

Winter holiday at Cheeseman - staying at Forest Lodge

We are looking forward to you joining us at Cheeseman for your winter holiday. Here is some information to help make your time with us an enjoyable fun-filled alpine experience.

Getting to Cheeseman

- ❖ Cheeseman is approximately 99 km (90 minute drive) from Christchurch on SH 73.
- ❖ The 12 km access road is unsealed. The turnoff is signposted on the left a few kilometres past Castle Hill Village.
- ❖ The road is single lane so please drive with care and be courteous:
 - When travelling downhill give way to traffic travelling uphill.
 - Please try to arrive before mid-afternoon to avoid meeting the downhill traffic leaving the mountain and try to avoid leaving before midday.
 - To improve your visibility to others, we recommend that on our road you drive with your headlights on.
 - Fit chains where indicated (there are signs on our road).
- ❖ Always carry chains for your vehicle (including 4WDs) and do check that they fit before you depart!
- ❖ Check the current snow report and road conditions before heading to the mountains.
 - CSA Snowphone number is 03 383 8888 then enter 2 for Cheeseman or
 - Check our website at www.mtcheeseman.co.nz
 - Check condition of the highway passes (Porters Pass and Arthurs Pass) at www.metservice.com/national/warnings/road-snowfall-warnings .



Note: When travelling to and from the mountains, we recommend that you have warm clothes, snack food, a drink, a torch and sleeping bag in your vehicle in case of an emergency or any delay.

On arrival

- ❖ Depending on your arrival time, you may like to unload your overnight gear at Forest Lodge before going up to the ski area. Check the noticeboard in the Forest Lodge foyer for the bunkroom list. Leave your gear tidily in the bunkroom or foyer area. Remember that your holiday does not officially commence until 4 pm on the day of your arrival, so there may still be gear from previous occupants in the room – mutual consideration is required during this transition time.
- ❖ Park your vehicle in the car park near the generator shed at Forest Lodge.
 - When parking your car, leave the handbrake OFF with it IN GEAR for manual cars and IN PARK for automatic cars as the handbrake may freeze up.
 - Remember to check that the radiator has anti-freeze before you leave town!
 - Be aware that there are keas which enjoy pecking soft materials!!
- ❖ When you go to the ski area you can unload at the drop-off area next to the Day Lodge then park your vehicle down in the car park.
- ❖ Check in with the Ticket Office staff in the Day Lodge to let them know you have arrived and to purchase lift passes and arrange any gear rental.
- ❖ During winter there are staff managing Forest Lodge so make sure you introduce yourself and that they familiarise you with our safety requirements and clarify any other queries.



Snowline and Day Lodge with car park



Forest Lodge

What to bring

- Ski or boarding equipment (*unless you are hiring on the mountain*)
- Ski clothes*
- Hat
- Gloves/mittens
- Jacket
- SUNGLASSES or goggles
- Sunscreen
- Outdoor shoes or gumboots* (*wear sturdy footwear inside at all times*)
- Sleeping bag, pillowcase & towel
- Toiletries
- TORCH* (at Forest Lodge the power is via generator which will be turned off around 11 pm)
- Warm socks (plus spares)
- Casual clothes for wearing inside in the evening
- Spare clothes
- All your food requirements for your stay. You may wish to purchase lunches from the Cockayne Café

*** Always have warm clothing, footwear, torch & car keys by your bunk at night in case of emergency.**

All rubbish from the mountain has to be transported to Christchurch for disposal or recycling, so please reduce your rubbish (think about minimising packaging before you leave home!) and where possible take your rubbish home with you at the end of your stay.

Skating pond

The skating pond may or may not have ice (or water!). If the conditions are favourable, there are a limited number of ice skates (mostly small sizes) that may be used. Discuss arrangements with the Forest Lodge staff. If you have your own ice skates bring them.

Communal Living

- ❖ We want everyone to enjoy their stay at Cheeseman. While you are having fun, please be considerate of other people.
 - Noise – we ask for quiet in the bunkroom areas after 9 pm. Please be considerate of staff who may be trying to sleep (the staff rooms are below the lounge).
 - Tidiness – put away all personal items when not in use.
 - Respect all our property – many volunteer hours are spent maintaining the building, furniture and fittings. Please help us to keep it in good condition.
 - Alcohol abuse and unsociable language or behaviour is not tolerated.
- ❖ Most bunkrooms sleep up to six people – during busy times you will be sharing with others, unless you book the bunkroom exclusively.

Duties

- ❖ During winter, staff are employed to operate the ski area and facilities. At Forest Lodge, you are responsible for cooking your own meals and cleaning up your own dishes.
- ❖ Guests are expected to assist with keeping the Lodge clean and tidy.

Fire Safety

FIRE is a major risk to all our facilities. There are no emergency support services available, therefore we require NO SMOKING in or around the buildings and NO CANDLES.

- **Do not bring** electric blankets or heaters!
- Wet clothing should be placed in the Drying Room.
- Please DO NOT place clothes over heaters in corridors or rooms.
- Fire exits must be kept clear at all times.
- Always keep items away from bunkroom heaters.

First Aid

- ❖ Ski Patrollers are on duty throughout the winter providing first aid for any on field injuries.
- ❖ Bring any medications that you may require. We recommend you carry them at all times in case of emergency evacuation.
- ❖ Panadol and sticking plasters may be purchased at the Cockayne Café.

Telecommunications

- ❖ There is no cell-phone coverage on the mountain. If you wish to make a phone call from the mountain you will need to use a calling card or to make the call collect.
- ❖ Limited internet access is available at Snowline Lodge – discuss with staff to arrange payment and a suitable time.

Laundry facilities

- ❖ There are limited facilities for washing clothes (hand washing only), so you will need to bring sufficient clothes for your stay.

Cancellation of bookings

- If the Club has to cancel your holiday you may choose to transfer the booking to another available date or receive a full refund.
- If you wish to cancel your holiday, we need to have this in writing as soon as possible.
- If you notify us of your cancellation more than one month from the start of your holiday and you do not want to transfer the booking, we will retain the 25% deposit.
- Bookings cancelled within one month of the start of the holiday may be transferred to another available date, otherwise 50% of the total amount will be retained. Special circumstances will be considered at the discretion of the Club management.

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We look forward to seeing you at Cheeseman and wish you an enjoyable stay!