

St James Conservation Huts & Paddocks



The St James Conservation Area is renowned for its historical history and has plenty of old historical buildings, muster huts that are still standing within the area. The hut's within the St James are free to stay and you are able to find more information about each of the huts by visiting

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/canterbury/places/st-jamesconservation-area/> St James Homestead

<http://tramping.net.nz/huts-st-james/>

The St James Homestead

The St James Homestead burnt down in 1947 and the remains of the historic buildings are still standing amongst a collection of other historic buildings such as the cookshop, stables and woolshed.

Pukatea Horse Trekking operates from the concrete block hut which is located next to the St James Homestead Carpark. This is a bunkhouse which accommodates for up to 8. This has the basic amenities. We charge \$25 per night BYO your own food and sleeping bag. Our horses are located onsite in the holding paddocks and yards.



Fowlers Hut

Fowlers Hut is an historic rabbiters hut situated beside the Tophouse Road which is approximately halfway between the St James Homestead and Lake Tennyson. You start from here to ride over Fowlers Pass. There are no bunks in this hut but there is a fireplace, a table and forms and a modern toilet outside. If you want a fire, take your own firewood as it can get very cold between April and December. There is a large holding paddock for the horses with running water available.



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Scotties Hut

Scotties hut is a historic musterers hut and is an easy horse trek ride up the Edwards Valley from the St James Homestead which is situated at the foot of the road up to Charlies Saddle. This ride takes at least 3.5 hours. There is a holding paddock with a small seasonal spring at the rear, but the Edwards River flows beside the hut for access to water. It has 4 bunks, a table, an outside fireplace, a solar light and a modern toilet outside. The hut can get full on long weekends and during the busy season so you may have to be prepared to put up a tent.



Stanley Vale Hut

Stanley Vale Hut is a historic rammed earth hut that was once part of the Stanleyvale Run. It is a 3 hour ride over Fowlers Pass from Fowlers Hut in the Clarence Valley. It has 7 bunks, a fireplace, tables and forms and a long drop toilet. There are 3 separate holding paddocks and water runs from a spring beside the hut. This is a great location to base yourself for a riding holiday in the St James Conservation Area.



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Lake Guyon Hut

This is an old New Zealand Forest Service hut and sits beside the idyllic Lake Guyon. There is no holding paddock here because DOC prefer that horses base themselves 30 mins away at Stanley Vale Hut. However, you can tether horses or electric fence them on the grassy flats around the hut if you wish (preferably away from the vicinity of the hut). Sandflies are a little more prolific near to the lake though. It has 6 bunks, a wood burner and a long drop toilet.



Pool Hut

Pool Hut is a basic historic hut on the true right of the Waiau river near to the confluence with the Stanley River. It does not have a holding paddock but there are kanuka trees to tie to. There are 4 bunks and a bench but no fire. A spring is the water supply 20m northwest of the hut.



Jervois Hut

Jervois Hut is a basic hut 2 hours up the Jones stream from the confluence with the Waiau river, 500m downstream from the McArthur cycleway bridge. There is no toilet but a shovel is provided, an open fire and 3 canvas bunks. There is a holding paddock.



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Christopher Hut

Christopher Hut is 1 hour up the Ada river from the Ada homestead. It is part of the St James Walkway. There is a holding paddock, wood burner, running water, 20 bunks and firewood. It is a serviced hut.



Anne Hut

Anne Hut is situated 3 hours up the Henry River from the Waiau confluence near the Anne River. It is a large modern serviced hut and is part of the St James Walkway. Although there is no holding paddock at the Anne Hut, there is a good paddock 15 mins away at the old (burnt down) Anne Hut site beside the Anne River. We normally tent camp there to stay with the horses.



Caroline Bivvy

This is a 2.5 hours horse trek up the Waiau from the bottom of Maling Pass, this bivvy is on the Te Araroa track and is usually full. There is no paddock, but 30 mins downstream there is a good camping spot with ample tying up places.



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Rokeby Hut

Rokeby Hut is an historic hut between the Anne Saddle and Boyle Flat Hut. There is no toilet, 4 canvas bunks and no holding paddock. There are plenty of trees to tie up to.



Boyle Flat Hut

Boyle Flat Hut is just over half way between Anne Saddle and Magdalen Hut at the bottom of the Boyle Gorge. It is a serviced hut and has a holding paddock on the river terrace below the hut. (NB the paddock is by the river in a steep-sided valley and so is much cooler than the hut site. It pays to take a rug in autumn and spring for your horse.)



Magdalen Hut

Magdalen Hut is a 6 bunk hut with a wood burner, a long drop toilet and a large holding paddock near the bottom of the Boyle Gorge.

