

## CAMPING

Akaroa and The Bays has nine camping grounds ranging from fully-serviced town-based to rural, beachside sites. Please help keep our beautiful area free from pollution and waste by using these and other accommodation facilities as much as possible.

### Self-contained freedom camping

If your campervan is fully self-contained (with on-board three-day capacity toilet, wastewater and rubbish facilities) and certified as such by the NZ Motor Caravan Association [www.nzmca.org.nz](http://www.nzmca.org.nz), you may camp overnight for free on land administered by the Council across Christchurch and Banks Peninsula. Self-contained camping is prohibited in;

- some town centres and residential settlements,
- on all public parks and reserves and beaches, unless they have been set aside specifically for camping. These are shown on the Peninsula map.

To be sure check out the interactive map on [www.ccc.govt.nz/camping](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/camping)

### Non-self-contained freedom camping

Non-self-contained freedom camping (e.g. camping in a car or tent) is not permitted anywhere in Christchurch or Banks Peninsula.

To find out about camping opportunities outside Akaroa and The Bays visit [www.campermate.co.nz](http://www.campermate.co.nz)

## PETROL AND DIESEL SUPPLIES

1. **Akaroa Auto Centre** LPG bottle filling, camping gas, tyre services, vehicle servicing and breakdown services. 03 304 7055.
2. **Duvauchelle Auto & Marine, Wairewa Motors** - Cooptown and **Little River Garage** also supply fuel and services.

## FOOD AND GROCERIES

There is a **4Square** supermarket in Akaroa plus a supply store, organic shop and smaller shops in Little River, Okains Bay and Duvauchelle.

## DUMP STATIONS

**Akaroa Top 10 Holiday Park, Duvauchelle Camping Ground** and **Okains Bay Camping Ground** have free dump stations.

## PUBLIC LAUNDRIES

1. **Akaroa Public Laundry Facility** situated at the Akaroa Waterfront Motels 56 Rue Jolie, Akaroa. Opening hours 8am – 9pm. Call in at Motel office first. Charges \$4 wash, \$4 dry. [info@akaroawaterfront.co.nz](mailto:info@akaroawaterfront.co.nz), 03 304 7484.
2. **Akaroa Village Inn Laundry** situated by the Akaroa Main Wharf. Opening hours 8am – 8pm. Call in at Motel office first. Charges \$4 wash, \$4 dry. [akaroavillageinn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:akaroavillageinn@xtra.co.nz), 03 304 1111.
3. **Akaroa Laundry** entrance off Rue Pompallier, Akaroa. Akaroa Laundry is a commercial laundry where you can leave your clothes there to get washed. Open 10am-2pm daily and closed on Wednesdays. 022 040 7511.

## PUBLIC TOILETS

Public toilets can be found in Akaroa at the Britomart Reserve, Place de la Poste adjacent to the Akaroa Visitor Centre and at the Recreation Ground. Toilets are also located in Little River and other Bay locations and are signposted.

## PARKING IN AKAROA

Businesses and residents of Akaroa prefer large campervans not parking for the day in places which obstruct sea views. Please be considerate where you park.

## RECYCLING

### Your recycling wants to go on its own journey!

Play your part by keeping your recycling separate as you travel so you can easily drop it off at a recycling centre along the way.

There are free recycling drop off points at Barry's Bay Transfer Station and Rue Pompallier, Akaroa. Recycling is for newspapers, magazines, food and drink cans, plastic bottles, cardboard and paper.

Non recyclable rubbish can be dropped off at the skips at Barry's Bay transfer station.

**You can still recycle when you are on holiday!**

## NARROW AND STEEP ROADS

The joy of Banks Peninsula is to discover remote bays and enjoy the freedom that a campervan brings to a holiday.

However, the roads to some of the bays are narrow and steep with drops on the side, ridged gravel surfaces and little opportunity to turn around. Some are totally inappropriate for campervans and are clearly marked as being "Not Suitable for Campervans" or "4WD Drive Only". Do not travel on these roads. Gravel roads are generally not recommended for campervans because they can cause driving difficulties and often lead to steeper and narrower roads. Even the sealed roads can be difficult for inexperienced drivers. Our advice is to stay on the main highway between Little River and Akaroa and on the sealed roads to Pigeon Bay, Little Akaloa, Okains Bay and Le Bons Bay, accessible from the Summit Road. The road around Akaroa harbour is sealed between Akaroa and Wainui.

