

A scenic view of a river in New Zealand South Island. The water is exceptionally clear, showing a vibrant turquoise color. The river flows through a lush, green forest. On the right side, a large, moss-covered rock formation juts into the water. In the background, a waterfall cascades down a rocky cliff face. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

New Zealand South Island

Organising a Trip to NZ

Requirements / Considerations

Fishing Equipment / Bio security

Clean and dry , no dirt no seeds all flys made out of commercial material

Clothing

Clothes for all seasons in a day (layering best way to go) Raincoat and Fleece essential, merino thermals good to have

Rods

#5 , #6 best overall options , long leaders up to 15' 4lb thru to 8lb tippet

NZ Fishing Licence with back country endorsement \$170 approx

Finance

\$AU roughly equal to \$NZ 1.05

Petrol roughly \$2.20+/ litre \$NZ most distances travelled are small

Car Hire relatively cheap \$35 tp \$55 for small medium car

Culture

Same as Australia , road rules with a few minor exceptions same as Australia , river side etiquette important ie if you ever see another fisherman



Use weather info / radar always before planning a trip



WAMs Data Base ,shows fish and Game
access points on many rivers plus contact
info if required

Fish and Game access Maps



Queenstown



Queenstown at night .Food , drinks shopping



Keep the wife happy, many options

Shotover jetboat, Queenstown







TE ANAU gateway to Milford Sound






Milford sound





Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai


Mount Aspiring
National Park

↑ Routeburn Track

 Routeburn Nature Walk

 Routeburn Flats Hut

 Routeburn Falls Hut

 Harris Saddle / Tarahaka Whakatipu

1 hr return

1.5 - 2.5 hr

2.5 - 4 hr

4 - 6.5 hr







Travel Light / backpack for extended days



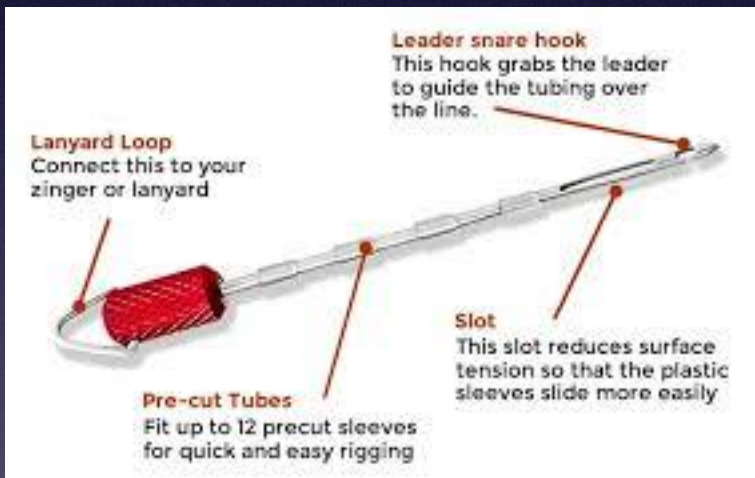






Spring Creeks ,usually a closely guarded secret location





New Zealand Strike Indicator Tool

- with loop
- tubing sleeves pre-loaded on tool



- 12 inches (30cm) of extra replacement tubing



• Samples of New Zealand wool



Delicate presentations essential

Eglington River , Blue Ribbon Trout Fishery



Eglington Valley





Upukerora River



Uruk`



Upek`



Lake Mavora







Upper Oreti



Tasman River





Tasman River



Omamara and Ahuriri River





Typical Big 4 Holiday park cabin accommodation



Typical Lake Benmore backwater



Benmore Flats fish



Weather can change suddenly (Late Feb)



Twizel , L Benmore and the Tekapo





Typical river backcasting inhibitors



Many fish will have shag scars



Ahuriri River Tarns



Basic NZ fly patterns I like





Fish Australia with the critters and also be successful