



SUPPORTERS' NEWSLETTER



Become part of this journey. Help to retain and manage the Matai Bay Hut in its unique location for future generations to enjoy.

Perfect Seclusion



Sometimes, the only way to truly get away from it all is to go someplace only accessible via boat. Spend a night at Matai and listen as the World's problems fade away with the lapping ocean.

Hut Fees

Adult: \$6.00 per night per person.

Youth/child: \$3.00 per night per person.

Exclusive Occupancy: \$36.00 per night.

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Matai Bay through the Season

Changing seasons has brought the arrival of autumn rains to Matai Bay. Ngaio trees that were infested with aphids in the summer have since recovered. Long-suffering drought affected ferns and flaxes have bounced back to their former glory. Unfortunately, some established trees were not as lucky.

A very wet winter/spring season last year left many established trees suffering from root stress, says DOC botanist Shannel Courtney. An extremely dry summer has, sadly, proven fatal to the already weakened trees. Heavy beach seeding this summer may have further added to this stress. Beech species flower around October and develop seed from December to March, which coincided with the driest conditions.

On a brighter note, the fungi this year are simply beautiful with their fascinating colours and different forms, seemingly unaffected by the drought. Walk through the bush along the little track at the back of the hut to discover these wonders which can pop up overnight. A small selection of what can be found is shown below.



New Zealand is the undisputed seabird capital of the world, with many species found in the Marlborough Sounds. On the last visit to Matai Bay a pair of Variable oystercatchers was seen probing busily for shellfish along the beach, a pair of Paradise Shelduck was quietly sunning themselves at the water's edge and Gannets were fishing in the bay.

Discoveries along the beach on the high tide mark included elephant fish eggs, and the exciting and quite rare sighting of a Powelliphanta snail shell, which was washed down from the bush after the heavy rains. These natives have called NZ their home for some 200 million years and are among some of the oldest carnivorous land snails on Earth. The meal of choice for Powelliphanta tends to be earthworms. When worms are off the menu, slugs, smaller-sized snails and other soft-body invertebrates will be at the Powelliphanta mercy.

Please note collecting Powelliphanta shells has been illegal since 1982. Predation is quite a serious threat, as native Weka and introduced animals like pigs, rats, possums and thrushes are known to eat them.

A visit to Matai Bay in the Autumn/Winter certainly introduces a whole new experience.

Beryl Archer 29/7/19



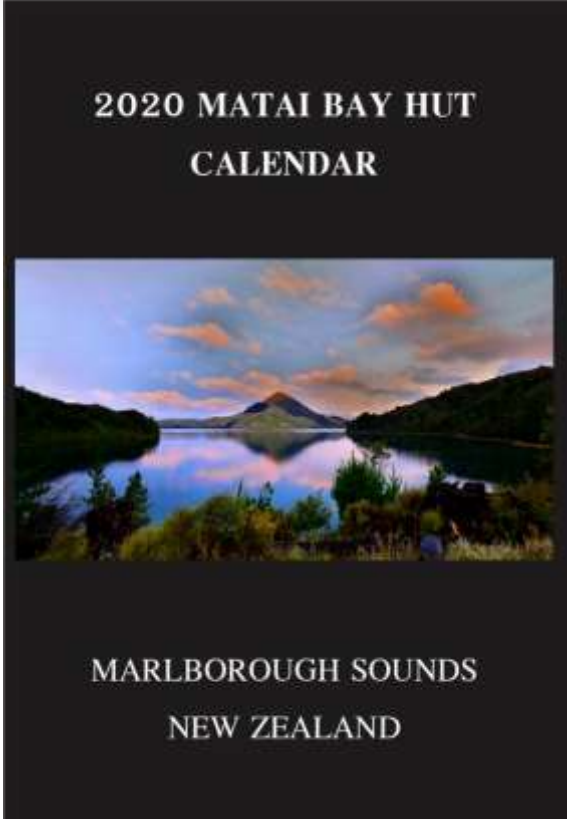
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FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

Each year the Matai Bay Hut Trust assembles a Fund Raising Calendar of exciting scenes from within the Marlborough Sounds. The calendars are available now. They make an excellent gift for friends and family or to send overseas. These are available from any Trust Member or

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**THANK YOU
FOR ASSISTING US TO MAINTAIN THE HUT
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY.
YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED.**

Play it Safe at Matai Bay

Matai Bay is an incredible place to explore, with untouched terrain that's remote yet easily accessible. It's also likely to be quite different from what you're used to, so it's important you prepare beforehand for the climate and the environment.

