

Society's Lodges and Houses

Bushy Park Lodge

Kai Iwi, 24km north of Wanganui on sealed road.

Historic homestead, fine grounds and view. 89 ha of virgin bush with tracks and trees identified.

Accommodation: for 12 in five bedrooms, single and double beds. Sleeps 18 with mattresses. Bedding, linen and towels supplied. Showers, drying cupboard, kitchen with electric stoves, refrigerator, deep freeze, cutlery and crockery. Bring own rations. Milk may be ordered.

Fees: (House Guests) Members \$14 single, \$18 double. Non-members \$20 single, \$25 double. Children 5-12 \$6. Continental breakfast available \$4. (Day Visitors) All adults \$2, children 5-15 \$1, Family \$3 or \$5. Closed to day visitors but not House Guests Mon & Tues.

Books and Information Leaflet: Custodian, Bushy Park Lodge, Kai Iwi, RD8 Wanganui. Telephone Kai Iwi 879.

Okarito Beach NFAC Cottage

Sleeps 4-6 in basic but comfortable facilities, water, wood stove, 2 rooms. Sited in historic township, coastal and bush walks, Okarito lagoon,

Westland National Park and glaciers. \$3 per person per night. Bookings: Kevin Smith, Box 57, Harihari, Ph 33090 Harihari.

Patoka Lodge, Hawke's Bay

The lodge is situated 48km from Napier on the Puketitiri Road and 8km past Patoka, amid the 14ha William Hartree Memorial Scenic Reserve.

The Lodge accommodates 10 people. Extra mattresses and pillows are available to sleep up to 20. The lodge has a full equipped kitchen, including refrigerator.

Visitors supply their own linen and cutlery. The nearest store is 8km away. No animals are permitted.

For rates sent a stamped addressed envelopes to the Booking Officer, June Northe, 212 Kennedy Road, Napier, Telephone Napier 438-193.

Ruapehu Lodge, Whakapapa Village, Tongariro National Park

Ruapehu Lodge is now available for MEMBERS ONLY, and all bookings must be made with the Society's head office, P.O. Box 631, Wellington.

Fees: Winter season (1 June to 31 October) all members \$7.00 per night. Summer season (1 November to 31 May) Adults \$5.00 per night; Children \$2.50 per night. Securing

deposit (per person) \$1.00 per night.

Full payment must be paid four weeks before occupation, (otherwise bookings may be forfeited) after which time there is no refund for cancellation.

No animals or pets are allowed in the lodge or the National Park.

There is no key at the lodge, but one will be posted ten days before occupancy. No member may occupy the lodge without first booking through Head Office, Wellington.

Tautuku Lodge, Coastal Otago

Situated 72km from Balclutha on State Highway 92, Tautuku Lodge on the Society's 550ha bush-clad Lenz Reserve in coastal south-east Otago.

The lodge is fully equipped and accommodates eight or nine people. Bring with you food supplies, bed linen, blankets, towels, tea-towels etc.

For rates apply to the Booking Officer Miss M. Roy, Papatowai, Waipati, RD, Owaka, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Turner Cottage, Stewart Island

Turner Cottage, is on Stewart Island and is a two-roomed dwelling furnished for three people.

For details write, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to: "Turner Cottage", C/o Mrs N. Fife, P.O. Box 67, Halfmoon Bay, Stewart Island.

Tai Haruru Lodge, Piha, West Auckland

A seaside home situated in Garden Road, Piha, 38km from central Auckland. Eight minutes' walk from the Piha store, with right-of-way access to the surf beach and close to bush reserves and walking tracks in the Waitakere Ranges.

The lodge is fully equipped and sleeps six to eight persons. It has a large lounge with open fire, dining area, and modern kitchen.

You will need food supplies, bed linen, towels, and tea-towels.

Different rates apply for winter and summer, for rates send a stamped, addressed envelope to the Booking Officer, Mrs B. Marshall, 160 Valley Road, Henderson, Auckland. Telephone 836-5859.

Waiheke Island Cottage, Onetangi, Waiheke Island

The cottage has comfortable bunk accommodation for eight people and has a stove, refrigerator, and hot water. Adjacent to a 49ha wildlife reserve, belonging to the Society it is in easy walking distance from shops and beach. It is reached by ferry from Auckland City (two or three returns daily) and by bus or taxi from the island ferry wharf. Everything is supplied except linen and food. No animals are permitted.

Different rates apply for winter and summer. For rates sent an addressed envelope to the Booking Officer, Mrs R. Roley, 23 Stoddard Street, Mt Roskill, Auckland. Telephone Auckland 696-769 (evenings).

The NEW ZEALAND BEECHES

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Book reviews continued

The New Zealand Beeches: Ecology, Utilization and Management. by John Wardle (New Zealand Forest Service. 1984) \$45.00

Although John Wardle has provided us with a comprehensive, readable, and long overdue update of Leonard Cockayne's 1926 monograph on our beech forests, much of the information is too technical to attract most of our members.

Introduced with a chapter on the systematics and history of the genus *Nothofagus* in its world perspective, the book then divides into four parts: the first deals with the distribution and composition of the New Zealand beech forest types, including sequences related to altitude, latitude, rainfall and soils; the second treats the physical and biotic factors affecting beech forest ecosystems; the third deals with the ecological life history of the beeches; and the fourth covers utilization and management of the forest and their components.

Those who make it to the last chapter will find our society mentioned in its conservation role, as well as some rather incriminating admissions on Forest Service supervision and management of the public's beech forest estate, e.g. "because prices paid for indigenous timbers have generally been low, most sawmillers have not been prepared to take the care in sawing and seasoning necessary for successful hardwood conversion while plentiful supplies of the easier sawn, high yield rimu were still available"; "the relative lack of interest displayed by the sawmillers has carried through to forest management" (p.405). Wardle, however, sees fit to quote Cockayne in this context — "in her beeches New Zealand possesses a perpetual source of great wealth, but only so long as the forests are properly conserved and managed".

This book indicates that the potential value of our beech forest estate is greater than even Cockayne envisaged. It is our challenge and responsibility as conservationists to ensure that these values are widely appreciated and realised.

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