

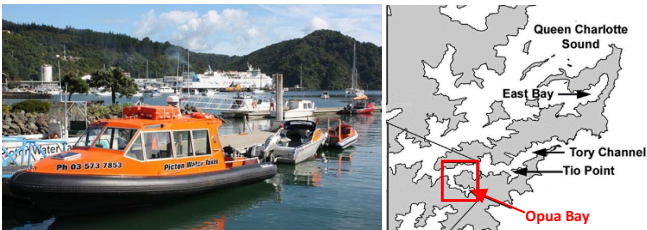
GETTING THERE

By Sea - 40 min from Picton approx.

* **Water Taxi** - this is the quickest, easiest and most convenient way to get to Opua Bay in Queen Charlotte Sounds.

Picton Water Taxis www.pictonwatertaxis.co.nz ph 03 573 6175
\$321 approx 1 way 1-4 people +\$40pp up to 9 people 7am-5pm

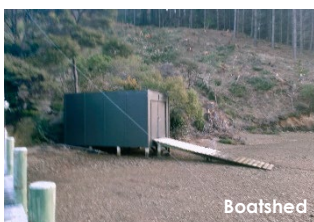
* **Private Boat** - if using your own boat arriving at high tide is recommended - use ladder at the end of the jetty to disembark.



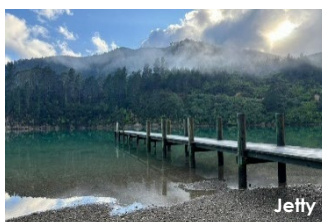
There is no road access to the Sounds Cottage.



Cottage Property & Beach



Boatshed



Jetty

Key The COTTAGE KEYS will need to be collected in Picton on the day of travel

If there are any changes to your travel arrangements on the day or if you have an urgent question during your stay contact the **Cottage Maintenance Team**

IMPORTANT INFO

- ✓ Please limit use of water especially in summer.
- ✓ Keep boat speed down.
- * Walking on the road is prohibited.
- * All other properties are PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- * Access to the forest is restricted.
- * Please don't wear muddy footwear inside.
- * OPEN FIRES including BBQ's are banned at any time. (controlled Gas BBQ's may be used on the beach only).
- * Hunting is NOT permitted.
- * Family Pets are NOT permitted.
- * Boats are ONLY to be launched from Waikawa Bay and under no circumstances access the separate barge off the forest road used for logging operations.



Opua Bay

REMEMBER TO BRING

- ☑ **Drinking Water:** **tap water at the cottage is not safe to drink.**
- ☑ **Food:** meat, vegetables, bread - there is no local shop. **Fresh Choice Picton** 03 573 6463 may deliver via water taxi.
- ☑ **Linen:** sheets, pillowcases, blankets, sleeping bags, towels, teatowels etc.
- ☑ **Entertainment:** books, magazines, board games.
- ☑ **Rubbish Bags:** to **REMOVE ALL RUBBISH.**
- ☑ **Batteries:** CD/Radio/MP3 Radio and Transistor is supplied.
- ☑ **Camping:** tent, beds, sleeping bags, **torch** etc.
- ☑ **Extra Lifejackets:** if going to use kayaks/a boat (x4 in boatshed)
- ☑ **First Aid Kit:** the cottage only has a basic kit so bring any medical items you need eg E-Pen if required.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Phone 111

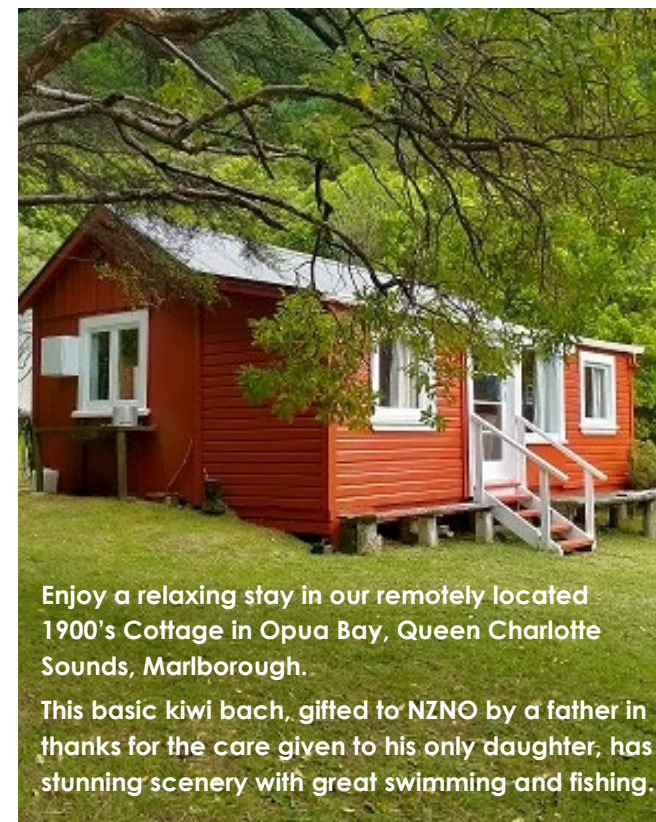
- * Advise Location: Coastguard Jetty No. **Q5359**
Opua Bay, Queen Charlotte Sounds, Marlborough
- * Give Contact Details: Name, mobile phone number
- * What is emergency / if helicopter needed
- * Wait on the Jetty if safe to do so

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Enjoy a relaxing stay in our remotely located 1900's Cottage in Opua Bay, Queen Charlotte Sounds, Marlborough.

