

cheeseman

Welcome to Cheeseman – some information about us

Mt Cheeseman is a friendly ski area that promotes a fun, family environment in an alpine setting. Cheeseman is open to the public and is the closest club ski area to Christchurch, being just 90 minutes (approximately 99km) drive away.

The mountain has a sunny aspect with groomed runs and off-piste terrain catering for all abilities. It has two T-bar lifts (Main T-bar and Ridge T-bar) that provide access to the whole mountain and a learners' rope tow in a dedicated learners' area.

For adventurers looking for untracked trails and off-piste experiences, Mt Cockayne offers challenging skiing and fantastic views of the Craigieburn Range. The Ridge T-bar also offers access to the back country for day trips. Please note that there is no ski patrol beyond the ski area boundary therefore you are entirely responsible for your own safety.

Cheeseman has three Lodges and offers a variety of services such as ski and snow board hire, instruction and beginners' packages.

The Day Lodge overlooks the learners slope and has large open decks to enjoy the spectacular alpine views. A wide range of homemade food, hot snacks and beverages is available from the licensed Cockayne Cafe.



Snowline Lodge provides ski-in ski-out accommodation for 68 people. There are 13 bunkrooms that sleep four to six people per room.

Please note that at busy times you will be sharing the bunkroom with others unless you book the bunkroom exclusively – enquire about our Family Room Rates.

Guests provide their own sleeping bag, pillow case and towel or on request linen hire is available.

Snowline has a large communal dining/living area plus a fully equipped kitchen, with meals in winter prepared by our resident cook. Separate male and female bathrooms have hot showers and flush toilets.

Guests help with light duties which include meal preparation, dishes and tidying up.



To stay overnight in Snowline Lodge during winter children must be at least 3 years old.

Forest Lodge is nestled in native beech forest and provides self-catering accommodation. The lodge is located half way along the 12km access road and accommodates 38 people in 7 bunkrooms. Please note that at busy times you may have to share the bunkroom with others unless you book the bunkroom exclusively.

Forest Lodge has a sunny lounge/dining area and a large communal kitchen, fully equipped for individual or group self catering. There are gas hobs and a large electric oven. Separate male and female bathrooms have hot showers and flush toilets. Power is provided by a generator which means the fridge and microwave operate only when the generator is on.



Venue Hire: Cheeseman opens its facilities year round to a wide range of group bookings from school trips (day or overnight) to corporate conferences and social outings.

In summer the Day Lodge is popular as a unique venue for retreats, weddings and other celebrations.

For more information or to book The Day Lodge, Snowline Lodge or Forest Lodge contact us by email or phone.



Joining the Mt Cheeseman Ski Club offers great value

Established in 1929, Cheeseman is run by members on a voluntary basis and employs staff to operate the ski area in winter.

People don't have to be members to ski and stay at Cheeseman, but as a member you'll enjoy substantial and unique social and financial benefits. These include a season lift pass, discounted accommodation and ski week rates, priority booking and great camaraderie.

Cheeseman welcomes new members, so if you haven't joined, do consider it.

We look forward to seeing you at Cheeseman!

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