

lodgesaccommodation

Arethusa Cottage

An ideal place from which to explore the Far North. Near Pukenui in wetland reserve. 6 bunks, fully equipped kitchen, separate bathroom outside. For information and bookings send a stamped, addressed envelope to: Pat Platt, Waterfront Road, Pukenui, RD4, Kaitaia. (09) 409-8757.

Tai Haruru Lodge, Piha, West Auckland

A seaside haven set in a large sheltered garden on the rugged West Coast, 38km on sealed roads from central Auckland. Close to store, bush reserves and tracks in the beautiful Waitakere Ranges. Double bedroom and 3 singles, plus large lounge with open fireplace, dining area and kitchen. The self-contained unit has 4 single beds. Bring food, linen and fuel for fire and BBQ. For details and rates send stamped addressed envelope to Ethne Richards, 1/109 Fredrick St, Hillsborough, Auckland. (09) 625-8627.

Waiheke Island Cottage

The cottage at Onetangi has comfortable bunk accommodation for 8 people and has a stove, refrigerator and hot water. Adjacent to a 49ha wildlife reserve, it is in easy walking distance from shops and beach. It is reached by ferry from Auckland City. Everything is supplied except linen and food. No animals. For rates send an addressed envelope to the booking officer, Maya Spence, 16 Hobson Tce, Onetangi, Waiheke Island. (09) 372-9333.

Ruapehu Lodge, Tongariro National Park

Situated 600 metres from Whakapapa Village, at the foot of Mount Ruapehu, this lodge is available for members and their friends. It may also be hired out to other compatible groups by special arrangement. It is an ideal base for tramping, skiing, botanising or visiting the hotpools at Tokaanu. The lodge holds 32 people in four bunkrooms and provides all facilities except food and bedding. Bookings and inquiries to Forest

and Bird, PO Box 631, Wellington.Tel: (04) 385-7374, fax: (04) 385-7373. Email: office@wn.forest-bird.org.nz

William Hartree Memorial Lodge, Hawkes Bay

Situated 48km from Napier, 8km past Patoka on the Puketitiri Rd (sealed). The lodge is set amid a 14ha scenic reserve and close to many walks, eg: Kaweka Range, Balls Clearing, hot springs and museum. The lodge accommodates up to 15 people. It has a fully equipped kitchen including stove, refrigerator and microwave plus tile fire, TV, hot showers. Supply your own linen, sleeping bags etc. For information and bookings please send a stamped addressed envelope to Pam and John Wuts, 15 Durham Ave, Tamatea, Napier. (06) 844-4751, email: wutsie@xtra.co.nz

Matiu/Somes Island, Wellington Harbour

Joint venture accommodation by Lower Hutt Forest and Bird with DoC. A modern family home with kitchen, 3 bedrooms, large lounge and dining room, just 20 mins sailing by ferry from the centre of Wellington or 10 mins from Days Bay. Ideal place to relax in beautiful surroundings, with accommodation for 8. Bring your own food and bedding and a torch. Smoking is banned everywhere on the island, including the house. For information sheet, send stamped addressed envelope to: Accommodation officer, PO Box 31-194, Lower Hutt. (04) 567-1686.

Tautuku Lodge

State Highway 92, Southeast Otago. Situated on Forest and Bird's 550ha Lenz Reserve 32km south of Owaka. A bush setting, and many lovely beaches nearby provide a wonderful base for exploring the Catlins. The lodge, the Coutts cabin and an A-frame sleep 10, 4 and 2 respectively. No Animals. For information and rates please send a stamped addressed envelope to the caretaker: Diana Noonan, Mirren St, Papatowai, Owaka, RD2.