

Dunedin Wildlife Care Code



*Dunedin is home to rare and special wildlife.
Help us protect our treasured species
for future generations.*

View wildlife with a professional tour operator as this provides a more insightful experience and limits wildlife disturbance.

WILDLIFE CARE: Do not disturb, touch, feed or go too close to Dunedin's rare wildlife. Keep dogs under control as they can harm wildlife.

SEA LIONS AND OTHER SEALS: Endangered New Zealand sea lions are rare, so the small recovering breeding population based around Otago Peninsula is a local treasure. View all seals and sea lions from a safe distance of at least 20m and do not disturb them. If you must pass sea lions on the beach, keep as much distance as possible and do not loiter. They can move quickly so if they react to your presence then back off calmly till you are right out of their space.



PENGUINS: Dunedin is home to yellow-eyed penguins/hoiho and little penguins/kororā. Both species are shy and stressed by human presence. Stay at least 50m away from penguins. Never approach them. Don't block penguins' entry and exit from the water as this prevents them from returning to feed chicks. No flash photography. Uncontrolled dogs kill penguins.

RED-BILLED GULLS/TARĀPUNGA: Do not feed or harass gulls. Don't let dogs chase them. They are endangered and vulnerable to human disturbance.

DRONES: Use of drones is prohibited in many sensitive areas and can require a permit elsewhere. The important wildlife site of Taiaroa Head/Pukekura has a permanent restricted airspace. Any DOC reserve requires a permit, and it is an offence to fly drones within 150m of marine mammals (or 300m vertically above). For more information check the Dunedin City Council or DOC website.

FREEDOM CAMPING: There are designated freedom camping sites and holiday parks in Dunedin, please use them as \$200 fines will apply for illegal camping. For more information check the Dunedin City Council website.

PUBLIC AMENITIES: Please keep Dunedin beautiful and clean by using public toilets and rubbish bins where provided or taking your refuse with you. Smoking and fires are not advisable and often banned under seasonal restrictions.

WALKING TRACKS: Stay on the marked track as many cross private land. Keep yourself safe, within barriers and avoid disturbance to plants and breeding wildlife. Leave sheep alone.

Please report any sick or injured wildlife by calling:
0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468)

Marine poaching is illegal, please report by calling:
0800 4 POACHER (0800 476 224)

Thank you for helping us to look after our precious wildlife.

*Leave nothing but footprints...
take nothing but memories.*



MORE INFORMATION

For more information on wildlife tours or walking tracks please visit www.dunedinnz.com/visit or contact:

Dunedin isite Visitor Centre
50 The Octagon, Dunedin
03 474 3300 | visitor.centre@dcc.govt.nz

For local drone use guidelines and permits, go to www.dunedin.govt.nz or www.doc.govt.nz

The Dunedin Care Code was developed in recognition of the Tiaki Promise www.tiakinewzealand.com

VOLUNTEER OR DONATE TO DUNEDIN WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATIONS CHARITIES

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Many wildlife charities including the Wildlife Hospital do great work in Dunedin to protect the unique and endangered local wildlife and habitats. You can aid them in many ways including with donations, volunteering and signing petitions to protect the environment. Find out more at www.dunedinnz.com/wildlifecharities