

Broken River

Broken River Ski Area – Visitors Code

Broken River Ski Area has a concession to operate a ski area within the Broken River Basin and Allan's Basin area of the Craigieburn Forest Park. We ask the co-operation of all individuals and groups entering this area, in the interests of human safety and protection of the environment.

Safety

- Please contact a staff member prior to entering the ski area and state your intentions, and any potential camp sites, so we know who will be where. Please also check out with staff members when you leave, so we know you are gone.
- Respect the decisions of Broken River Ski Area winter staff, who manage the safety of this area. Avalanche activity can occur at any time, and explosive work is undertaken by ski patrol in Allan's Basin as well as the main Broken River basin. Groups should discuss where they plan to snow-cave with ski patrol before digging in.
- We encourage the use of avalanche transceivers, and probes and shovels for self-rescue, outside of the main Broken River Basin.
- User groups are responsible for leaving their own intentions with a responsible person in town, and making arrangements for that person to start a missing persons search (by calling NZ Police), if the group fails to check out or return by an arranged time.

Environmental Care

- Keep to the backcountry code – leave the land undisturbed, and respect other visitors to the area.
- Minimise foot tracks in the snow. Keep off ski trails, stick to ridges where possible, and fill any large holes made in the snow (e.g. snow caves) after use.
- Do not pollute the backcountry – carry out all rubbish and food scraps.
- Do not touch or feed the wildlife.
- Leave no trace – leave your camp site as close as possible to its prior state.

Human Waste

Either use the Broken River toilets at Palmer Lodge, or follow the backcountry human waste policy, as follows:

- Have a designated urination area a reasonable distance from your camp.
- Carry out all solid waste, e.g. use a 20 litre plastic pail, lined by two rubbish sacs. At the end of the weekend, tie the sacs, replace the lid, and carry out the pail, for disposal back in Christchurch.

Access

Broken River Ski Area has a primary obligation to its members and paying patrons, but encourages all snow sport, and is pleased to allow road access to recreationalists, but we ask for consideration for the Ski Club and its paying patrons.

- Please park your vehicles at the bottom carpark near the tractor shed, to ensure there is enough room in the main Hanomag carpark for skiing/boarding patrons.
- Individuals wishing to ride on the tramway may do so for a fee of \$5 each. Hours of operation are 8.30 – 11.30 mornings, and 3.30 – 5.30 afternoons.
- As it is a significant cost to maintain our road in a suitable condition for public access we would appreciate a donation towards these costs, and suggest \$5 per person. This donation does not apply to paying guests staying in Broken River accommodation.
- Our accommodation lodges are available for hire during week days for groups wishing to use them as a base for their chosen winter activity. For groups of 8 or more a discount may apply.

How to contact us

During the ski season: Broken River staff 03 318 7270

Outside the ski season: BR Ski Club Secretary via email: secretary@brokenriver.co.nz