

LOOKING AFTER OUR *special coast* FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS



The stunning Kaikōura coastline is an amazing place to live and call home. Many native birds, reptiles and vegetation also live along this coast.

How can we look after our special coast?

- Keep dogs on leads when walking on our beaches, especially from August to February (when ground nesting birds are making babies and on the nest!)
- Keep pet cats indoors at night and get moggy microchipped and desexed at VetCARE Kaikōura (subsidies to assist available). Ph 319 5693.
- Clean up rubbish on the beach (even if it's not yours).
- When accessing our amazing ocean and coast for walking, surfing, fishing, diving and playing - look around. What else might live here? Be aware of how you can share the space with birds, reptiles and native vegetation.
- Be considerate of vehicle use on the coast, stick to main tracks and keep an eye on your speed.

What else is happening to protect our special coast?

- Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura are managing the Te Tau Wairehu o Marokura Pest Management Project. This is part of the DOC Jobs for Nature Scheme and involves bird monitoring, trap building and trapping along the Kaikōura coastline.



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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO LOOK AFTER OUR SPECIAL COAST

- KEEP YOUR DOG
ON A LEAD WHEN
WALKING ON
BEACHES
- CONTAIN YOUR CAT
AT NIGHT
- GET YOUR CAT
MICROCHIPPED AND
DESEXED AT
VETCARE
- ENLIST YOUR CAT
IN A GPS TRACKING
STUDY
- PICK UP RUBBISH
FROM BEACHES
- LOOK AROUND
YOU, WHAT ELSE
MIGHT BE SHARING
THE BEACH WITH
YOU?
- JOIN A LOCAL
ENVIRONMENTAL
GROUP

Where can I walk my dog?

Dogs are allowed on many of our beaches but must always be kept under control. Wildlife can be present on any beach at any time and are easily disturbed.

- If you see wildlife, lead your dog away
- Warn other dog owners at the location
- Notify DOC if you see wildlife being harassed by people or dogs

Dogs are not allowed on the Kaikōura Peninsula Walkway, this is to protect wildlife such as seals and the declining red-billed gull colony.

Other areas where you can walk your dog include the Fyffe-Palmer Track and the Kowhai River track. Please ensure that your dog is kept under control at all times.

I love my cat but how can I protect wildlife at the same time?

- Keep your pet cats indoors at night
- Get your cat microchipped and desexed at VetCARE Kaikōura (subsidies to assist available).

Where does my cat go at night?

You could consider enlisting your cat in a local GPS tracking study to help researchers uncover the distances that Kaikōura's felines cover. To take part please call Heath Melville on 0221 988280.

You cat will be fitted with a GPS harness for a week and the data collated to show how far pet cats roam every night. This can be used to inform cat owners and encourage management options such as keeping cats indoors to reduce their impact on wildlife.

How can I get involved more?

A number of local groups and initiatives are doing great things to protect and manage the environment in Kaikōura. To find out more visit www.kaikoura.govt.nz/our-district/environment/



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