

TPFL FORESTS - PUBLIC RECREATION ACCESS STATUS

Week Starting: Monday, 25 May 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 harvest operations (scheduled to open 06/06/20226). 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>Nelson City Council (NCC) recreational lease areas in Hira Forest: CLOSED: Waitarake (formerly Sharlands) and Central Road currently closed due to harvest operations (scheduled to open 06/06/2026). 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. All vehicle movements on route to the range must be communciated on TPFL radio channel. TPFL permit not required.
	<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>				
Lee Valley	<p>Meade Road along the river from Aniseed Valley to Lee Valley is OPEN. The rest of Lee Valley Forest is CLOSED.</p>	<p>Meade Road along the river from Aniseed Valley to Lee Valley is OPEN. The rest of Lee Valley Forest is CLOSED.</p>	<p>Meade Road along the river from Aniseed Valley to Lee Valley is OPEN. The rest of Lee Valley Forest is CLOSED.</p>	<p>OPEN Lee Valley 1, Lee Valley 2, and Irvines hunting ballot blocks.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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	CLOSED 23/05/2026 and 24/05/2026 due to Nelson Motorcycle Enduro Event OPEN from 25/05/2026	CLOSED 23/05/2026 and 24/05/2026 due to Nelson Motorcycle Enduro Event OPEN from 25/05/2026	NOT ALLOWED	CLOSED 23/05/2026 and 24/05/2026 due to Nelson Motorcycle Enduro Event OPEN from 30/05/2026	CLOSED to usual permitted Nelson Motorcycle Club member use on 23/05/2026 and 24/05/2026 due to Nelson Motorcycle Enduro Event.
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	NOT ALLOWED	OPEN Spooners hunting ballot block.	
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.	
Whangamoia	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
Nelson Motorcycle Enduro	Moutere North	Various	24/05/2026	24/05/2026	MOUTERE NORTH FOREST CLOSED TO ALL OTHER PUBLIC RECREATION ON 23/05/2026 AND 24/05/2026 Course setup on 23/05/2026. Approximatly 80-100 riders will be competing on a route through Moutere North Forest throughout the day on 24/06/2026. Event Organiser: Justin Stevenson 0275680540