

# Freedom Camping Site Requirements.

## Your Campsite needs to meet certain requirements...

- NO semi-permanent structures will be allowed.
- NO post holes allowed.
- Awning must be of a self-standing tent type construction.
- Additional coverage only allowed to be of the same area as the awning.
- Shade cloth / wind break also allowed.



## APPROVED STRUCTURES

- Caravans, tents, housebuses, campervans.
- No semi-permanent structure.
- Motorised vehicles must be roadworthy.
- A distance of 2.5 metres is required between each tent / caravan in case of fire.
- Structures must not be attached to any tree or shrub.

## TOILETS

- Campers must provide their own portable chemical toilet.
  - Public toilets are for use by day visitors only.
  - If you do not have a chemical toilet, alternative arrangements will have to be made to move your camp to a serviced camping ground.
- Chemical toilets are to be emptied into dump points provided by Council, private city facilities or at camping grounds.
  - **Chemical toilets are NOT to be emptied into public toilets.**
  - For hygiene and safety you are asked to restrict the use of any one toilet to 8, certainly no more than 10 people.

## WATER

- You need to provide water for all your needs.
- Potable water is not available at camp sites.

## FIRES

During the FREEDOM CAMPING season...

- **A Total Fire Ban will remain in place for all open and hangi fires on beaches.**
- **Gas cooking only is allowed.**

## IN AN EMERGENCY – PHONE 111

To report fires other than an emergency phone: 06 867 2049

Please Note: Cellular phone coverage may vary from place to place.



## SAFE SWIMMING BEACHES

- Beaches within the Gisborne District are generally safe.
- Like all beaches, conditions can change from time to time.
- You should take care at all times.
- Surf Lifesaving patrolled beaches are Tolaga Bay, Wainui, Waikanae and Midway.

## MOTORBIKES ON BEACHES

- All road rules apply.
- Be courteous to others – consider noise, safety and the effect on the dunes. No riding on the dunes.
- Do not ride in a manner that is dangerous to others.
- Be aware of wildlife – care for their habitat.
- No vehicles on the foredune – they damage the vegetation cover and cause erosion.
- Please avoid creating new tracks – use the established ones.

## DOGS

- Please pickup and dispose all your dog's waste.
- All dogs must be restrained at all times to ensure the safety of other camp users.
- Wandering dogs will be impounded.



## CIVIL DEFENCE ADVICE

All coastal areas in the Gisborne District are vulnerable to tsunami inundation. There are 2 distinct threats, the first is a tsunami generated from a distant source, the most common and highest risk coming from South America.

If one of these occurs then a member of the Police Fire Service, Civil Defence, will come and tell you what to do. There will be plenty of time. They should also tell you where you should go to. You will probably be unable to return for 24 hours - please follow the advice of the person telling you to evacuate - you ignore them at your peril. The other threat is entirely different and requires self evacuation.

If you feel a very large earthquake or feel one that goes on for over a minute you should immediately evacuate 35 metres above sea level or over 1 kilometre inland.

You will have about 30 minutes to get clear. You will need to stay away from the coast for a minimum of 1 hour.

If you are on the beach and the sea suddenly recedes you should immediately move inland over 1 kilometre or 35 metres above sea level. A local tsunami can be generated by undersea landslides without an earthquake happening.

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# Freedom Camping.

**FREEDOM CAMPING is a privilege.**  
**Please, show respect to other campers**  
**by keeping noise to a minimum and keep**  
**our environment safe and clean.**  
**By following a few simple rules, you can**  
**ensure everyone has a happy holiday.**

**FREEDOM CAMPING SEASON**  
**IS FROM 09/09/11 to 09/04/12**  
**EXCEPT Turihau: 26th December to 1st February**

**CAMPING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED**  
**PLEASE DISPLAY YOUR PERMIT PROMINENTLY**

Permits are issued by the GDC on the understanding that the rules will be adhered to. Permits are available from GDC Offices, Inspectors and the following Distributors:

- GDC Te Puia Service Centre
- Uawa Foodmarket, Tolaga Bay
- GDC Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne
- GDC Freedom Camping Rubbish Contractor
- Gisborne Visitor Information Centre,
  - Waerenga-o-kuri Store
  - Wairoa i-SITE
  - Opotiki i-SITE
  - Whakatane i-SITE



# Freedom Camping Sites.

- Effluent disposal is available at all sites throughout the season.
- Locations shown are the approved FREEDOM CAMPING sites.
- Overnight parking/camping is not permitted in any other area.



