

TEMPLE BASIN
SUMMER FIELD TRIPS
FOR SCHOOLS



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INTRODUCTION

Temple Basin Ski Area enjoys a wonderful alpine location high on the Main Divide of the Southern Alps in the Arthur's Pass National Park. Due to its location and facilities, Temple Basin can offer a wide range of educational activities to supplement a summer school trip. This booklet is designed to provide information about the ski area and its facilities.

Temple Basin has long been the home of outdoor education excellence. It is considered by the Department of Conservation to be a Canterbury "Supersite for Education". A copy of this is available upon request.

WHAT TEMPLE BASIN OFFERS

Temple Basin staff are trained to help you to make your trip as easy and comfortable as possible. Here is how we can help, and some of the specific material we provide.

Prepared Outdoor Education Programmes.

Optional catering or self-catering.

Lounges and seminar rooms with - DVD, data projector, video monitor, overhead projector, slide projector, stereo, whiteboard

Large modern kitchens, dining rooms with utensils and cooking equipment.

Excellent bunkroom accommodation for up to 120 people.

An experienced Manager and staff to guide and advise you.

Qualified instructors for your Outdoor Education.

Rosters of duties, and organisational sheets and timetables.

Phone, fax and internet facilities on site.

Emergency Care facility with trained staff

Controlled risk management procedures

A canteen (and bar for adults)

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION:

Temple Basin is located on the Main Divide of the Southern Alps, 5 km west of Arthur's Pass Township. The carpark is signposted just east of the Arthur Dudley Dobson Memorial on the summit of Arthur's Pass. A goods lift, which transports baggage up the mountain, is located 100m west of the Memorial. A Temple Basin staff member will be there to operate it for you.

WEATHER:

Its' location on the Main Divide means that Temple Basin can experience four seasons in one day, and sometimes all within a short span of time. Adequate warm and weatherproof clothing is essential. The field faces north and can be very sunny, making sunscreen and sunglasses also essential.

TRANSPORT:

If you travel by road, State Highway 73 from Christchurch or Greymouth is fully sealed to the Temple Basin carpark. Make sure that your transport is able to stay at Arthur's Pass for an hour or two, in case the weather or other events prevent your party from starting up the track immediately.

An option for schools setting out from Christchurch is to take the train to Arthur's Pass Village. The TranzAlpine Express travels through Arthur's Pass Village on its way to the West Coast each day. It is a world-renowned tourist attraction, offering a wonderful view of the dramatic changes in scenery between Christchurch and the West Coast.

TRAVEL FROM THE CARPARK TO TEMPLE BASIN:

The walk from the carpark to the field takes between 45 minutes and 1½ hours for a group of young students, depending on their level of fitness, and on the weather conditions.

We suggest you organise your students into 'buddy groups' of four, 'buddies' being responsible for each other on the walk up to the Field.

A responsible adult should lead the way, with another bringing up the rear. The group as a whole should not get too spread out.

The access track can be cold, windy and snow covered, so whatever the conditions at the bottom of the mountain, students must have bad weather clothing and stout footwear available for the walk up to the field.

Each should carry with them a daypack containing a wind and waterproof jacket, a warm hat, mittens or gloves, sunglasses and protective cream, and something to eat and drink on the walk.

TEACHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

Teachers accompanying the group are responsible for the welfare of their students, ensuring that they have adequate clothing and equipment, and are prepared for their stay at Temple Basin.

Teachers should be aware of students' medical problems and have with them written parental or medical instructions as to any treatment or medication, which may be needed. Please give a copy of this information to the Manager on arrival.

Trained and qualified staff are present in the lodges and on the field, managing the facilities, but please note that supervision of students is a collaborative effort by Temple Basin staff, teachers and adult helpers provided by the school.

We recommend that a minimum of one adult supervisor to every ten to twelve students, in addition to the teachers, should accompany a group.

Temple Basin staff will introduce teachers and students to the Lodge and its routines, but teachers and adult helpers are responsible for supervising student behaviour, and student participation in housekeeping duties while staying there.

