

West Coast Alpine Club Hut Information

Situation

The club hut is located up Brake Hill Road, Arthur's Pass, on the east side of the village just before Rough Creek (or just after if you are coming from Christchurch). Look for the sign!

Getting in

Contact any committee office holder for the code for the door in the week before you go to the hut. It may be changed without warning.

Casual use and booking in groups

The hut is available to members and approved non-members (i.e. former members, friends or clubs/groups who apply in writing to the committee) on a casual basis at all times unless the hut is booked out. Members will be notified if this happens. Co-operation with other users is expected. If the hut is booked out (\$160) then members will be notified by the e-mail loop.

On arrival/departure

1. **Electricity.** 3 switches on the switchboard need to be turned on and the button on the big white box pressed if you want to use the water heater. The switch for the water heater is then located in the water cupboard, but should only be turned on when there is water in the cylinder. Turn everything off when you leave. If you are staying a few days you will need to press the button on the white box after 36 hours (timer is to reduce big bills).
2. **Water.** The water cupboard is located in the kitchen. The water should be emptied after use between May and October. To fill the system close the lower two valves C and G, and then open valve F. Close all the taps when water flows, including those in the bathroom. When you leave close valve F and open C and G before opening all the taps to drain the system completely. At all times of year please turn off mains supply at blue toby box just outside front bedroom.
3. **Fire.** Damper in chimney do not shut off completely to avoid smoke inhalation. Please leave clean for next person if possible. BYO kindling and coal: limited fuel in bunker at back of hut.
4. **Toilet.** When you leave in the winter season, put some salt in the toilet bowl and the cistern and stir it up to avoid a freeze.

Payment

Fees (\$8 members, \$16 non-members) can be paid by the following means.

1. **Leave in the secure box.** Preferably include a note to say who you are and how much you have left.
2. **Post a cheque.** To "The Treasurer, West Coast Alpine Club, PO Box 136, Greymouth.
3. **Pay directly into our account.** Make sure you include the words 'hut fees' and pay into: 'West Coast Alpine Club, ASB Greymouth, 12 3168 0044967 02 '

The paperwork

In order to comply with the conditions of our permit to operate the hut you must fill in the logbook at the start of each occupancy. There are 4 sections to sign and a huge list of things to check each time. This cannot be simplified (apparently). Please don't miss this bit or the use of the hut could be jeopardised. Also please fill in the Club Hutbook on the table so we know whose been staying.

Problems (esp. winter)

Be warned that sometimes you cannot get the water running because the town supply can freeze up. The hut is not equipped to cope with this and the best option is to go home or stay at the backpackers! For other problems try phoning the contact numbers in the window by the door, but do **NOT** call a plumber, electrician, or anyone else unless you are prepared to pay the enormous call out charge.