

National's Plan for Outdoor Recreation

National recognises the unique birthright of all New Zealanders to enjoy our country's parks, beaches and stunning scenery. Outdoor recreation is part of our national character and we will ensure current and future generations have the opportunity to camp, hunt, fish, tramp and enjoy New Zealand's wild and beautiful places.

NATIONAL WILL:

- Reform the Department of Conservation to give greater emphasis to outdoor recreation and shift the emphasis from locking up public land to enabling and encouraging outdoor recreation.
- Rename and change the focus of the 14 conservation and outdoor recreation boards, and ensure Ministerial appointments reflect this change in emphasis.
- Create 25 new campgrounds on conservation land to provide affordable camping sites for New Zealand families.
- Enable, as with trout and game birds, the active involvement of deer, tahr, chamois and wild pig hunters in the management of these game animals on conservation lands whilst ensuring the long-term sustainability for the forest and tussock lands.
- Strengthen the advocacy for recreational fishers in decision-making, particularly in respect of marine reserves, catch allocations and the review of amateur fishing regulations. National will not introduce any fee or licence for marine recreational fishing.