New Zealand's climate is mild, and ranges from subtropical in the north to temperate in the south. From the crisp days of spring to the burnt orange beauty of autumn, New Zealand is a visitor's paradise. In the Sounds it is common to see the sun one hour, and then have heavy rain and strong winds the next -the weather is always changing.

We encourage all our supporters and hut users to remain familiar with the following safety values of the Trust.

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF “LEAVE NO TRACE” AT MATAI BAY HUT

- 1. Plan ahead and prepare for your trip.**
- 2. Tell someone your plans.**
- 3. Be aware of the weather.**
- 4. Take sufficient supplies.**
- 5. Leave what you find.**
- 6. Minimize the effects; respect the wildlife and the area.**
- 7. Dispose of waste properly and be considerate of others.**

Let us now look at these principles individually to assist you enjoy your journey.

1. Matai Bay is only accessible by water. Seek local knowledge and plan the route you will take and the amount of time you can reasonably expect it to take. You will not have mobile phone reception at Matai Bay, so make sure you are prepared before you go. The Trust may require a vehicle registration number when you make your booking. This assists us if an unknown vehicle is left in the local area for an extended time. Always lock your vehicle and keep windows secure when you're not around. Never leave bags wallets cameras valuables or important documents in parked vehicles. Leave your kayaks tied up above the high tide line which can be right around the hut in a spring tide. There is a mooring available for hut users only. If you are using the mooring ensure your boat is secured correctly to the mooring. This is used at your own risk.

2. The Trust expects you'll tell someone what you're doing and where you're going beforehand. That way if something does go wrong emergency services can help you as they'll know where you were headed. Tell someone your plans using whatever system works for you, this could be an email, a phone call, or a detailed SMS message, and make sure you let them know once you're back out too. Travel with someone you know and trust whenever possible. We suggest a personal locator beacon is an essential piece of equipment while you are at Matai. Keep yourself safe in an emergency when you're hunting tramping or on the water in a boat or kayaking you need a personal EPIRB or PLB

3. New Zealand's weather can be highly changeable. Check the forecast and expect weather changes. Do not take risks. The Trust is quite happy to change your booking for another time if in doubt. Beaches all have potential hazards and there are no patrolled lifeguards so check for the safest place to swim. Never swim alone or when cold or tired or after consuming alcohol. If you have children with you, watch over them at all times. If in doubt, stay out.

4. Make sure you have enough food, clothing, equipment and emergency rations for the worst-case scenario. Please do not leave food stores in the cupboard for others. Take an appropriate means of communication. Carry a basic first-aid kit for use in emergencies. If you are visiting in winter it is appropriate to take along a small supply of dry firewood. In summer be aware of the sun, use sun block and insect repellent for bites & stings. Also ensure there is plenty of water on hand for drinking.(Please boil)

5. Leaving the place as you find it should be your first thought when you visit somewhere as interesting and attractive as Matai. People visit natural areas for many reasons, among them to explore nature's mysteries and surprises. When we leave rocks, shells, plants, feathers, fossils, artefacts and other objects of interest as we find them, we pass the gift of discovery on to those who follow. Particularly, never disturb culturally sensitive sites. Leave What You Find also means don't introduce invasive species. New Zealand has among the highest rates of pests in the world and we spend a great deal of our efforts maintaining bio-security at entry ports. In the outdoors, it is critical that we avoid spreading diseases and pests such as Kauri die-back and didymo (rock snot) among others. We need to share the outdoors not invade it.

6. Standing trees, dead or alive, are home to birds and insects, so please leave them intact. Fallen trees also provide bird and animal shelter, and recycle nutrients back into the environment through decomposition. For the inside fire, please use small pieces of drift wood, no larger than the diameter of an adult wrist these can be broken with your hands. Respect the water in both the creeks and the sea. Take precautions with children at all times. Should you be adventuring in the area, keep to the tracks and beware of the rodent

traps in the area. These should be avoided by children at all times. We suggest you give the children a whistle which they can use as a rescue tool should the need arise.