When requested, Temple Basin staff will design, organise and lead programmes of outdoor and related activities for students. Teachers and adult helpers will be required to assist with supervision of students participating in these programmes. Teachers will also be required to organise some evening activities for their students.

Temple Basin staff will be available at all times to supervise safety matters on the mountain. Temple Basin has an excellent medical facility and a trained first-aid officer is present on the field at all times.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at Temple Basin is in two adjacent lodges, which between them can sleep 120 people. The lodges are modern and comfortable with electricity from the main grid, which ensures good heating, hot water and drying rooms.

Each lodge has a spacious communal dining area, a well-equipped kitchen, and wonderful views of Arthur's Pass and Mount Rolleston from its windows.

There are large seminar rooms, equipped with videos, data projectors, stereos, DVDs, slide projectors, overhead projectors and whiteboards.

Sleeping accommodation is in bunkrooms with 4 to 6 bunks in each. Mattresses, mattress protectors, pillows and pillowcases are provided. Each guest must bring their own sleeping bag and towel.

Each lodge has a canteen which stocks soft drinks and confectionery, alcoholic drinks and some basic items such as toothbrushes etc.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Clothing must be suitable for the extreme weather and temperature that can be experienced at Temple Basin (or anywhere else in the Southern Alps).

The items on the following list are considered essential.

Backpack	Parka
Over-trousers	Warm long trousers
Warm long sleeved shirts	Warm jacket
Jersey	Thermal underwear
Woollen socks and gloves	Warm hat or balaclava
Indoor shoes	Sturdy footwear
Sunglasses	Sunscreen and lip screen
Towel and toilet gear	Sleeping bag
Day pack	



Common Room in Temple Basin Ski Club Lodge



Bunk Room Temple Basin Ski Club Lodge

Outdoor Education Instruction



FOOD

Groups have the option of bringing their own food or of having it provided for an additional charge per person, per day. The cost of food is negotiable and will depend on the size of the party and the length of its stay.

All cooking equipment and utensils, cutlery and crockery are provided.

To keep costs down, as well as to provide a valuable exercise in co-operative endeavour, food preparation, cooking and cleaning up afterwards is all done by rostered groups of guests under the general guidance of the Temple Basin staff. Chefs can be provided but at an extra cost.

It should be noted that the 'food provided' option means that menus, recipes and ingredients are supplied. It remains the responsibility of the school group to provide labour and supervision for the food preparation and cooking.

KEA

Please **do not** feed the kea or leave food where they can get at it. Our food is not kea food and much of it damages their digestive systems.

Feeding kea also encourages them to become dependent on humans and to live in a human influenced habitat, which is not healthy for them.

Pack your belongings carefully. Be aware that kea are intelligent enough to unzip packs and bags and remove the contents from them. Their sharp beaks can rip through many materials and they find foam and other soft objects particularly attractive.

Ensure that your belongings are 'kea proofed'.

SAMPLE MENU

The following is an example of the kind of menu used at Temple Basin. It can vary according to each group and the season

DAY	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Monday			Chicken pizziola, roasted potatoes & carrots, beans
Tuesday	Cereals, toast & spreads, stewed fruit, baked beans & scrambled eggs	Bacon & egg pie, salad	Fruit crumble & custard Lasagne, garlic bread, garden salad
Wednesday	Cereals, toast & spreads, stewed fruit. Spanish omlette	Beef/vegetable burritos, mexican salad	Bread & butter pudding & custard Pork, ginger & hoison stirfry, steamed rice, wilted greens
Thursday	Cereals, toast & spreads, stewed fruit, spaghetti, sausages	Soup, rolls, pizzas, salad	Apple pie & custard Spaghetti bolognese, pizza bread, salad
Friday	Cereals, toast & spreads, stewed fruit, french toast & syrup	Soup, rolls, macaroni cheese, salad	Chocolate self saucing pudding

HOUSEKEEPING

The lodges are run on a communal basis. All residents participate in rostered duties for cooking and cleaning.

We recommend that teachers organise students into duty groups before they arrive at the lodge. Roster charts are available on request.

