

Mt Aspiring Outdoor Education Centre

Location:

On the edge of forest of Mt Aspiring National Park, overlooking the broad river flats of the East Matukituki River

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Mt Aspiring Outdoor Education Centre is the "old homestead" for Mt Aspiring Station and served as a historic high country station for three generations of pioneer farming families. Gifted as an outdoor education facility in 1969 it has slowly been converted into an outdoor education centre, while retaining its pioneering spirit and historic charm.

Its location in the quiet East Matukituki Valley, near Wanaka, make it one of the true wilderness retreats available to groups in the spectacular setting of New Zealand's majestic Southern Alps.

Facilities

Accommodation for up to 40 people in bunkroom-style sleeping rooms. A large kitchen, complete with all gas rings and coal fired range provides cooking facilities. The front room offers a large common room for dining and classroom requirements.

- Eight separate bunkrooms (three seven beds each) accommodating up to 40 people



- Full kitchen and food preparation facilities
- Four showers with hot water
- Flush toilets
- Drying room
- Relaxing enclosed courtyard setting



Activities

Activities are easily available from the lodge. These include:

- Day walks and tramping along well formed tracks to suit a range of abilities and fitness levels
- Low challenge ropes course experiences
- Team-building and initiative activities
- A range of outdoor pursuits including kayaking and rock climbing
- Environmental and eco-activities
- Overnight camping/tramping expeditions
- A wide range of adventure tourism activities in Wanaka

EAST MATUKITUKI VALLEY, WANAKA

Location and access

The lodge is not accessible by road or car. Access by car is from Wanaka via the Matukituki Valley Road (Approx 1 hour) to Cameron Flat. A river crossing of the West Matukituki, followed by a short tramp up the river flats (15 mins) gives access to the lodge. A footbridge is available nearby for access in times of high river flow. Tractor and trailer support is usually available to transport equipment and supplies from Cameron Flat.

Communication

The national park has no telephone, cellphone coverage, email, internet or TV services. To maintain vital contact we use a sophisticated radio-telephone system connected to technology supplied by the Canterbury Mountain Radio Service. We have emergency contact 24 hrs a day, and can connect to any NZ land or mobile number if needs be.

Risk management and safety

The remote location and truly alpine setting of the lodge present unique safety and risk management considerations. However, our staff have over thirty years experience running programmes at the centre which are safe and enjoyable. We are proud of our safety record, and give you our 100% commitment to helping users of the lodge enjoy a safely managed wilderness adventure. To help in this role, we have a hut warden system available to advise or assist you.

