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Winter Holiday at Cheeseman ~ Forest Lodge

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

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* (Forest Lodge is powered by a generator that is turned off around 11.00 pm each evening)
- ❖ 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 licensed Cockayne Café in the Day Lodge.

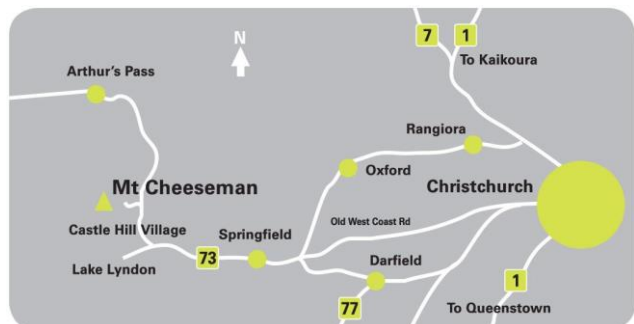


*** Always have warm clothing, footwear, torch & car keys by your bunk at night in case of emergency.**

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.

Getting to Cheeseman

- ❖ Cheeseman is approximately 99 km (90 minutes drive) from Christchurch on SH 73.
- ❖ The 12 km access road is unsealed.
- ❖ The turnoff is signposted on the left 1.5km west of 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.
 - Aim 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.
- ❖ Always carry chains for your vehicle (including 4WDs) and do check that they fit before you depart!
- ❖ Fit chains where indicated (there are signs on our road).
- ❖ Check the current snow report and road conditions before heading to the mountains:
 - Check our website at www.mtcheeseman.co.nz for up to date information.
 - 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.

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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 and leave your gear tidily in the bunkroom or foyer area. Check in is not 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.



- ❖ You may unload your vehicle next to the lodge, then you must park your vehicle in the car park next the generator shed.
 - 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!
 - Beware! There are keas who enjoy pecking soft materials!!
- ❖ When you head up to the ski area you can unload at the drop-off area immediately below the Day Lodge then park your vehicle down in the main car park for the day.
- ❖ Check in with the staff at the Ticket Office to let them know you have arrived and to purchase lift passes and arrange any gear rental.

During winter we have staff managing Forest Lodge, please introduce yourself and they will familiarise you with our safety requirements and answer any questions you may have.

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 that are complimentary for all guests. If you have your own ice skates bring them along. Should you have any questions, please ask the staff at Forest Lodge.



Communal Living

We want everyone to enjoy their stay at Cheeseman. While you are having fun, please be considerate of others.

- ❖ **Noise.** We ask for quiet in the bunkroom areas after 9.00 pm. Please be considerate of staff who may be trying to sleep (staff rooms are below the lounge).
- ❖ **Tidiness.** Please 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.
- ❖ **Respect others.** 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 have a strict NO SMOKING policy in or around the buildings and NO CANDLES.

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

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First Aid

Ski Patrollers are on duty at the ski area throughout the winter providing first aid for any 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 on mountain at Snowline Lodge, by request only – discuss with staff to arrange payment and a suitable time.

Laundry Facilities

There are no laundry facilities at Forest Lodge.

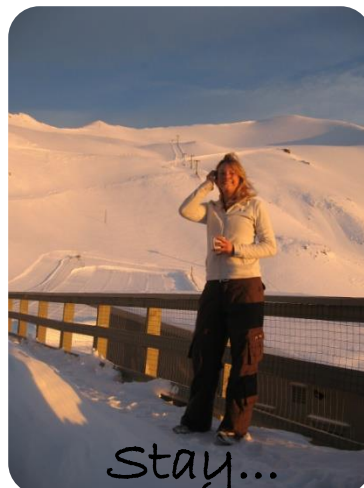
Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to Cheeseman. Bookings may be transferred to another available date, otherwise the date on which cancellation notice is received will determine the cancellation fee.

- ❖ More than 31 days prior to arrival: a voucher (to the value of the amount paid) will be offered that may be redeemed at a later date or the 25% deposit will be retained by the Club.
- ❖ Less than 30 days prior to arrival: a voucher (to the value of the amount paid) will be offered that may be redeemed at a later date or 50% of the total amount will be retained by the Club.
- ❖ No Show: If guests have paid but do not show, they are not eligible for a refund. The Club has discretion for providing refunds in exceptional circumstances.

No partial refunds are made for unused items or services included in a ski week, these are sold as a package only. Special circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the club management. Should the Club have to cancel your holiday you may choose to transfer the booking to another available date or receive a full refund.

*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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