

# Waimakariri River Regional Park

## About:

Just 10 kilometres from the city, the McLeans Forest section of the new Waimakariri River Regional Park is a valuable and unique natural recreational area where you can relax and enjoy a range of activities from picnicking, mountain biking, walking to running.

## Access:

The main entrance to McLeans Forest is on McLeans Island Road just before Orana Park if you are coming from Christchurch. There is also access along the stopbanks by foot or cycle from the intersection of Haul Road and McLeans Island Road (see map).

## Recreation:

McLeans Forest is the perfect place for family and friends to enjoy a relaxing day out. With a 12km walking track, a 15km mountain biking track and a large picnic area with toilet facilities, people of all ages can have an enjoyable time.

## History:

As recently as the 1920's a branch of the Waimakariri River flowed to the south of McLeans Island along what is now McLeans Island Road. Since the 1930's various river control measures have pushed the river to the north of the island allowing recreation development to occur. Since the late 1960's a wide range of recreation developments have taken place and these are now contained within the Waimakariri River Regional Park boundaries.

## The Forest:

Walking and mountain biking tracks may be closed from time to time due to forestry operations. Watch out for vehicles and deep water holes which are used for fire fighting, and stay out of the forest during strong winds as trees or large branches may fall.

## Fire Danger:

Fire is a constant threat to this forest. The lighting of fires and smoking is strictly prohibited. If you see smoke or fire call 111 immediately and leave the forest. Golf courses and other large open areas which have short green grass are safe places in a fire emergency.

## Waimakariri River:

When you cross the stopbank you enter the river. River levels sometimes rise rapidly following north westerly weather and the tracks will occasionally flood. Dirty water on tracks should never be entered as flooding may have altered the track making it unsafe, or water may be deeper than it looks.

## Remember:

Mountain bike tracks are one way only – watch for direction markers.

All paddocks and club areas are private and not available for public access except in emergencies.

Check the whiteboard at the start of the tracks for up to date safety information.

You can contact the rangers on 365 3828 at weekends or for Environment Canterbury Customer Services call 0800 EC INFO.



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## Finding your way

- Map signs
- Toilets

- Stopbanks
- Walking track 2.5 hours (Plus 45 min river loop)
- Shared Track (mountainbike/walking)
- Roads

- Mountainbike track (40 min or 60 min including Coringa Loop)
- Mountainbike river loop 2km (shingle/strand)

- Waterholes
- Night Gate
- Gate



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