

**Hopewell Lodge Information**  
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### **Getting here**

**You can drive directly to Hopewell by car. Enter 7204 Kenepuru Road, Raetihi in your GPS.** Hopewell is at the end of the Kenepuru Road. The Kenepuru Road follows the coastline of the Kenepuru Sound and is a very scenic drive with wonderful views of the Sounds. It is mainly sealed with 16kms of gravel road and is very winding and narrow in places.

#### **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.

<b>From</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Driving Time approx.</b>
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
Christchurch via Kaikoura	450kms	6.5 hours
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 45 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) Bookings are essential. The boat from Te Mahia to Hopewell usually operates from midday to 6pm. The boat from Hopewell back to Te Mahia usually operates from 8am to 2pm. Taking the Hopewell Boat from Te Mahia Bay 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.

#### **Boat Transfers from Havelock – Pelorus Mail Boat**

From this November the Pelorus Mail Boat will transfer our guest from Havelock to Hopewell daily. The boat departs from Havelock at 10am and you will arrive here at Hopewell at 10.30am. For transfers back to Havelock the boat will depart from Hopewell around 3 – 3.30pm returning to Havelock at 3.30pm – 4pm. This will cost \$30 one way per adult and \$10 one way per child. Contact them directly: [bookings@themailboat.co.nz](mailto:bookings@themailboat.co.nz)

#### **Water Taxi From Picton .**

**Arrow Water Taxis and Hopewell Water Taxi Connection \$60 per adult one way (minimum run rate – 2 adults) from Picton to Hopewell. From late October to early April.**

The Hopewell Boat Connects with Arrow Water Taxis from Picton. Arrow brings you to Waterfall Bay (also known as Onahau) where you are then picked up by the Hopewell Car/Boat Transfer. Arrow Water Taxis depart from Picton daily at 8.30am and 2.15pm. They return to Picton, leaving from Hopewell at 8.45am or 1.45pm. Arrow also offer great group rates and on demand services. [www.arrowwatertaxis.co.nz](http://www.arrowwatertaxis.co.nz) Phone: (03) 573 8229 Mobile: 027 4444689

**Cougarline Water Taxi/Hopewell Water Taxi Connection \$75 per adult (minimum run rate – two adults) one way from Picton to Hopewell. All year round.**

Cougarline have winter and summer timetables and run twice daily into Waterfall Bay to meet our connection. Please visit their website for more information [www.cougarline.co.nz](http://www.cougarline.co.nz)

**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 Bay or Te Mahia Bay to Hopewell. Please book directly with us. From Portage the price is \$35pp (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 us directly for more information.

**Kayak here!**

Contact **Sea Kayak Adventures** [info@nzseakayaking.com](mailto: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.

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

For \$169 per person (minimum two people) you can fly into our local airstrip directly from Wellington. For more information please email [info@pelorusair.com](mailto: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 November.

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 for \$10 for 3 hours or \$25 for unlimited use. You can just cycle around the coastal road 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](http://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 every day. They can collect you from our jetty around 10.30am and return you to Hopewell around 3.30pm. Experience the beautiful outer Sounds, visiting isolated homesteads and meeting the locals as they collect their mail. Only \$100 per adult and children are free (1 per adult).

[bookings@themailboat.co.nz](mailto:bookings@themailboat.co.nz) [www.mail-boat.co.nz](http://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).

### **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 \$10 for an hour or \$25 for unlimited use.

### **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 high lookout point is around 5 hours return. Hike up Mt Stokes for the best view in the Marlborough Sounds. Or do a days walk on the Queen Charlotte Track.

**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 9 holes with stunning views over the Kenepuru. Green fees are only \$15, we hire golf clubs/balls/tees for \$15 and we are happy to help with transport.

**Glow-worms**

A five minute walk at night-time brings you to our resident glow worms, last count was in the hundreds.

**Bird Watching**

Hopewell provides the perfect habitat for a wide variety of native birds. Living around us are 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 Bay or Portage Bay by water taxi.

**Days Walk on the Queen Charlotte Track from Hopewell.**

We can organise a day's walk on the track while you are staying here. You can take a water taxi to Portage Bay and walk along the track exploring look out points and other bays finishing at Te Mahia Bay and water taxi back to Hopewell. The cost for water taxi transfers and your Track Pass is \$60 per person Or you can drive 35kms to Punga Cove and park your car there, walk to Endeavour Inlet (or further if you wish) which takes around 4 hours and take a \$10 water taxi back to your car.

**WIFI, Internet Computer and Telephone**

You will get full mobile phone coverage out here. There is a computer and telephone available for our guests. We also have High Speed Wifi available in all areas for our guests which costs \$3 per GB.

**DVD Library**

There is a great collection of movies available free of charge for our guests We have a couple of portable DVD players available for your room or bring your 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. Both cost \$6 per cycle. We also have a large clothes lines outside with pegs.

**Accommodation - Prices are on our website.**

**Check in** is any time after midday and before 9pm. 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 all have new king size beds and most of our rooms have wonderful sea 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 four people. and is fully self-contained with a fully equipped kitchen. It has two bedrooms, one has a king bed and the other room has a king split bed. 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.

Portacots are available for a one off charge of \$10.00.

### **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 26 people. 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 Public Holiday bookings.

### **Your Check List**

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