

The Mt Noble

GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome

Thank you for choosing to join us on an adventure of a lifetime through the remote and spectacular high country of southern New Zealand.

Please read the following information carefully.

What to wear:

- Comfortable trousers for riding in. (jodhpurs, riding jeans, trackpants, etc). Men may like to wear lycra cycle shorts under their pants.
- Cotton Socks
- Warm woollen socks
- Riding or Tramping/hiking boots with a heel and good ankle support
- Hat with wide brim
- Comfortable clothes for the evening.
- ½ chaps

What to bring:

- A warm change of clothes, if you feel the cold polyprop / thermal underwear is a good idea on Spring and Autumn rides
- **Lunch for the first day**
- personal toiletries, face cloth and towel.
- Sleeping bag (also available for hire)
- insect repellent
- gloves
- swimsuit
- sunglasses
- sunblock and sunglasses
- Drink bottle
- Hip flask
- camera and plenty of spare film
- small torch and batteries.

Maximum baggage weight allowed is 12 kg

What we provide:

- Horse, tack & guide
- Meals and accommodations (double or twin share)
- Oilskin riding coat
- Saddle Bags

General Notes

- On our rides we prefer to treat you as our guests rather than tourists.
- The land we will be riding over is mainly private land where we travel as a privilege rather than as of right.
- As guests we have responsibilities to our hosts along the way, to the environment and to each

other to help ensure that your adventure is all that you want it to be.

- Getting involved is one of the key elements of these rides and for most people adds much to their experience.
- You will be responsible for the grooming and saddling of your own horse each day.
- Your guides will instruct and assist you in this and check your horse before you set out each day.

For safety and courtesy please observe the following:

- Walk and lead your horse out of camp in the morning.
- **Stay at the pace set by the trek leader. Pace is mainly walk; we will often trot or canter but this will be solely at the discretion of the trek leader, based on terrain, weather conditions, rider experience level, presence of livestock, etc**
- Let your horse drink when he wants to
- Always wear footwear you would be comfortable walking a long distance in
- Listen to your guide's instructions and respect them
- Use environmentally friendly soaps & shampoos
- Use wash bowls provided and empty onto ground away from rivers and lakes.
- Respect the homes of our hosts along the way and remove your shoes when entering.
- Please do not bring cellphones as there is no cell phone coverage in the area
- Please ask for clarification if you do not understand any instruction from your guides
- Should you need to adjust your girth while mounted please ask a guide to assist.
- Do not follow too closely to the horse in front.
- Ride alongside by all means but keep at least a horse length between you and any horse in front.
- Do not ride off before the last rider is mounted or the last horse has drunk at a water stop
- Do not hold your horse back so you can trot / canter up to the rest of the group
- Do not drop rubbish along the way; Our motto is "If you take it in, you take it out"
- Do not smoke on your horse. If you must smoke at other times please consider your fellow travellers.
- Cigarette butts must be handed to the guide as there is always a fire risk.
- Do not leave a campsite without informing a guide of your intentions

“The Mt Noble” Trek (4 days - 3 nights)

Formerly called the Seaward River trek, but now with improved trails and accommodations, this is a trip in the true spirit of high country station life. The magnificent Mt Noble station is a featured highlight. This ride uses a Four Wheel Drive support vehicle - our gear and refreshments await us at the end of each day's ride.

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Day 1: 9.30am Arrive at our base at The Peaks. *(Please do not arrive earlier so as to allow us to prepare for the trek)*

After saddling up we ride out from our base at The Peaks, up through the pretty Waitohi River. We cross into the Trussochs station and then follow the Waitohi gorge. We pass over some high hill country with lovely views before arriving at the Seven Hills homestead.

Here we enjoy dinner with the family at the homestead and spend our first night there or in tents.

Approx 5 hrs riding.

Day 2: After a cooked breakfast we ride over hill country and meet the Waitohi River again.

We stop for lunch at the Mt Noble ridge before carrying on past a picturesque duck pond and into Haydon Downs, with views of Gola Peak and Mt Whitnow. We ride on to Mt. Noble Station, a High Country sheep and cattle station. We take care of our horses, enjoy cool refreshments and then have a barbeque dinner with the station owners.

Accommodation is in a small cottage with optional camping in tents.

Approx 7 hrs riding.

Day 3: After a hearty breakfast we saddle our horses and continue through Mt Noble station, rising up and over the spectacular Windy Ridge with magnificent views of the mountains in all directions.

Then after following the road for a short time we arrive at the Seven Hills woolshed above the Hurunui River. From here we are transported to our accommodation for the night (comfortable cottage).

Approx. 3 ½ hours riding.

Day 4: Today we ride along the banks of the tranquil Hurunui River, under the impressive Hooligan Range with Mt.

Mizar, Ben Cliberick, Phyllis Fell and Mount Catherine on the opposite side of the river. We lunch below Mt. Self beside the Hurunui, after which we ride across country again, up and over the Kanuku Saddle (approx.850metres.) with its panoramic views of the Amuri Basin, down to our base where we unsaddle, unpack, wash the horses down and then enjoy afternoon tea.

Approx.5 ½ hrs riding.

Highlights: scenery, station life, river crossings, mountains

Ability required = Novice / Intermediate

Pace = easy

Average hours riding per day = 5

Route can vary due to seasonal conditions.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

We have organized an optional activity on the second day of the trek. This is clay pigeon shooting, directed by one of the local station owners. It is very safe and great fun. The cost is \$20 per person. Please let us know if you do/do not wish to take part.

TRANSFERS

Transfers are not included in the cost of this ride and we suggest that if you have no vehicle you arrange to stay locally the night before the ride departs.