7. “Pack it in, pack it out”. Any user of our outdoors has a responsibility to clean up before he or she leaves. Inspect the hut and areas for rubbish or spilled foods. Pack out all rubbish and kitchen waste, including leftover food. Lead by example. Pick up any rubbish you see not just your own. Use the proper toilet facility for human waste only and don’t dispose of your rubbish in there.

Permits

Matai Bay hut is situated in the Tennyson Inlet Scenic Reserve. As a Trust we have a Management Agreement with DOC to manage this hut for the benefit of future generations to enjoy in a unique environment.

Please be aware of the following Permit requirements from DOC when visiting the Matai Bay hut.

Hunting permits. To hunt animals on public conservation land you need a DOC hunting permit.

Firearm Licence: If you are hunting with a firearm you need a valid firearms licence to get a hunting permit.

Dog permits. Dogs are not allowed in national parks, nature reserves or wildlife sanctuaries except without a permit issued by DOC. Dogs are not allowed inside any DOC hut or lodge.

Drones: You must have a permit from DOC to fly a drone (of any size) in national parks, including for recreational and commercial purposes.

The Waitohi / Picton DOC Office can be contacted on

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Picton



Time to Stay at Matai

When is the best time to visit Matai?

Spring: September – November

During spring, New Zealand bursts with new life. Colourful blooms, baby wildlife and ‘waterfall season’ makes this an inspiring time of year to visit.



Summer: December – February

New Zealand’s many beaches and lakes are perfect to cool off during the summer months. Summer activities tend to make the most of the sun, sea and sand.



Autumn: March – May

In autumn, New Zealand enjoys some of the most settled weather of the whole year. Soak up long, sunny days and golden leaves with exploring, fishing, hiking or kayaking.



Winter: June - August

The winter months brings snow blanketing soaring mountains in certain parts of the country and clear, crisp days that awaken the senses at Matai. The days are mostly calm but cooler.



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Matai Bay Hut Polo Shirts

The Matai Bay Hut Trust has stylized "Biz Cool" Polo shirts available for purchase.



These have Matai Bay Hut Trust on the front, with a graphics of the hut on the back. The colour is slate grey with a lime green trim.



These are great wearing and very cool.

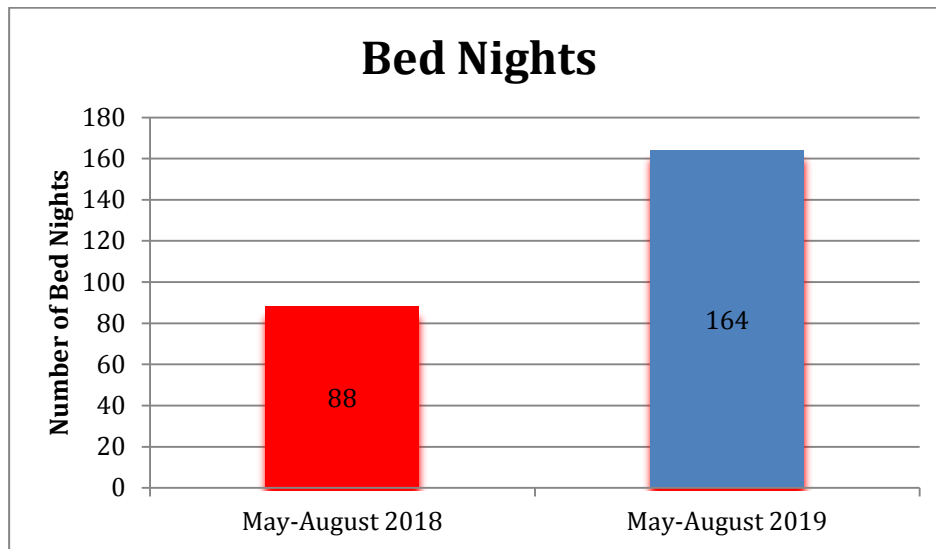
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