## GISBORNE

### DUMP STATIONS:

- Hallrite Plumbing & Gas Fitting, 71A Awapuni Road
- Mobil Portside Service Station, Wainui Road

## TURIHAUA AND POUAWA CAMPSITES

The GDC are working with the Police and Land Transport NZ, and Transit NZ to ensure FREEDOM CAMPING on the East Coast remains enjoyable and safe. A 70km speed restriction will be in place on SH35 through Turihau and Pouawa during the Christmas holidays to protect campers, and traffic entering and leaving the highway.

- In the interests of safety, no tents or caravans are allowed to be within 10 metres of the edge of the highway seal.
- No cars, vans, buses or motorhomes can park within 5 metres of the highway seal.
- These areas are marked and campers who do not comply will be moved.
- Vehicles parked between the 5 and 10 metre lines can act as a physical barrier between the highway and campsite.

# Freedom Camping Permits.

**Camping Permits are required for each campsite for civil defence purposes, by-laws and visitor monitoring.**

Permits are valid for a period of 2, 10 or 28 continuous nights from issue. But may be withdrawn at any time. Withdrawals are at the discretion of authorised Council Officers having regard to the rules and guidelines contained under Council by-laws. When issuing permits Council Officers will check your campsite to ensure it meets Council regulations. It is encouraged to collect permits before commencing camping from the Gisborne District Council office in Fitzherbert Street or from one of the distributors.

- Your permit is valid for a maximum period of either 2, 10 or 28 nights.
- Up to 6 people are covered by 1 permit.
- Your permit costs: **\$10.00 for 2 nights** (includes 1 Rubbish Bag) or **\$25.00 for 10 nights** (includes 5 Rubbish Bags) or **\$60.00 for 28 nights** (includes 14 Rubbish Bags)
- Permit charge is for collection and disposal of solid and liquid waste.
- Charge and number of bags is the same for up to 6 people and length of stay, e.g. 2 people for 4 nights = 6 people for 7 nights.
- More than 6 people require appropriate number of permits issued, e.g. 8 people for 10 nights require 2 permits
- Extra bags are available at \$2.00 each.

## INSPECTORS

Throughout the FREEDOM CAMPING period, council inspectors will be patrolling all camping areas within the district. Inspectors are there to assist in any way they can to help you enjoy your holiday. They are also around to ensure that everyone abides by the rules which are there to help protect the environment, you the camper and your property from those who insist on being inconsiderate. If others make a reasonable request for you to do something or refrain from doing something, you can rest assured that it is for a good reason and you are asked to comply.

If you feel that you would like to report a situation that should be dealt with by one of the Inspectors please do not hesitate to call the Council on 06 867 2049 (24hr service).

For things to do and see in the Eastland Region, visit the **Gisborne i-SITE Visitor Information Centre** Grey Street, Gisborne  
0800 GISBORNE | [www.gisbornenz.com](http://www.gisbornenz.com)



# Freedom Camping Rubbish Removal.

**Please have your BLUE Rubbish Bags beside your tent / caravan at 8.00am ready for collection on the allocated days.**

- **DO NOT** create piles of rubbish. Campers are responsible for their own rubbish and must be kept at your own campsite.
- All rubbish bags will be collected from your campsite, please place your bags beside your tent/caravan ready for collection at 8.00am on your allocated pick up day.
- Disposal of additional rubbish can be negotiated with the contractor.
- Digging holes for burying rubbish or toilet waste is strictly prohibited.
- **DO NOT** deposit rubbish on the roadside.

## RUBBISH PICK UP Peak Period:

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday >**

- WAIPIRO BAY
- TOKOMARU BAY
- KAIARAU BEACH
- TOLAGA BAY
- WAIHAU (LOISELS) BEACH

**Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday >**

- POUAWA BEACH
- TURIHAUA POINT
- TURIHAUA BEACH

**Tuesday and Saturday >**

- DONNERAILLE PARK

## RUBBISH PICK UP Off-Peak Period:

**Monday >**

- WAIPIRO BAY
- TOKOMARU BAY
- KAIARAU BEACH
- TOLAGA BAY
- WAIHAU (LOISELS) BEACH

**Tuesday and Thursday >**

- POUAWA BEACH
- TURIHAUA POINT
- TURIHAUA BEACH

**Saturday >**

- DONNERAILLE PARK

## PEAK PERIOD:

19/12/11 to 07/02/12

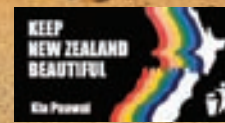
## OFF-PEAK PERIOD:

09/09/11 to 18/12/11

08/02/12 to 09/04/12

## RECYCLING

Please take home all recyclable glass bottles and cardboard for disposal through your usual home pick up service or at All Brites drop off depot - 69 Innes Street, Gisborne.



*"Please leave your campsite as you wish to find it. Leave only your footprints."*