

Message about the Kaikoura Earthquake

The earthquake that happened in the early hours of Monday Morning 14th November, has not affected the Aoraki Mt Cook National Park.

We understand there is concern about effects of the Kaikoura Earthquake that occurred on Monday 14th November. The main area affected is Kaikoura, a small community approximately 2 ½ hours drive north of Christchurch in the South Island.

The earthquake was centred north of Christchurch to the top of the South Island and the lower north Island.

We can assure you that everyone at Aoraki Mt Cook National Park are safe. The earthquake wasn't felt as strongly here in the Mackenzie region. The Hermitage Hotel, Mt Cook Lodge & Motels and all our activity operators are all unaffected & operating as usual.

If you are travelling through the South Island by road you should check the [New Zealand Transport Agency](#) for updates on road conditions. Visitors arriving into Christchurch can travel south to Dunedin, Central Otago, Southland and the Queenstown Lakes area without any change. Alternatively visitors may wish to travel across from Christchurch to the West Coast and down to the Queenstown Lakes region and Southland via Fiordland. Both routes are unaffected.

For visitors wishing to travel north from Christchurch alternative routes are available to Nelson and Picton although they will take longer than the more direct State Highway 1 route.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us reservations@hermitage.co.nz or call 0800 686800.