

*Nelson Lakes National Park Bylaws*

PURSUANT to the National Parks Act 1952, the Nelson Lakes National Park Board hereby makes the following bylaws:

## 1. INTERPRETATION

In these bylaws, unless inconsistent with the context—

“Authorised person” means a person authorised by the Board:

“Board” means the Nelson Lakes National Park Board having the control and management of the park by virtue of the said Act:

“Camping site” means any area that may from time to time be set aside under section 28 (1) (i) of the said Act:

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board:

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Land District of Nelson:

“Park” means the Nelson Lakes National Park, being a national park under and subject to the National Parks Act 1952:

“Park Ranger” or “Park Warden” means any person appointed as such by the board under the powers of section 27 of the said Act:

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Board.

## 2. CAMPING

All persons wishing to camp in the park shall apply to the Secretary or a Park Warden or Ranger or to an authorised person for assignment of camping-sites, and shall pay such fees or charges as may from time to time be fixed by the board, and shall not change camp sites without permission from the Secretary or a Park Warden or Ranger or other authorised person as aforesaid.

The following conditions shall be strictly observed in connection with camp sites:

- (a) Subject generally to the provisions of bylaw No. 4 relating to fires, combustible rubbish must be burned on camp fires, and all other garbage and refuse of all kinds, including broken glass, bottles, tin cans, etc., must be placed in garbage cans if available, or otherwise must be buried not less than 1 ft deep by the campers in a place hidden from sight.
- (b) No person, whether camping in the park or otherwise being therein, shall pollute in any manner the waters of the park, nor bathe in any of the streams near the regularly travelled thoroughfares in the park without suitable bathing clothes.
- (c) No person shall take any wood for fuel except from dead trees or from trees which have been cut for that purpose by the board's employees.
- (d) No person shall remove, disturb, cut names, letters, words, figures, or devices on, or deface any building, gates, bridges, natural features, or trees or any object natural or otherwise, within the limits of the park.
- (e) No person shall in any building in the park act or use the same otherwise than in a cleanly and decent manner.

## 3. HUTS

(a) Any person desiring the use of any huts or other buildings the property of the Board and erected in the park shall apply to the Secretary or a Park Warden or Ranger or to an authorised person, who may, in his discretion, grant to such applicant usage of the hut or building as he shall deem advisable, either exclusively or together with any other person or persons.

(b) The restrictions on and conditions of usage of any such huts or buildings shall be as fixed by the board by resolution from time to time.

(c) A Park Warden, or Ranger, or other officer of the board is empowered to terminate any usage of any such hut or building where the user has departed from the terms and conditions upon which usage was granted or where the user acts in such a manner as in the opinion of the Park Warden, or Ranger, or other officer of the board is likely to cause damage to the board's property or to give offence to other persons, or to cause them annoyance.

(d) No person shall use, or attempt to use, any such hut or building without the permission of the Secretary, or a Park Warden, or Ranger, or of an authorised person.

(e) Should any organisation be empowered to erect any buildings for accommodation of its members within the park it shall be subject to the condition that if such accommodation is not in the opinion of the board being made reasonable use of by such members, then other persons may be authorised by the board to make use of such accommodation under whatever conditions the board may determine.

## 4. FIRES

No person shall light any fire, except at camping-sites or picnic places, without the express permission of the Secretary or a Park Warden, or Ranger, or of an authorised person.

No person shall kindle a fire near trees or dead wood, moss, dry leaves, grass, tussock, forest mould, or other vegetation, but a fire may be lit in a specially prepared open place on rocks or earth. Should camps or picnic places be located in a locality where no such open place exists, or is provided, any dead wood, moss, dry leaves, grass, tussock, forest mould, or other vegetation must be scraped away down to the rock or earth over an area considerably larger than that required for the fire. Fires shall be lighted only when necessary, and when no longer needed shall be completely extinguished by covering all embers and the bed with earth and water so that there remains no possibility of the fire reviving.

No person shall light a fire in any position where it is likely to present a fire hazard.

Once a fire is lighted, the person lighting the fire, or such other person as is detailed by him, shall remain in attendance on the fire until it is completely extinguished.

No match (lighted or not lighted), cigarette, or other lighted matter shall be dropped, thrown, or otherwise placed in any grass or other inflammable material.

Nothing in this bylaw shall exempt an offender from liability under the National Parks Act 1952, or any other Act, with respect to the lighting of fires.

## 5. TRADING AND INTOXICATING LIQUORS

No person shall reside permanently, engage in any business, sell or offer for sale any article or food or merchandise, intoxicating liquor, or any kind of drink, or carry on any other pursuit or calling within the park without the written consent of the board given subject to such terms and conditions as it deems fit.

## 6. MISBEHAVIOUR

Within the park no person shall wilfully obstruct, disturb, or interfere with any other person in the use or enjoyment of the park or use foul, abusive, indecent, or obscene language, or be intoxicated, noisy, or riotous, or in any way misbehave.

## 7. ANIMALS

No person shall take any dog or cat into the park without the written permission of the board, or abandon in the park any dog, cat, or animal.

A Park Ranger or an authorised person is empowered to destroy any dog or cat found in the park without authority and not being under proper control.

## 8. NOTICES

No person shall interfere with any placard, sign, or notice erected by the board in or relating to the park.

## 9. AIRCRAFT

No person shall make use of any part of the park for the purpose of the landing thereon or flying therefrom of any aeroplane or of any kind of aircraft or glider, except in case of emergency or in accordance with the prior written permission of the board.

The board shall be entitled at any time to prohibit the entry by the public to any part or parts of the park the use of which as aerodromes or landing grounds is permitted by the board.

## 10. ENTRY INTO SPECIAL AREAS

For the purposes of this bylaw a special area means a special area set apart by the Governor-General under section 12 of the National Parks Act 1952.

No person shall enter a special area except with the written permission of the board or Commissioner, as the case may require, given subject to such terms and conditions as may be deemed fit. Every such permit shall include the following particulars and conditions:

- (1) The duration of the permit shall be specifically stated therein.
- (2) The names of all persons covered by the permit shall be set out.
- (3) The area covered by the permit shall be specified therein.
- (4) No permit shall include a right to camp or remain overnight, or light camp fires unless the permit so states.
- (5) Each permit shall be revocable at the pleasure of the board or Commissioner as the case may be.

## 11. GENERAL

The bylaws made by the National Parks Authority on the 20th day of March 1957, and published in the *Gazette* of 23 May 1957, No. 39, page 873, are hereby revoked.

Nothing in these bylaws shall be deemed to limit or prevent the taking of proceedings under any Act in respect of any offence committed within the park.

The foregoing bylaws were made by resolution of the Board at its meeting held at St. Arnaud on the 13th day of September 1958.

K. R. ARRES, Chairman.  
A. H. MURDOCH, Secretary.

The foregoing bylaws of the Nelson Lakes National Park Board are approved this 4th day of December 1958 by the National Parks Authority.

D. N. R. WEBB, Chairman.