

TPFL FORESTS - PUBLIC RECREATION ACCESS STATUS

Week Starting: Tuesday, 7 April 2026



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| Forest Name | Walking/Running/Dog Exercising | Mountain Biking | Horse Riding | Hunting Ballot Blocks | Other |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| Buchanans | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | |
| Dovedale | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | |
| Eatwell | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN Eatwell hunting ballot blocks. | Motueka Pistol Club Range CLOSED on weekdays until further notice due to harvest operations. OPEN for club members on weekends only. TPFL permit not required. |
| Eighty Eight Valley | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | |
| Elaine | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | |
| Greenhill | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN Greenhill 1 & 2 hunting ballot blocks. | |
| Hira | <p>Nelson City Council (NCC) recreational lease areas in Hira Forest: CLOSED: Waitarake (formerly Sharlands) and Central Road currently closed due to wind damaged trees. Clearing operations are underway. OPEN: Maitai Face - access via climbing trail from Maitai Valley only, Koata Park (Formerly Codgers) and Fringed Hill are all open weekdays and weekends. TPFL recreation permit not required.</p> <p>Teal Valley and Lud Valley Residents: Walking access only into northern Hira Forest allowed for residents of the Teal Valley and Lud Valley areas only. TPFL recreation permit required.</p> | <p>Nelson City Council (NCC) recreational lease areas in Hira Forest: CLOSED: Waitarake (formerly Sharlands) and Central Road currently closed due to wind damaged trees. Clearing operations are underway. OPEN: Maitai Face - access via climbing trail from Maitai Valley only, Koata Park (Formerly Codgers) and Fringed Hill are all open weekdays and weekends. TPFL recreation permit not required.</p> | NOT ALLOWED | Sections of Hira Forest outside the NCC recreational lease areas are OPEN for Ngāti Koata iwi hunters on weekends only. TPFL permit not required. | NZ Deerstalkers Association rifle range OPEN on weekends only. TPFL permit not required. |
| Lee Valley | Meade Road along the river from Aniseed Valley to Lee Valley is OPEN . The rest of Lee Valley Forest is CLOSED . | Meade Road along the river from Aniseed Valley to Lee Valley is OPEN . The rest of Lee Valley Forest is CLOSED . | Meade Road along the river from Aniseed Valley to Lee Valley is OPEN . The rest of Lee Valley Forest is CLOSED . | OPEN Lee Valley 1, Lee Valley 2, and Irvines hunting ballot blocks. | Emergency on foot access only from Starveall Hut located on DOC land out via Lucy Creek Road to Lee Valley public road is OPEN . No inward access is allowed. |
| Linkwater | OPEN | OPEN | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN Hunting ballot block open for local hunters only. | |
| Mahau | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN Hunting ballot block open for local hunters only. | |

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| Malita | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN for Ngāti Koata iwi hunters on weekends only. TPFL permit not required. | Barnicoat Road from Aniseed Valley Road is OPEN for on foot or bicycle access only. TPFL permit not required to use this route, but a TPFL permit is required to access the TPFL land adjoining Barnicoat Road. |
| McLaren | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | |
| Moutere North | OPEN | OPEN | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN Moutere North 1 & 2 hunting ballot blocks. | OPEN for motorcycling for permitted Nelson Motorcycle Club (NMCC) members only. |
| Moutere South | CLOSED 24 hours per day, 7 days per week due to wind damage hazards and/or operations | CLOSED 24 hours per day, 7 days per week due to wind damage hazards and/or operations | CLOSED 24 hours per day, 7 days per week due to wind damage hazards and/or operations | CLOSED 24 hours per day, 7 days per week due to wind damage hazards and/or operations | |
| Murchison | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN Hunting ballot block open for local hunters only. | |
| Orinoco | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN | OPEN Orinoco hunting ballot block. | |
| Pearse | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN for recreation for Pearse Valley neighbours only by special TPFL permit only. |
| Richmond | OPEN | OPEN | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN Richmond hunting ballot block. | Heslops Road from Aniseed Valley Road is OPEN for on foot or bicycle access only. TPFL permit not required to use this route, but a TPFL permit is required to access the TPFL land adjoining Heslops Road. |
| Riwaka | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN Riwaka hunting ballot block. | |
| Slippery Creek | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | |
| Spooners | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | CLOSED 24 hours per day, 7 days per week due to operations | CLOSED 24 hours per day, 7 days per week due to operations | |
| Stanley Brook | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | |

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| Starveall | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN for Ngāti Koata iwi hunters on weekends only. TPFL permit not required. | |
| Waimea | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN for Ngāti Koata iwi hunters on weekends only. TPFL permit not required. | Ben Nevis Road Public Access Easement (PAE) is OPEN for passenger vehicles, (4WD recommended), bicycle and foot access up to the Ben Nevis Walking Track carpark. Strictly no motorcycles or hunting. |
| Wairoa | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN Wairoa hunting ballot block. | |
| Whangamoā | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED | OPEN for Ngāti Koata iwi hunters on weekends only. TPFL permit not required. | |

IN FOREST EVENTS

| Event Name | Forest | Road Name/Location | Start Date | End Date | Event Notes |
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