**Driving Tips:** Always give way to uphill traffic. Watch for other vehicles (including cyclists) around blind corners. Drive at a slower speed on gravel roads. Remember your wing mirrors and use your rear vision mirror. Drive on the LEFT – Akaroa may have a French inheritance, but this does not include the road rules. Change into low gear when descending steep hills to avoid brake burnout. Be prepared to stop often to look at the spectacular views and let those behind you pass. Do not hold up the traffic.

**Road Conditions:** [www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/christchurch](http://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/christchurch)  
This website provides useful traffic and roading condition updates for motorists, and includes updates for Banks Peninsula.

### AKAROA i-SITE VISITOR CENTRE

Phone: 03 304 7784. 74a Rue Lavaud, Akaroa  
Information, bookings and hire equipment  
[info@visitakaroa.com](mailto:info@visitakaroa.com)



### THE LITTLE RIVER INFORMATION STATION

Phone: 03 3251 320. Main Road, Little River  
Information and bookings  
[LittleRiverInformationStation@xtra.co.nz](mailto:LittleRiverInformationStation@xtra.co.nz)

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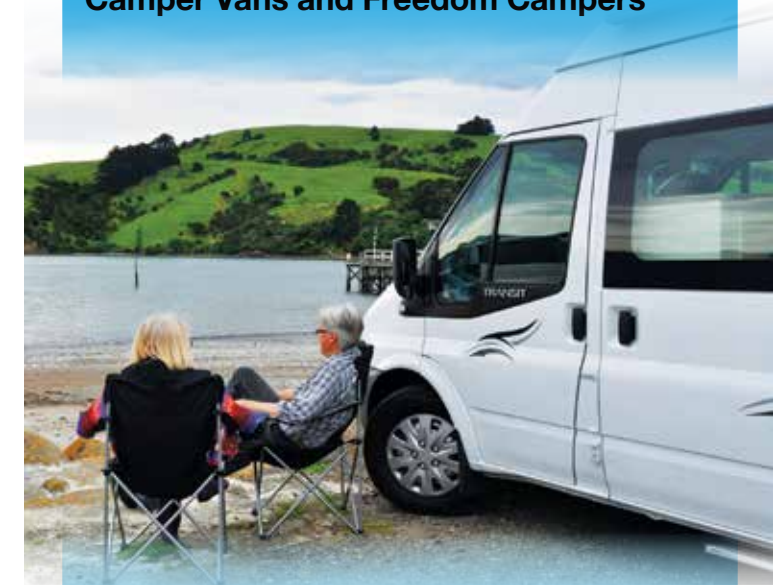
**Thanks for your cooperation. Have a great stay.**

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# Welcome to Akaroa & The Bays

