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Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2020

Pursuant to section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, the Marlborough District Council makes the following bylaw.

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Bylaws

1. Title

This bylaw is the Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2020.

2. Commencement

This bylaw comes into force on 1 December 2020.

3. Interpretation

In this bylaw, unless the context requires another meaning –

Responsible camp and **responsible camping** have the same meaning given to freedom camp and freedom camping respectively in section 5 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Enforcement officer has the meaning given in section 4 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Local authority area has the meaning given in section 6 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 and also means within the Marlborough District.

Certified self-contained vehicle means a vehicle designed and built for the purpose of camping which is practically configured to meet the ablutionary and sanitary needs of occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days, without requiring any external services or discharging any waste, and:

- Complies with NZS 5465:2001 Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans;
- Displays a current self-containment warrant issued in accordance with NZS 5465:2001 Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans and any subsequent amendments in the inside left of the front window, or the inside left of the windshield, with the warrant details facing outwards; and
- The toilet facility must be readily useable within the vehicle including sufficient head and elbow room at all times, even with the bed made up.

4. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate Responsible camping in local authority areas so as to:

- 4.1 protect the area;
- 4.2 protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; and/or
- 4.3 protect access to the area.

5. Prohibited Areas

No person may responsible camp in any local authority area in Marlborough, unless otherwise provided for in this Bylaw.

6. Restricted Areas

- 6.1 No person may responsible camp in any local authority area identified in Restricted Areas unless he or she complies with the restrictions imposed on use of that area as set out in the Restricted Areas for Camping section of this Bylaw.
- 6.2 Restricted Areas will be regularly monitored and, where required, access will be restricted or prohibited on a site-by-site basis for the following reasons:

- (a) there is a high risk of fire or imminent flood in the area;
- (b) there is a potential health and safety risk at the sites, including due to overcrowding;
- (c) the area is being used for an event approved by Council;
- (d) there is a need to better protect public access; or
- (e) maintenance including improvements to allow recovery of the site.

The prohibition must be removed when the circumstances described in clause 6.2 no longer apply. While an area is prohibited under clause 6.2, no person may responsible camp in the area.

7. Offences and Penalties

In accordance with section 20 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, every person who Responsible camps in a local authority area in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this bylaw commits an infringement offence and is liable to a fee of \$200 (or other amount as prescribed by regulations made under that Act).

Section 20 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 provides for other offences in relation to Responsible camping.

Restricted Areas for Camping

No person may responsible camp in any local authority area identified in Restricted Areas unless he or she complies with the restrictions imposed on use at that particular site.

1. Wairau Diversion

The Wairau Diversion area is located on the northern side of the lower reach of the Diversion. It is accessed from the intersection of Thomas Road and Neal Road.

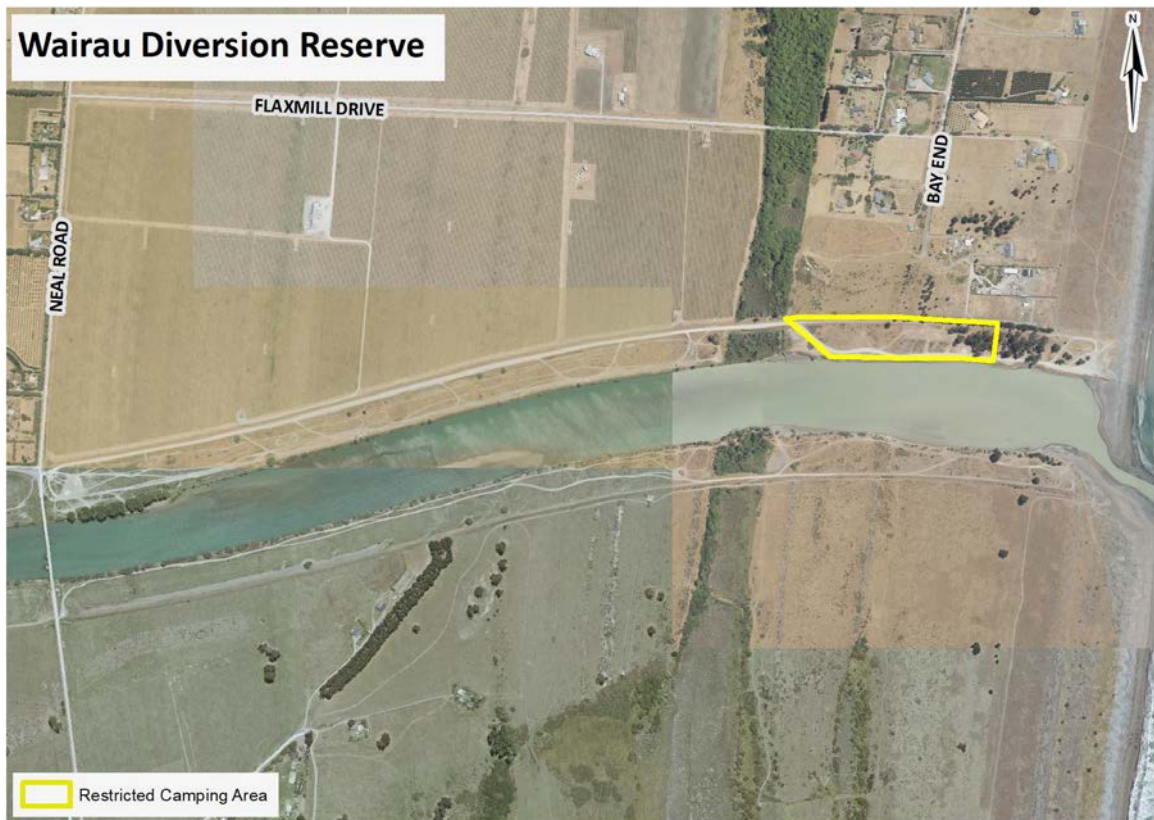
The area of the Wairau Diversion at the eastern end of the site is a restricted area for responsible camping. The Wairau Diversion Reserve Restricted Area is part of the reserve from the eastern boundary of the prohibited area adjacent to the Hinepango Wetland stretching in an easterly direction to the Wairau Diversion day use area. The area permitting responsible camping has a fence on its eastern boundary between the day use and the camping area.