DUTY 1

BEFORE BREAKFAST

Clean up kitchen and dining area

Sweep and mop floors

Cook breakfast

AFTER BREAKFAST

Wash breakfast dishes

DUTY 2

Prepare lunch

Clean up kitchen after lunch and tidy dining room

Place tea towels in washing machine.

DUTY 3

Collect all rubbish inside and outside the lodge

Take all rubbish to the goodslift top shed

CLOSE THE DOOR AFTERWARDS!

Sweep, clean, mop toilets and showers.

Replace toilet paper and hand towels.

Sweep and mop bunk rooms

DUTY 4

Prepare dinner

DUTY 5

Cook dinner

DUTY 6

Wash dinner dishes.

Remove meat from the freezer for the next day

GENERAL

Remove all dry clothing from the drying room

Keep foyer and dining area tidy

Keep bunk rooms tidy

**Sample Program for School Outdoor Education Camps to
Temple Basin
3 nights 4 days**

Monday

Travel to Arthur's Pass, Temple Basin	Lunch in Arthur's Pass. Goods lifting, travel up walking track
Arthur's Pass DOC Visitors Centre tour	Briefing, bunk allocation, safety talk, orientation and staff introductions

Tuesday and Wednesday Activities

Rock Climbing	Walk to the tarns	Abseiling	Orienteering
Rock climbing with Alpine Instructor	Led by Temple Basin Staff, teachers and parents. Walk to the mountain tarns for a swim and lunch.	Abseiling with Alpine Instructor	Orienteering in the area around the lodges. Students learn how to use a compass and navigate

Thursday

Clean lodge, pack bags and depart Lodge

Following subjects are suggested alternatives for teachers to arrange.

SCIENCE

- Topography
- Land formation
- Interaction of humans and natural processes
- Water and air purity
- Pollution studies
- Effects of human activities
- Climate - operational weather station
- Vegetation and plants on the walk up
- Wildlife, Birds - Kea, Moa - history
- Food chains

HISTORY

- Arthur Dudley Dobson
- Maori activity
- Arthur's Pass
- Temple Basin
(a ski area since 1929)
- National Parks
- The museum and visitor's centre in Arthur's Pass Village

COMMUNITY/POPULATION

- Composition
- Jobs
- Tourism
- Why people live here
- Lifestyles

ART AND CRAFT

- Music
- Talent shows
- Concert and skit evenings
- Sketching
- Photography
- Theatre sports