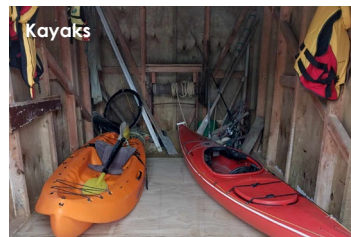
This basic kiwi bach, gifted to NZNO by a father in thanks for the care given to his only daughter, has stunning scenery with great swimming and fishing.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

On arrival ensure the spring is supplying water to the cottage before turning on Mains Power:

1. Turn on kitchen tap labeled 'Spring Water' (**not for drinking**).
2. If no water comes out, switch OFF the hot water cylinder in bathroom to avoid element burn out if the cylinder is empty.
3. Check water supply at 2 reservoir tanks located down the track behind the house, on left bank beyond the toilet.
4. When water is coming out of 'Spring Water' tap in the kitchen, turn hot water cylinder back ON.
5. Switch ON Mains Power via switchboard outside the kitchen wall, beside the window on the left side of the cottage (facing the front door).

The cottage has a flush toilet linked to a septic tank with limited capabilities. Keep flushing to a minimum and DO NOT flush sanitary products.



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ACTIVITIES



Fishing – from the jetty or the kayaks, try 3½ kms out on the northern side of the Bay (3 pines on the Point) for Blue/Red Cod, Terakihi, Gurnard, Trevally, Kahawai, and also Mussels below the waterline. Please **clean the fish gutting table** outside the kitchen.



Reading – read your own or books left by previous visitors.



Swimming – the Bay is a great for swimming and safe in the shallows for young children and deeper further out for the teenagers/adults. Watch out for stingrays and the odd Orca's that feed on them.



Games – bring favourite board games, cards or sports equipment eg rugby, soccer, basketball or cricket but don't bring a surfboard - there are no waves here.



Relaxing – listen to the birds and cicadas, revel in the peace and tranquility, listen to music, sing or play an instrument if you've brought one with you. You may hear possums on the roof at night!

Please stay in property grounds - **don't enter the area that has been logged**. Walking or hiking in the forest or on forestry roads is **NOT permitted**.

RENTAL INFORMATION

- Fee:** \$30 per adult per night (\$60 per night minimum). Children under 16 years are free.
- Capacity:** Accommodates 7 people inside maximum using sofa – more if tents set up outside.
- Check In & Out:** Midday unless agreed by prior arrangement.
- Deposit:** 50% Deposit to be paid when Booking Form submitted.
- Maximum Stay:** 2 weeks in busy season (1 Nov–29 Feb) booked by August / by ballot if demand is high.
- Booking:** First Come First Served basis - Greater Wellington Region members have priority.
- Responsibility:** Each party must include 1 NZNO financial/staff member responsible for the booking.
- Questionnaire:** Must be completed within 1 week of stay to ensure you aren't liable for others mess.

WHEN YOU LEAVE

- Switch OFF Mains Power & turn OFF hot water cylinder.
- Leave the place as you found it, if not better.
- **Take ALL your rubbish and unused food with you.**
- Ensure anything left behind eg tinned food, wine or beer is non-perishable and is dated.

There is a DOC supplied poisoning station located under the cottage due to an ongoing rat and mice problem in the Marlborough Sounds area.



Booked on Beach



COTTAGE AMENITIES

* **Ablutions:** The bathroom has a shower (mixer shower head) and washbasin for shaving. **There is no laundry** - clothes need to be washed by hand in kitchen/bathroom sinks.

* **Bedding:** Queen bed with mattress in main bedroom, bunks with sponge rubber mattress in 2 front bedrooms and a 3-seater sofa in lounge which may be ok for a young person. Some pillows and blankets are available. Linen is not supplied so bring your own linen and/or sleeping bags.

* **Cooking:** Electric stove, microwave, 384 litre fridge/freezer, Crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, electric fry pan and some wine glasses.

* **Fire Extinguisher:** BCF Fire Extinguisher & fire blanket in kitchen to smother small fires but if they don't work in a fire - get out!

* **Heating:** 1 oil & 1 electric fan heater.

* **Kayaks:** 2 kayaks (child & adult size) are stored in the boatshed plus, in case you don't have your own, 4 lifejackets (child 6-8 & 8-10, adult M & L).

* **Lawn:** Regularly mowed by maintenance team.

* **Lighting:** All electric since 1981.

* **Phone:** The cottage no longer has a landline. Spark & One NZ mobiles can get reception.

* **Radio:** There is a CD/Radio/MP3 radio.

* **Recreational Area:** A large flattish grassed area, slightly sloped in front and along sides of cottage suitable for pitching tents or playing games.

* **Seating:** 3-seater sofa, 2 single seaters in the lounge area and 4 chairs in the kitchen.

* **Toilet:** The flush toilet linked to the septic tank is outside, up a paved path behind the cottage.

* **Tools:** Basic tools are in bathroom cupboard.

* **Water Supplies:** Water is from a roof collection system or spring-fed supply so **BOIL water before use** and use sparingly. If water from the 'Spring Water' tap is cloudy open tap at base of reservoir to run off any gunk. **We recommend you take your own drinking water.**