No person may responsible camp except in the area shown and must be in a certified self-contained vehicle.

There is clear signage into the area directing campers to the area allocated for camping.

The maximum period anyone can responsible camp in this area is two consecutive nights in any four week period.

Vehicle numbers are limited to 75 vehicles.



2. Taylor Dam Reserve Upper Level

The responsible camping area at the Taylor Dam Reserve is in the Upper Levels of the Reserve.

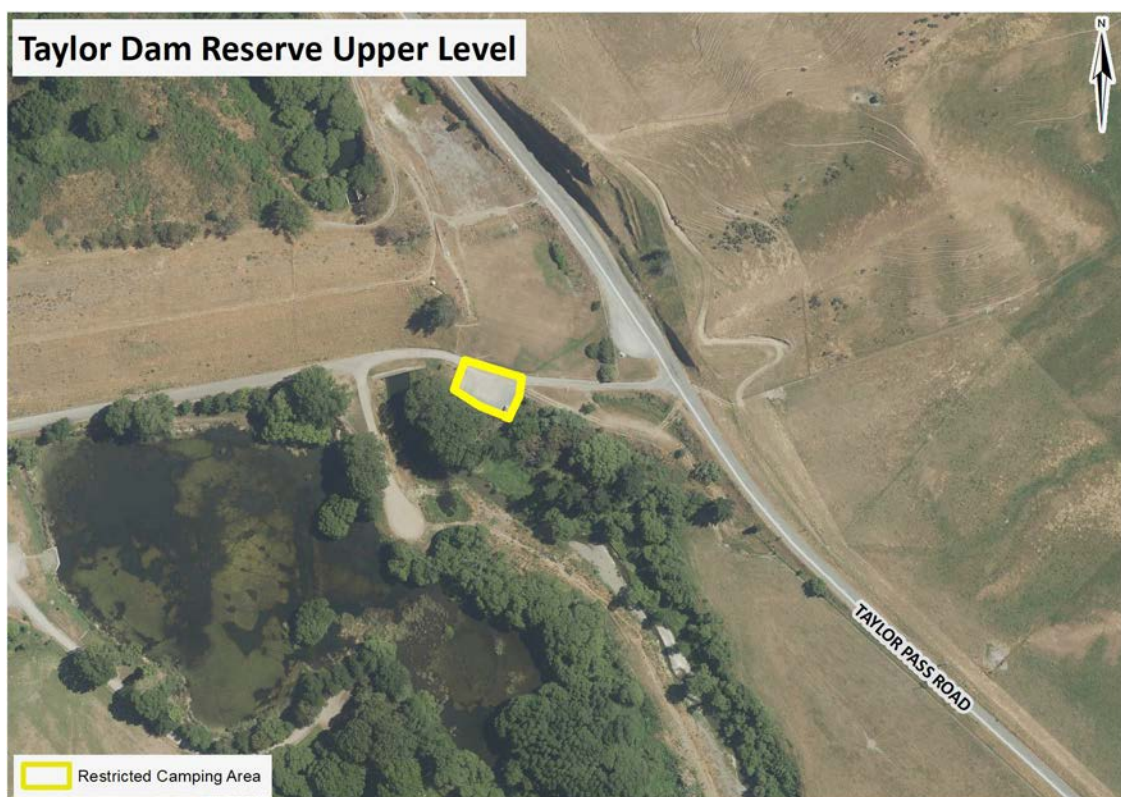
The Taylor Dam Reserve Upper Level is located off Taylor Pass Road approximately 7 kms from Blenheim as shown on the Taylor Dam Reserve Upper Level map.

No person may responsible camp except in the area shown and must be in a certified self-contained vehicle.