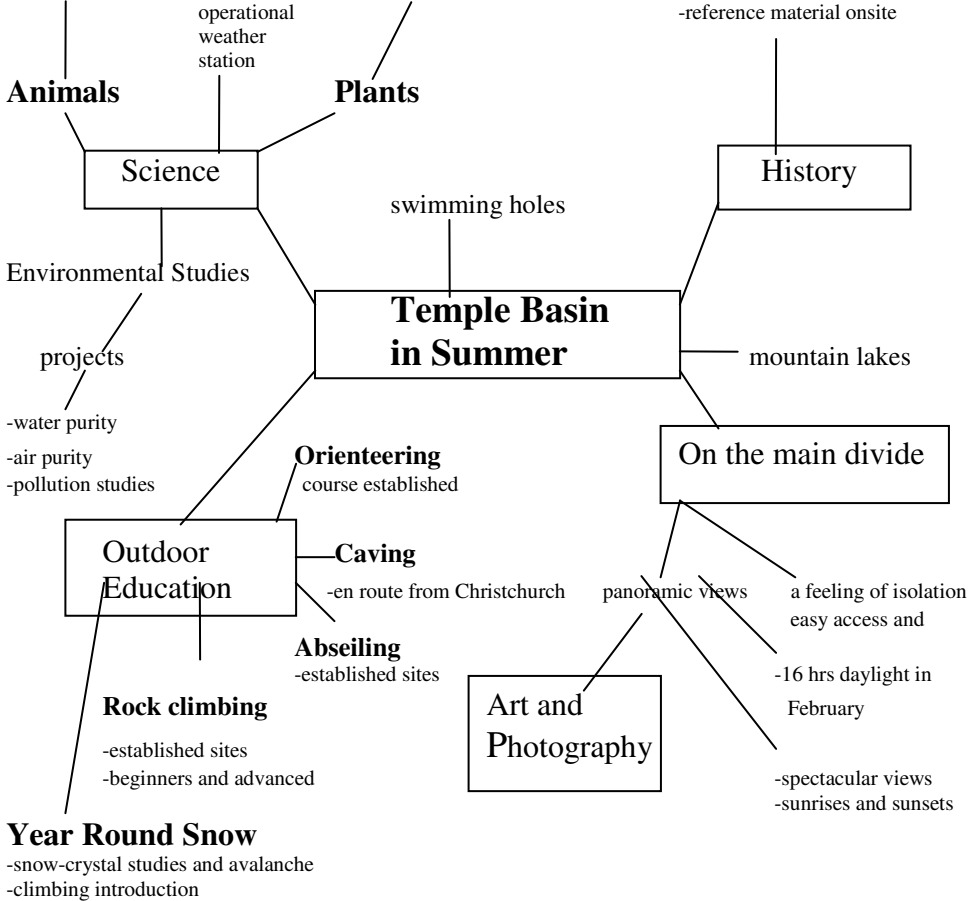
LANGUAGE

- Diary accounts
- Poetry
- Descriptive language
- Creative writing

- unique invertebrates
- kea
- grass hoppers
- deer
- thar
- chamois

- unique flora and fauna
- carnivorous sundews
- Mt. Cook lilies
- orchids

- Arthur's Pass visitor Centre
- the area has been used since the 1920's
- photographs
- reference material onsite



Risk Analysis Management Plan for Temple Basin Ski Area Outdoor Education Programme

<p>Risk Analysis: Accident, Injury, Other Forms of Loss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Injury or death from equipment failure – anchors, ropes, harness * Injury or death resulting from falling * Injury or death resulting from falling rock * Injury or death from wondering out of ski area boundary - orienteering * Hypothermia * Effect of the sun * Missing persons
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Danger: Hazards, Perils.

<i>People</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Environment</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Being unfamiliar with surroundings * Being unfamiliar with equipment – ice axe * Insufficient supervision * Lack of clear instruction * Physical activity with no warm up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inappropriate technical equipment * Maintained technical climbing equipment * Maintained climbing and abseiling routes by qualified personal – alpine instructors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Weather conditions – sun, wind, rain and snow * Rock and snow conditions

Risk Management Strategies –Normal Operation

<i>People</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Environment</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At site, familiarise yourself with the new surroundings and obey all signs and instructions given to you by staff * Appropriate instruction from qualified instructors in the use of all technical equipment and correct use. * Appropriate instructor - student ratios * Supervision of all activities * Dress adequately for possible changing conditions in the mountains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pre trip safety checks on all technical equipment * All climbing and abseiling routes checked and cleared by instructors. * If you are unfamiliar with your equipment and its correct use please inform instructor. Be safe not sorry * Radio contact with groups away from the lodges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Determine weather conditions on site and decide if activity is appropriate – back up activity in lodge if weather is bad. * Make sure appropriate wet weather and warm clothing is available – weather changes on the main divide quickly. * If cold, please inform instructor or supervisor * Alpine instructor will check rock and snow conditions.

Risk Management Strategies -Emergency Operation

Temple Basin is committed to Health and Safety on the ski field to protect employees and customers from accidental injury or damage.

We have highly qualified Patrollers and all our staff are familiar with operation manuals and emergency procedures.

In case of an emergency please contact any of the Temple Basin staff immediately.

Temple Basin has medical facilities on the mountain. In case of urgent evacuation helicopters are available.



Seminar Room in Ferrier Lodge

Temple Basin Ski Club Inc. is a Charitable Trust, which has made a commitment to providing the best possible facilities and service for the community.

Our objective is to provide educational opportunities and memorable experiences for all children and adults who visit this wonderful alpine environment.