



# Lake Lyndon Lodge

## General Description



# LAKE LYNDON PATHFINDER LODGE

The Lodge is a basic facility complex owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, erected by a group of dedicated volunteers in 1966. It is available for hire by all groups interested in learning about and enjoying the alpine environment in which it is situated. There is no regular electric power supply connected to the Lodge giving it a pioneering flavour.

The Lodge is maintained by volunteers. All money derived from hire charges goes directly to improving the facility. It is not feasible to have a full time caretaker, so we rely very much on the folk using the Lodge to care for it and leave it as they would like to find it.

## LOCATION AND ACCESS

Lake Lyndon Lodge is located on Department of Conservation Reserve land, at the south-western end of Lake Lyndon, 3 km over the crest of Porters Pass.

Access to the Lodge is off the Lake Lyndon - Lake Coleridge road. Soon after the road leaves the western end of the lake, a private roadway leads off to the right. This crosses the lake outlet, then follows the lake edge around to the Lodge.

At times the lake level may rise to cover the road during the spring thaws. Fortunately, however this is quite infrequent now that the road level has been raised, and the lake levels have tended to be lower.

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### THE LODGE

Lake Lyndon Lodge is an 'A' frame building having the main sleeping accommodation upstairs with the hall, cook's room, kitchen facilities and ablution block on the ground floor.

**DORMITORIES** - The upstairs dormitories have independent stairways and are separated by a smoke stop door. These contain 19 and 21 beds respectively, plasticised covered mattresses. Pillows are not supplied. Three separate family rooms have also been built upstairs in a new extension.

**MAIN HALL** - A 70 sq. metre hall, furnished with folding tables and chairs, provides a clear area for many activities. An alcove by the window overlooking the lake contains the large pot belly, solid fuel heater which supplies the main heating for the lodge.

**COOK'S ACCOMMODATION** - This is a small bedroom off the kitchen providing separate sleeping accommodation for 3 - 4 persons.

**KITCHEN** - The kitchen adjoins, and provides a servery out to the hall. It is equipped with a coal range, a commercial L.P.G. stove, stainless steel benches and sink. The coal range, besides providing supplementary cooking and warmth, heats the hot water which is supplied to the kitchen, wash up area and the hand basins of the ablution block.

**WASH UP ROOM** - This area, which also serves as a corridor to the hall, is for the storage and preparation of vegetables. It contains 4 sink units and a tub. Please take care with vegetable scraps, as these tend to clog the waste pipes. A stainless steel hot water tubular bar heater supplies background heat and serves to dry tea towels etc.

**TOILETS** - Facilities are off the main entrance foyer and include flush toilets, washbasins and shower cubicles.

**GARBAGE DISPOSAL** - All rubbish is to be taken home. We are not permitted to bury or otherwise dispose of any rubbish on the Lodge site.

**WATER SUPPLY** - The water supply is taken from a small stream 300 metres up the valley behind the Lodge. It is piped from a sedimentation box, through a strainer and down to the Lodge and Ablution Block, before being discharged into the adjacent gully. Because of the continuous flow, the water is always fresh and not subject to freezing.

**FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT** - The main fire fighting devices are hose reels sited at the foot of both stairways and in the hall by the wash room door. These are long enough to reach any part of the Lodge. A BCF fire extinguisher is installed in the kitchen to deal with localized cooking fires. A similar unit is installed by the rear exit door. A battery operated fire alarm is activated by manual call points for use in emergency evacuations.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

**HEATING** - Heating is supplied in the Lodge by the large 'Romesse' pot belly stove in the hall, and the coal range in the kitchen. You are responsible for supplying sufficient fuel, (wood, coke or coal), for your stay. The amount required depends on many factors, but most groups seem to average between 1½ and 2½ bags per day for winter camps. Costs can be saved in this area without loss of comfort if the burning of fuel is managed efficiently.

**COOKING** - The main cooking appliance in the kitchen is the commercial L.P.G. fired

stove which consists of six ring burners and a large oven. Gas is supplied from two 45 kg cylinders in a holding cage outside the Lodge. The cost of the gas is included in the hire. Please be vigilant in avoiding waste. The coal range provides adequate cooking facilities for small groups.

**REFRIGERATOR** - A domestic size Fridge / Freezer running on LPG is provided to store a limited quantity of perishable food.

**WATER HEATING** - Hot water is piped to the sinks in the wash up room, kitchen and toilet wash basins from a storage cylinder heated by the kitchen coal range. With good firing, hot water is available in under an hour from cold, and excess heat is dissipated by the wash up room panel heater. Although there is adequate water heating capacity, care must be taken to see that hot water is used with discretion and not wasted at the wash up sinks and basins.

**SHOWER WATER HEATING BOILER** - A 100 kW oil fired boiler is installed to heat water for the two showers in each of the male and female ablution areas. The unit is fully automatic and should provide water hot enough for showering within 10 minutes of turning the unit on. Water is heated as fast as it is used. Showers are charged for on a shower per person basis. A generator is required to run the shower heating boiler.

**POWER AND LIGHTING** - The Lodge is wired for 230 volt A.C. mains. Convenience 3 pin sockets are provided in most of the rooms of the Lodge and fluorescent lighting is installed throughout. An attachment lead for your hired generator is installed in an enclosure at the rear of the 'A' frame store shed. The base load of the installation (i.e. Lodge lighting) is 2 KVA. Make sure your generator, if you are opting to use one, is rated for this load plus that of the other appliances you intend to bring. On the recommendation of the Fire Department, the use of candles or 'Tilly' type lamps for lighting is disallowed. The Lodge owns a 4 KVA 230 volt generator which is available for hire if required. This is a petrol unit large enough to supply the lighting load. Arrangements must be made with the Secretary to uplift the unit from Christchurch as it is not stored on site. The unit burns about 1.5 litres an hour of super petrol. Ensure you take sufficient with you for your intended needs. It is important that the fuel is clean and free from water.

## **EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE**

Only basic equipment is supplied in the kitchen so you will need to provide pots, crockery, cutlery and other cooking equipment you deem necessary.

Tea towels, detergent, rubbish bags, bedding including pillow. Toiletries, towel, TOILET PAPER, generator & petrol or gas lamps. First aid kit, Fire wood, coal, kindling, paper, matches etc.

## **CONDITIONS OF HIRE**

- 1) The hirer will be responsible for any damage to Lodge property. This includes the cost of removing any graffiti.
- 2) The complex must be left clean and ready for the next group to occupy.
- 3) No animals allowed in the Lodge itself
- 4) The adjacent farmland is Crown Lease Property. Please respect your right to use it. Dogs and firearms are not allowed on farmland. Your co-operation in preserving the flora and fauna would be appreciated, particularly on Department of Conservation land surrounding the Lodge.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED: -**

- Alcoholic Beverages of any description
- Smoking in any form
- Candles, all naked flames
- Firearms, air rifles and pistols

Failure to observe the above regulations will disqualify the hirer from future use of the Lodge.

**BOOKING INFORMATION**

Application forms are available from the Secretary of the Lake Lyndon Lodge Management Committee: -

**Mr Earl Hasse  
76 Daniels Rd  
Redwood  
CHRISTCHURCH 5.  
Ph (03) 352-0348.**

A Booking bond of \$30 per night is required with the application form to secure a booking. Four weeks notice is required for cancellation of a booking in which case the deposit will be refunded.

Lodge hire charges are paid when keys are returned.



