



# VOLUNTEER HUT WARDENS – SUMMER 2017/18



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# Introduction

**Back by popular demand, here is your opportunity to kick your summer of 2017/18 into action by helping on The Old Ghost Road as one of our volunteer Hut Wardens.**

We are the Mokihinui-Lyell Backcountry Trust (MLBT), the grassroots organisation that created and now operates and maintains The Old Ghost Road.

The beating heart of The Old Ghost Road effort has always been volunteerism – almost 35,000 hours to date – with hundreds of people from all walks of life having rolled up their sleeves and poured effort into the project. Sections of trail and all four of our backcountry huts were built entirely by teams of volunteers.

The popularity of The Old Ghost Road has exceeded our wildest expectations and we are looking to make the experience even more enjoyable for trail users by having a warden presence throughout the coming summer months. If this sounds like something you might be up for, please read on and get in touch!



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## How does it work –

This is an opportunity to spend ‘about a week’ volunteering on The Old Ghost Road. As a volunteer hut warden, you will be an ambassador for trail users and play a key role in managing and maintaining our facilities during your stint.

The proposed warden period is anytime from December 2017 to April 2018 and available stints are included in the schedule at the rear of this document. Opportunities are available throughout the rest of the year should this suit you more, please contact us if this is the case.

As a volunteer hut warden you will be expected to:

- Assume a welcoming, friendly ambassador role for the trail and hut(s);
- Undertake minor track and or hut repairs;
- Check hut passes and issue invoices where required;
- Gather information on hut use and identify improvement opportunities or enhancements to the facilities or user experience;
- Provide information to trail users;
- Clean and maintain the hut, toilet and hut surroundings; and
- Maintain daily contact with Westport-based Old Ghost Road staff.

## What to expect –

**Accommodation:** A hut bunk or wherever possible, private summer sleepout has been reserved for your stay (tent accommodation will not be used this year). Some stints will require you to stay in mix of accommodation types (i.e. hut bunk or sleepout) and/or a mix of hut locations.

**Food:** We will provide a supply of non-perishable food at the hut. You will be required to organize and provide all other food and supplies for yourself, and we will provide a \$100 food and supplies contribution towards this. The food and supplies contribution will be paid within 48 hours of your stint finishing.

**Experience and fitness levels:** Volunteers should be experienced backcountry users with reasonable fitness levels and a good appreciation of backcountry etiquette.

**Other skills:** You need to be fluent in English, and comfortable relating with a range of people in a constructive and friendly manner. You will have practical skills and be able to carry out hut warden duties on your own.

**Age Restrictions:** You must be at least 18 years old.

**Duration:** Approximately one-week stints. Longer or repeat stays are available if you desire.

**Induction:** Pre-stint information will be provided with a range of instructions to support your stay and set you up for success.

**Transport:** You will need to make your own way to the trail and allocated hut via foot or bike. We may be able to assist on occasion – if ‘getting there’ is the difference between you making this happen or not, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

## What to bring –

You will need to bring your own:

- Food and drink supplies;
- Sturdy footwear;
- Warm and waterproof clothing and hat;
- Sunscreen/sunhat;
- Warm sleeping bag;
- Torch, camera, book etc.;
- Personal toiletries/medication, and
- A mobile phone which must be carried as a key source of communication.

## What will be provided for you –

We will provide volunteers with:

- A copy of 'Spirit to the Stone' - the official book on the conception and creation of The Old Ghost Road (this will be mailed in advance so you can school up on some of the history/background);
- A \$100 contribution towards food (payable upon completion of your stint);
- Written induction and safety briefing material;
- A hut fee invoice book;
- Free accommodation in the huts (including cooking facilities and cutlery, pots/pans, bowls/plates etc.);
- An EPIRB to carry while on the track (if you cannot provide your own); and
- Facilities to charge your mobile phone.

## How to apply –

The process of becoming an Old Ghost Road hut warden is self-selecting. If upon due consideration you feel you are a great match for the task and conditions, take a look at the available volunteer stints on the following page and send an email to [volunteer@oldghostroad.org.nz](mailto:volunteer@oldghostroad.org.nz) with your preference(s). Please provide your name and a mobile contact.

*Thanks in advance for your interest. We look forward to welcoming you.*

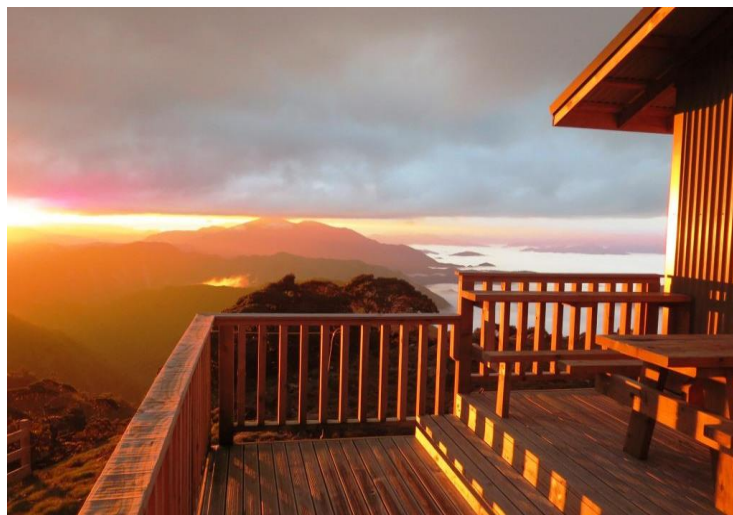


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# VOLUNTEER HUT WARDEN STINTS

Stint	Dates	No. of Nights	Location/s	Accommodation Type/s
STINT FILLED				
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#7	29 <sup>th</sup> January – 5 <sup>th</sup> February	7	Combination of Lyell Saddle & Ghost Lake	Combination of Sleepouts & Hut Bunks
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#15	2 <sup>nd</sup> April – 9 <sup>th</sup> April	7	Ghost Lake	Combination of Sleepouts & Hut Bunks
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