Freedom camping

We welcome responsible freedom campers to the city. The Dunedin City Council has a Camping Control Bylaw, which recognises the popularity of freedom camping for both domestic and international visitors. Some restrictions apply to help protect our communities, cemeteries, scenic bush and wildlife environments.

Department of Conservation campsites

There are currently no DOC campsites within the Dunedin city area.

Monitoring and enforcement

The DCC monitors freedom camping to ensure local laws are followed and our environment is protected. If you breach freedom camping laws you may receive an instant fine or face prosecution for fires and environmental damage.

Infringement notice payments

Payments may be made by cash or EFTPOS at any Dunedin City Council Service Centre or Agency, or by Account2Account, Visa or Mastercard on the Dunedin City Council website www.dunedin.govt.nz/pay-online

Camping protocol

Care for the environment and be careful about what you leave behind. Follow the advice provided at www.camping.org.nz and our own Dunedin care code at www.dunedin.govt.nz/carecode. Keep at least 10m away from seals and sea lions. Keep clear of penguins and their nests.

Fires prohibited

Lighting fires is not allowed. Please use a gas barbeque for all cooking unless you are in licensed holiday parks.

Where to dispose of waste and recycle

Waste holding tanks can be emptied at sites shown on the map, also check www.camping.org.nz.

Recycling hubs are shown on the map. Please use these facilities and help us care for our environment. For a full list of these facilities visit https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/cbdrecycling.

Where to park during daylight hours

www.dunedin.govt.nz/where-you-can-park

Where can I camp?

Holiday parks

Holiday parks and camping grounds provide a wide range of accommodation options, from camping sites through to self-contained motels. They provide kitchens, laundries, showers and powered sites so are ideal for an extended stay. Refer to the map for location and contact details.

Self-contained camping

If you have a certified fully self-contained vehicle then you can generally freedom camp throughout the Dunedin area on gravelled or sealed council land set aside for parking. Look out for prohibited zones on the Otago Peninsula. No camping except in licensed holiday parks is permitted in these zones.

What is a certified fully self-contained vehicle?

Certified fully self-contained means your vehicle meets
New Zealand standard 5465
with toilet, grey water and waste capacity for three days.
A current self-contained warrant must be displayed in the window.



You can stay at any one location for a maximum of two consecutive nights. Please remember to take all rubbish with you.

Non-self-contained camping

Warrington Domain provides for non-self- contained vehicles and tent camping. Ocean View Recreation Reserve provides for non-self-contained vehicles. Thomas Burns Street car park provides for non-self-contained camping from November to April. This site has seven over-sized parks for larger vehicles. Please refer to the map on site to identify the areas designated for camping.

Space is limited.

For more information

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