There is clear signage into the area directing campers to the area allocated for camping.

The maximum period anyone can responsible camp in this area is two consecutive nights in any four-week period.

Vehicle numbers are limited to 10 vehicles.



3. Renwick Domain Carpark

The responsible camping area at the Renwick Domain Carpark is located in an area allocated within the centre car parking area, near the Renwick Domain Skate Park.

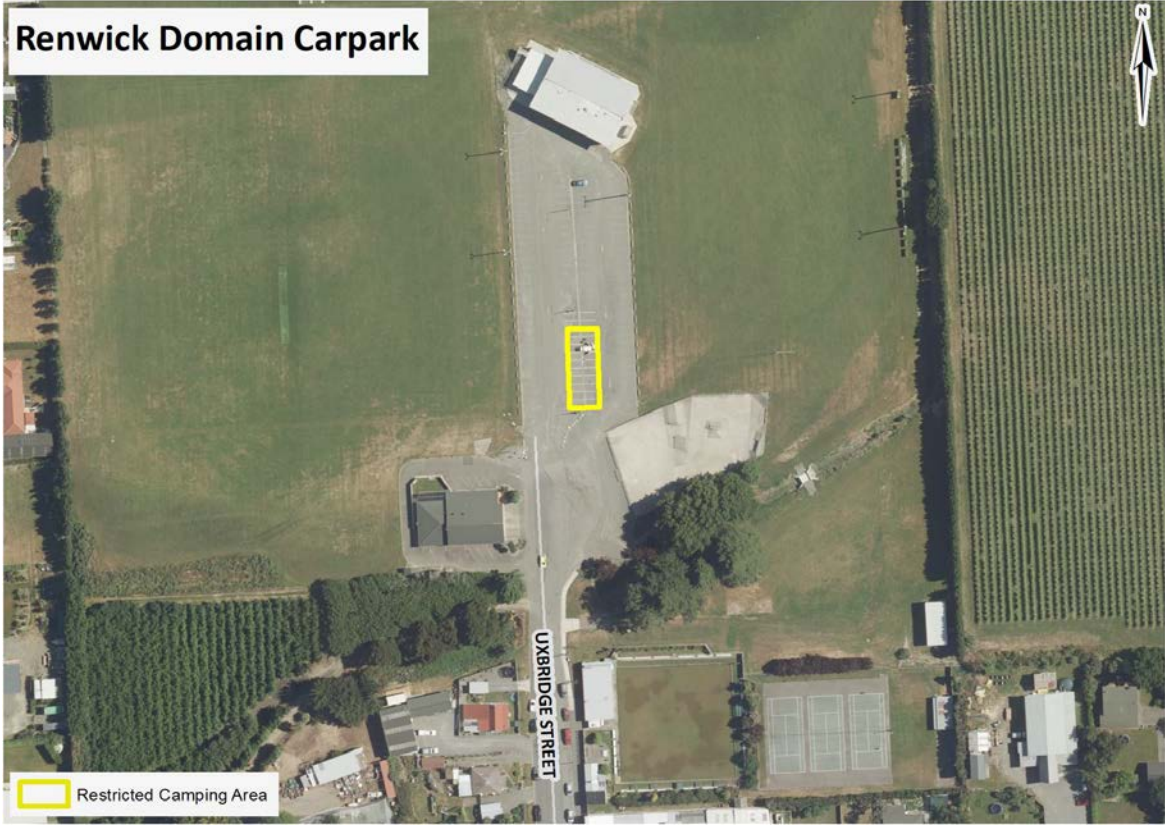
The Renwick Domain Carpark is located in Uxbridge Street, Renwick, as shown on the Renwick Domain Carpark map.

There is clear signage into the area directing campers to the area allocated for camping. There are 10 car park spaces available for responsible camping in the marked areas, park in the spaces numbered 1 to 10 – as marked on the ground.

No person may responsible camp except in the area shown and must be in a certified self-contained vehicle.

Vehicle numbers are limited to 10 to be parked between the hours 6.00 pm - 9.00 am.

The maximum period anyone can camp in this area is two consecutive nights in any four-week period.



4. Wynen Street Carpark

The responsible camping area at the Wynen Street carpark is centrally located in Blenheim.

Wynen Street Carpark is located in Blenheim on Wynen Street (between Symons Street to the east and Market Street to the west) and as shown on the Wynen Street Carpark map below.

No person may responsibly camp except in the area shown and must be in a certified self-contained vehicle.

There is to be no washing hung outside of the van and there is to be no cooking in the car parking spaces.

The maximum period anyone can camp in this area is one night in any four-week period.

Vehicles are to be parked between the hours 6.00 pm - 9.00 am.



5. Lake Elterwater

Lake Elterwater Road Reserve is an area of legal road located approximately three kilometres north of Ward Township, adjacent to and to the east of State Highway 1.

No person may responsible camp except in the area shown and must be in a certified self-contained vehicle.

The maximum period anyone can camp in this area is two consecutive nights in any four-week period.

