

In the central city parking squares (Buxton, Montgomery, Wakatu), please camp overnight in the designated areas only. These are marked out by signs and blue lines painted on the ground – it is not permitted to camp outside these lines.

The maximum period of stay in any of the restricted locations is two consecutive nights on no more than two separate occasions in any calendar month.

“Night” is defined as being from 10pm until 7am only.

Normal parking restrictions and charges apply from 8am-5pm weekdays and 9am-1pm Saturdays.

Vehicles and their associated possessions must remain within one single car parking space (where defined) or within 1 metre of the vehicle if a parking space isn't defined.

Please be aware that there is a liquor ban in Nelson's city centre which means you can't drink alcohol outside but you can do so in the privacy of your camper.

Dump Stations

The following dump stations are free to use for certified self-contained campers.



Nelson Public Dump Station	Mobil Tahunanui, 28 Tahunanui Drive
Richmond Public Dump Station	Fittal St, Richmond, by the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre

Where else can I camp?

Nelson has a number of well-equipped and conveniently located campgrounds to choose from.

Camp	Distance from town	Check in closes at	Features
Tahuna Beach Holiday Park 70 Beach Road	5.3km	9pm	Sites for campers, caravaners, backpackers, whether camping in motor homes, caravans, tents or budget cabins.
Maitai Valley Motor Camp 472 Maitai Valley Road	6.3km	9pm	Nestled among 10 acres of native bush and trees. Camp sites, cabins and caravan hire.
Nelson City Holiday Park and Motel 230 Vanguard Street	2.2km	8pm	Tent sites may be available on request, three standard cabins, TV Room.
Brook Valley Holiday Park 600 Brook Street	5.9km	Sites usually available at any time - pay at office in the morning	Good sheltered sites on the doorstep of a nature sanctuary.

See the Campermate or Rankers websites or apps for other options.

For more details about the Nelson City Freedom Camping Bylaw visit nelson.govt.nz/bylaws.

WHERE TO CAMP IN NELSON

Self-contained vehicles only



Nelson City Council hopes you enjoy your camping trip in the top of the South Island. Here's some useful information to help you enjoy your stay.

For certified self-contained vehicles (CSC), some restrictions have been put in place that control the numbers of vehicles and the areas where they can park, including parks and the central city carparks (as per below). Freedom Camping is not permitted in any other areas in the central city or in other parks and reserves, except within an official campground.

Please be aware that Nelson City Council actively enforces the rules around Freedom Camping within the Nelson area. If you breach the rules you could receive a \$200 fine.

Reserve	Maximum CSC vehicles
Wakapuaka Reserve Carpark	3
Maitai Cricket Ground Carpark	2 in the designated area
Queen Elizabeth II Drive Gardens	In any available defined car parking areas
Trafalgar Park - Haven Foreshore (Kinzett Terrace Carpark)	4 in the designated area
Buxton Carpark	23 in the designated area
Montgomery Carpark	25 in the designated area. Freedom camping is not permitted from Friday 10pm until Monday 8am
Wakatu Carpark	20 in the designated area
Isel Park - Main Road Stoke Carpark	3 in the designated area

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