## Information for Motor Caravan Drivers, Camper Vans and Freedom Campers



## WELCOME

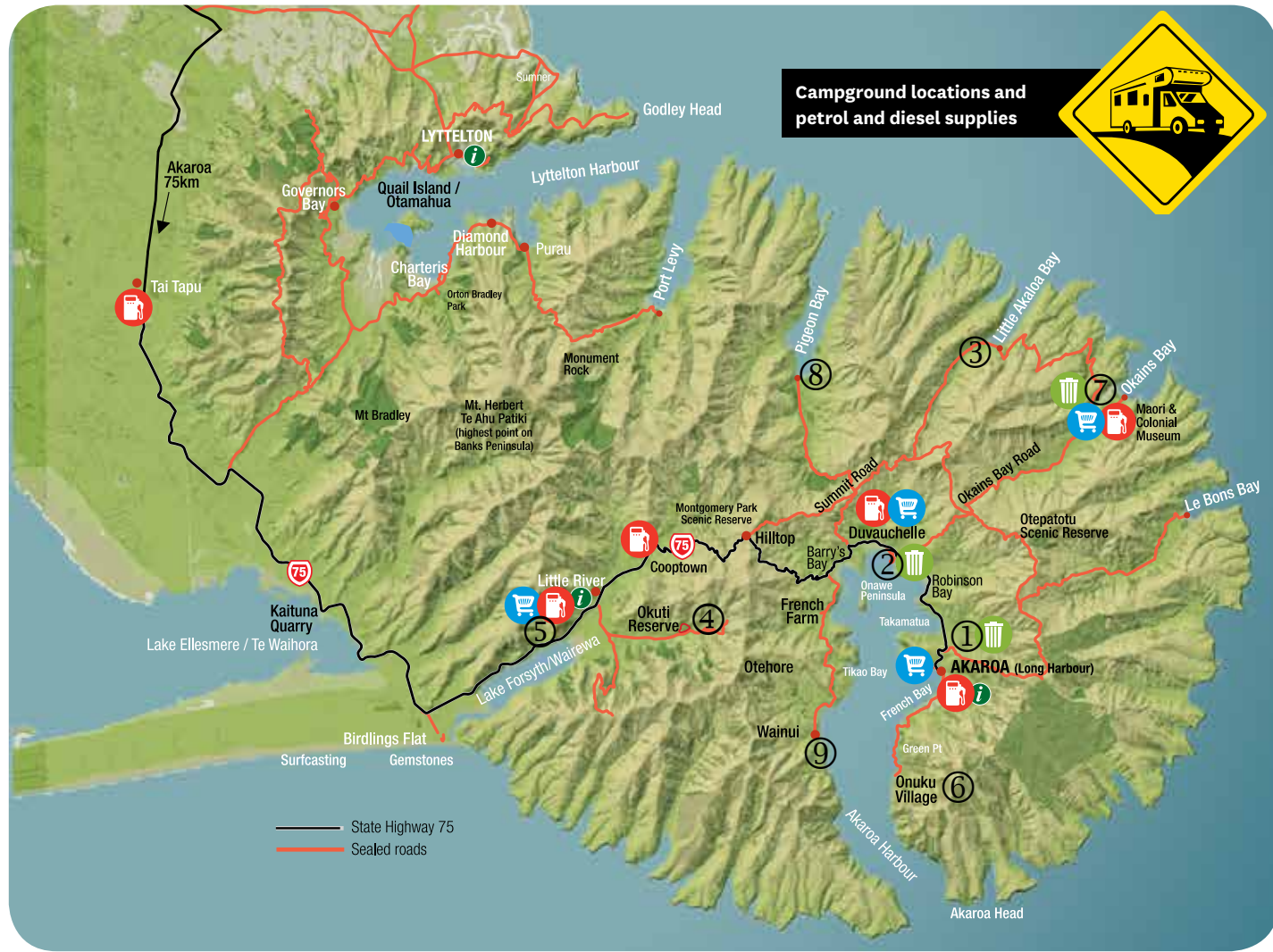
Just 75 kilometres from the city of Christchurch, New Zealand, Akaroa is a historic French and British settlement nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano.

Explore the village with its colonial architecture, galleries, craft stores, and cafés. Relax or take part in the many activities that are on offer. Explore the dramatic outer bays and take your time to soak in the magic of this area. You will need more than a day to explore this little piece of paradise.

A very big welcome to our wonderful home from all the residents of Akaroa and the Bays. Thank you for visiting here.







**Campground locations and petrol and diesel supplies**



## ACCESS TO BANKS PENINSULA

Banks Peninsula is the remnant of volcanic activity which formed the harbours of Akaroa and Lyttelton.

The main highway (SH75) from Christchurch to Akaroa passes through the rural town of Little River, rising to the crater rim at the Hilltop.

There are two sealed roads to Akaroa from Hilltop – continue on SH75 or take the scenic Summit Road.

From the Summit Road you have access to some of the remote bays on steep but sealed roads, including Pigeon Bay, Little Akaloa, Okains Bay and Le Bons Bay.

## Akaroa Top 10 Holiday Park

MAP REF ①

**Phone: 03-304 7471 | www.akaroa-holidaypark.co.nz**

Directions – Coming to Akaroa on Highway 75, turn left down Old Coach Road and left at the next fork. The Holiday Park entrance is almost immediately on your right. The Holiday Park is on Morgans road above Akaroa with great views of the harbour and a walking track to the town.

**Power sites: 100, Non-Powered sites: 45, Sewage Disposal: Yes**

Toilets, showers, kitchens, laundry, playground, swimming pool, TV rooms, WIFI.

## Duvauchelle Holiday Park

MAP REF ②

**Phone: 03-304 5777 | www.duvauchelleholidaypark.co.nz**  
**Location: 19 Seafield Road, Duvauchelle**

Directions – Coming from Christchurch on Highway 75, go through Duvauchelle village. Turn right onto Seafield Road along harbour front. Located on the Akaroa Harbour waterfront just outside Duvauchelle village. 10 minutes drive to Akaroa.

**Power sites: 35, Non-Powered sites: 30, Sewage Disposal: Yes**

Big kitchen, TV room, playground, tennis courts, nearby boat ramp, Duvauchelle store within walking distance. Disabled facilities, WIFI, outdoor BBQ and patio area.

