

Office Hours

7.30 am to 7.30 pm every day, October to April
9 am to 5.30 pm May to September
Message service outside these times.

PRE-TRIP WELCOME To Wilsons Abel Tasman National Park

To help us show you the very best of our favourite place, and make sure we have everything ready for you, please call to confirm your trip on **Freephone 0800 223 582** and check these details:

- Dietary requirements
- Coach pick up or self-drive, time and place to meet

If you have your own car:

Drive to our office: 409 High Street, Motueka

- Turn into Old Wharf Road to park on the street and check in at our office.
- We will direct you to safe, off-street parking.

There are no shops or pharmacies in the National Park

Please make sure you have everything you need before leaving Motueka.

PACKING FOR YOUR TRIP

The start of your trip is more enjoyable if you pack as much as possible before your pick up. If you're transferring luggage at our office, for ease and speed please have all overnight luggage in one bag. If you wish to borrow a day pack, have the day's requirements in a separate bag.

What to Bring: Please see attached file, or go to our website [What to Bring](#) page.

Day Pack

Use your own if you prefer or borrow one of our 30 litre packs available at our office.

- Walking poles are not necessary on the well-formed track. If you have balance issues, or knee and ankle weakness, bring your walking poles (not supplied or available to hire).
- For kayaking, your day pack is stored in compartments in your kayak. We supply dry bags (waterproof) but cannot guarantee to keep sensitive electronic gear dry.

*****Always carry essential medication with you in your daypack*****

Lodge Luggage Bag Supplied (40 litres, 47x35x25cm)

Only the branded bag supplied can be transported between lodges. If this has not been delivered to your accommodation, there is time to transfer luggage at our Motueka office. To ensure secure transport of your lodge bag, please follow these guidelines:

- Line inside of black bag with large plastic bag provided to protect gear against sand and water.
- Do not pack any fragile or valuable items. Leave jewellery and valuables in our office safe.
- Shampoo, conditioner and body wash are supplied. Hair dryers are available on request.
- Attach the supplied label to the outside of the bag. If label is lost, please ask for a replacement.
- Join the two handles together with the Velcro attachment.

Excess Luggage

Leave in secure storage at our Motueka Office, so bring everything with you to the office. If returning to the same accommodation after your trip, it might be more convenient for you to leave luggage there.

Cash and Credit Cards

Drinks can be purchased from the in-house bar using eftpos or credit card. There are no cash facilities.

Cash or credit card will be needed if you want to purchase goods at outlets not operated by us. Wifi at our lodges requires credit card details for \$5 donation to the Project Janszoon environmental trust.

Alcohol

Our lodges stock a good range of beer, wines and mixed drinks. Licensing law does not allow you to bring your own alcoholic drinks.

Download the Abel Tasman App

<https://www.janszoon.org/our-work/abel-tasman-phone-app/>

The Project Janszoon App has a detailed map, and many interesting stories about the Park.

For more information, please call us, refer to our brochure or see our website www.AbelTasman.co.nz

**Enjoy a good breakfast before you leave your accommodation.
We look forward to sharing a great time with you.**

LODGE WELCOME

***Haere mai ra, e te manuhiri tuarangi* - welcome to all our guests.**

"As the tides go in and out, so people have come and gone from the inlet,
each one adding to the story."

We aim to provide modern comforts with minimum impact on the fragile National Park environment. Please assist by being aware of power and water usage.

Lodge Layout

Meadowbank Homestead at Awaroa: bedrooms are named after Hadfield family members who lived in the original homestead. During your stay, their full stories will be revealed.

At Torrent Bay Lodge: don't be alarmed by room names like "Result" or "Modest Boy". Rooms are named after local ships that plied the coastline.

Water

All tap water at our lodges is filtered and safe to drink. Collection of fresh water and disposal of waste water is not easy in a National Park. Please use it sparingly.

Electricity

Lodges are powered by a hybrid system of batteries, inverters and solar-assisted diesel generators. Bring a small flashlight in case of power failure. Battery chargers, electric shavers and sleep apnoea machines are OK. There is adequate power with reasonable conservation measures.

Personal Laundry

Laundry tub is available for hand washing. Drying rooms are turned on when requested.

Foot wear in the Lodges

Please leave walking shoes outside and use foot bath at door to remove sand from bare feet. Bring light shoes or slippers to wear around the lodge.

Kitchen Health and Safety

Please chat with your Hosts but do not enter the working areas of our open-plan kitchens.

In House Bar open mid afternoon to 9 pm

Stocks a range of wines, beers and mixed drinks. Please bring a credit card or eftpos card to run a bar tab (no cash facilities). Fruit juice and hot drinks are free of charge.

Telephone and WiFi

Cellphone coverage varies depending on your service provider. Telephones at lodges are for office use and emergencies only. There is a public phone (phone cards only) in Torrent Bay village. WiFi in lodges is available for NZ\$5 donation to the Project Janszoon environmental trust, payable by credit card.

In Case of Emergency

Lodges are in contact with emergency assistance via VHF radio and telephone. If you need to be contacted please give our office phone: +64 3 528 2027. The team will get important messages to you.

Meals

Delicious meals are included from lunch on your first day to lunch on the last day of your trip: cooked or continental breakfast, picnic lunch, 3-course dinner, morning and afternoon tea. Fresh fruit and snacks are available at all times.

Check In – Check Out Times

Your Lodge Hosts have a busy time with room set up and food preparation arranged around boat timetables and generated electricity supply. We ask you to check out of your room by 9 am. You are welcome to relax in the Lounge area after that time. Please do not check in before 2 pm.

Extra Activities

Swimming – Most beaches and bays are safe. Please check with your hosts before swimming.

Canoeing/kayaking – For safety reasons, this is always guided. Enclosed water kayaking is included in our 5-Day Trips. For an extra cost, walkers can join one of our guided day kayak trips.

Extra walks – your hosts will have many suggestions for walks in the inlets around our lodges.

Fishing – Please do not fish or collect shellfish until you have spoken with your hosts. There are strict guidelines for fishing in a National Park.