

Outdoor Recreation

PROTECTING THE BIRTHRIGHT OF ALL NEW ZEALANDERS

New Zealanders share a unique birthright to enjoy our great outdoors.

National will make sure that current and future generations have the opportunity to camp, hunt, fish, tramp, picnic, and make the most of New Zealand's wild and beautiful places.

We will do this by improving access to the outdoors, enhancing game hunting, and protecting recreational fishing, while giving priority to managing New Zealand's unique biodiversity.

OUR PRINCIPLES

- Valuing families.
- Encouraging outdoor pursuits.
- Building opportunity for all.
- Ensuring sustainable fisheries.

NATIONAL'S PLAN

1. Improving Access to the Outdoors

- Change the focus of Conservation Boards and rename them Conservation & Recreation Boards (or similar). Membership of these boards will reflect the diversity of recreation pursuits.
- Ensure that public access is achieved through negotiated agreements with landowners.
- Create new affordable campsites for New Zealand families where there is demand.

2. Enhancing Hunting

- Recognise the status of hunters as important stakeholders in the outdoor environment.
- Establish recreation areas managed by hunters on conservation land using a framework that protects conservation values.
- Include hunters in the decision-making process for the management of game animals.

3. Protecting Recreational Fishing

- Give Fish & Game the option to charge a differential licence fee for foreign anglers.
- Develop management plans with stakeholders in fragile and iconic trout fisheries.
- Oppose the introduction of recreational sea fishing licences.
- Encourage local management of local fisheries.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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