## Little Akaloa Camping Ground

MAP REF ③

**Phone: 03-304 8916 | Contact: Owen Dewe**  
**Location: 578/584 Little Akaloa Road, Little Akaloa**

Directions – Coming from Little River follow the Summit Road to Akaroa turning left into Little Akaloa Road. Follow this road to nearly the end. The Camping Ground is on the right hand side by the tennis courts.

**Power sites: 0, Non-Powered sites: 16, Sewage Disposal: No**

Wilderness camping ground, toilet, playing area for children, tennis court. Easy walking access to a safe swimming beach and boat launching. Spring drinking water available. Rubbish disposal 2kms on road out of the bay. Concrete boat ramp in the bay available 3 hours either side of high tide.

## Little River Campground & Manaia Native Habitat

MAP REF ④

**Phone: 03-325 1014 | www.littlerivercampground.co.nz**  
**Location: 287 Okuti Valley Road, Little River**

Directions – Before Little River township turn right onto Kinloch Road. Travel for 1km then turn left and drive for 4km up Okuti Valley Road. Follow the holiday park and Manaia Native Habitat signs from the highway.

**Power sites: 10, Non-Powered sites: 20, Sewage Disposal: No**

Eco camping with free WIFI and hot showers, sheltered kitchen facilities, BBQ, composting toilets, playground and slippery slides, walks, fresh water swimming hole, native trees and birdlife habitat. Surfing, swimming beaches, petrol station, cafes, art gallery and store close by. Pet friendly. Free access to Manaia Native Habitat for guests.

## Little River Hotel

MAP REF ⑤

**Phone: 03-325 1007 | www.littleriverhotel.co.nz**  
**Location: 4099 Christchurch-Akaroa Road, Little River Highway 75**

Directions – Coming from Christchurch, on the left side of Highway 75 between Birdlings Flat and Little River township. Park up behind the pub and enjoy an evening at the hotel without having to drive afterwards. Lake Forsyth and Rail Trail bike and walking track opposite.

**Power sites: 0, Non-Powered sites: 10, Sewage Disposal: No**

Bar meals, toilets, shower and TV. Little River shops nearby.

## Onuku Farm Hostel

MAP REF ⑥

**Phone: 03-304 7066 | www.onuku.co.nz**  
**Location: 89 Hamilton's Road, Onuku**

Directions – 6kms south of Akaroa on Onuku Road.

**Power sites: 0, Non-Powered sites: 20, Sewage Disposal: No**

Camping ground and van park with free WIFI, hot showers, toilets, cooking shelter and common rooms. Outdoor activities include dolphin swimming, kayaking and great walks.

## Okains Bay Camping Ground

MAP REF ⑦

**Phone: 03-304 8789 | www.okainsbaycamp.co.nz**  
**Location: 1357 Okains Bay Road, Okains Bay**

Directions – Follow the Okains Bay Valley Rd to the end to find the beach and camping ground area.

**Power Sites: 0, Non-Powered sites: 150, Sewage Disposal: Yes**

Extensive camping in a sheltered pine plantation. Family friendly camping right by the sea! Safe for swimming and water sport activities. Facilities include 2 amenity blocks with kitchens, toilets, showers and laundries. Shower and laundry operate on \$2 coins. Children's playground and flying fox. Small shop and petrol station in the valley and also a superb Maori and Colonial Museum.

## Pigeon Bay Camping Ground

MAP REF ⑧

**Phone: 027 523 4723 | Location: Wharf Road, Pigeon Bay**

Directions – Reach Pigeon Bay from the Akaroa crater summit road. At the beach turn right in Pigeon Bay and follow the road around to the camp. Located on the Pigeon Bay waterfront, near the wharf and with a sheltered swimming beach. Lots of trees give privacy and the camp is little used outside the main summer holiday period.

**Power sites: 0, Non-Powered sites: 20, Sewage Disposal: No**

Toilets, fresh water, fishing wharf, swimming, good walks.

## YMCA Wainui Park

MAP REF ⑨

**Phone: 03-304 8460 | www.ymca.chch.org.nz/wainui**  
**Location: 95 Wainui Valley Road, Wainui**

Directions – 8 kms from Barry's Bay to Wainui, 1 km up Wainui Valley Road.

**Power sites: 3, Non-Powered sites: 50, Sewage Disposal: No**

Toilets, kitchens, showers, hot running water, basic shared amenities.

