and equipment, drive you to a launching place in the Kenepuru Sound. A beautiful 3 hour kayak or 1 hour (your choice) and you can paddle right to the lodge. Prices start from as low as \$125 per person (minimum two people) including transfers from Picton and two day sea kayak hire.

By Floatplane from Picton or Wellington

An incredible way to arrive. The floatplane leaves directly from beside the ferry terminal in Picton and the stunning scenic flight takes you over the Queen Charlotte Sound and Kenepuru Sound right to our beach.

Contact Al: www.nz-scenic-flights.co.nz/ or phone 03 5739012.

With Pelorus Air directly from Wellington to Nopera in the Kenepuru Sound.

For only \$149 per person (minimum two people) you can fly into our local airstrip directly from Wellington. For more information please email info@pelorusair.com or phone +64 27 757 7247

With your own boat.

We have complimentary registered moorings available for our guests.

Food/Meals

Hopewell is primarily a self-catering lodge and you need to bring your food with you. We do offer gourmet pizzas and have regular mussel cook ups. We also bake delicious breads and make fresh espresso coffees. We can organise a delivery from the supermarket in Blenheim for you but need a few days' notice. We do offer full catering for exclusive group bookings, please contact us for more details.

In the next bay there is a fully licensed restaurant open from 7.30am to 10.00pm, it is an easy 10 minute walk. The restaurant will be closed for winter from the 20th of April and re-opening on the 15th of October.

You can collect your own shellfish (mussels, oysters and cockles) from the beach around us and there is a good chance you'll 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.

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.

There are no shops in the Sounds, the nearest supermarkets are in Havelock, Blenheim and Picton. We can easily organise to have food delivered here for you 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 \$25.00 per person for unlimited use (one week). Children under 12 using hand lines are free. The Kenepuru is very famous for snapper fishing especially during the months of November through to March.

Dinghies/Rowboats

We have two Ramco rowboats equipped with anchors, oars and lifejackets available for fishing. The boats cost \$15 for unlimited use.

Moorings

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

Mountain Biking

There are four Scott Mountain Bikes available for hire \$25.00 per person for unlimited use (one week). You can just cruise around the Sound or for the more adventurous we can transfer you by water taxi over to the Queen Charlotte Track for \$25 and you can ride along it and then back to Hopewell by road - a good days ride covering 50kms. Or we have a loop ride, along the Kenepuru Rd, over to Crail Bay, around to Hopai and Manaroa, over to Waitaria Bay and back to Hopewell along the Kenepuru Rd, 45kms, lots of ups and downs, a good challenge.

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** The boat is a beautiful luxurious Beneteau and they sail every day offering very affordable rates for our guests. This is available until the 22nd of March.

Pelorus Mail Run

Join the Mail Run on the Pelorus Express which runs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Experience the beautiful outer Sounds, visiting isolated homesteads and meeting the locals as they collect their mail. We offer a water taxi connection to and from the Mail Boat as it passes by the Kenepuru Sound for only \$50 return per person. The Pelorus Mail Boat is also coming into the Kenepuru Sound on Saturdays (from December) and they can drop you off here for only \$35pp. bookings@themailboat.co.nz www.mail-boat.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. Only \$10 per person.

Kayaking

We have four new single and two double kayaks equipped with lifejackets and waterproof bags and supportive seats. These only cost \$25 per person for unlimited use during your stay (one week). Children under 12 only pay \$10.

Stand Up Paddle Boards

The best way to experience the Sound on a calm day. Easy to use, lots of fun and a great workout. Only \$25 per person for unlimited use during your stay (limited to one week).

Massage/Haircuts-styles

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

Walks

There are some great walks right at our doorstep, through a beautiful native scenic reserve and our own Hopewell Loop Track. Both track walks are around 2 hours return. Another walk to a lookout point is around 5 hours return. 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 at high tide. 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 five minute walk brings you to our resident glow worms or an exciting 20 minute walk along a bush track at night time and you will discover a wonderful gathering of hundreds of glow worms in the scenic reserve.

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, Gannet, Kingfisher, Shag, Oyster Catcher, Robin, 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 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 take a \$10 water taxi back to your car.

Internet and Telephone

There is a computer and telephone available for our guests. Internet is available via a radio transmitter system. WiFi is available for \$2.00 per 200MB or you can use our computer for \$2 per hour.

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 free of charge for our guests.

Laundry

We have a coin operated washing machine (including the washing powder) and dryer available for our guests. We also have a large clothes lines outside with pegs.

Accommodation - Prices are on our website.

Check in is any time after midday, and **checkout** from your room on the day of your departure is by 10.30am. You are still welcome to use the facilities and we ask that you leave Hopewell by 2.00pm.

If you require a late checkout please discuss it with us. All our rooms have fully made beds with crisp linen and cosy duvets, bath towels and heating. Our double rooms have queen size or king size beds and all our rooms have wonderful sea, bush and garden views. The fully self contained **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 six people, although it is best suited for four. It is fully self-contained with a fully equipped kitchen. It has two bedrooms, one has a king bed (the other has four 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 king ensuite adjoining a four bed bunk room (family suite) or the family room with shared bathroom.

Group Bookings

Hopewell can be booked out exclusively and it is the perfect venue for a family reunion, birthday celebration or wedding. It is also ideal for workshops or retreats. There is a

minimum two night stay and we have rates which are inclusive of all activities. We can accommodate up to 28 people and provide full catering if required. Please contact us for our group rates. We have reduced rates from April to October.

Payment method

Cash, EFTPOS or credit cards except American Express.

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 or credit card when checking out.

Cancellation Policy

We appreciate at least 48 hours notice if you have a change of plans. You may be charged if you cancel after this time. Different cancellation policies apply to group bookings and Christmas and New Years bookings.

Your Check List

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