

The following is information regarding to our procedures for visitors access to Mt McCall.

The Queenstown PWS office is open between 8:30 am and 9:30 am most days. The answer machine is checked at the end of each day unless staff are away for a number of days.

The Strahan PWS office is open between 9 am and 12 Noon and then 1pm until 5pm week days. Answer machine is on whilst the office is unattended.

Deviation to these opening hours is in the event of an emergency (i.e. Fire, Whale Stranding or Search and Rescue). In these circumstances staff will attempt to leave a sign on the door stating alternative contact numbers. If McCall keys have been booked staff will contact these people and advise them of the situation, and where/if possible make alternative arrangements.

Visitors wishing to access the Mt McCall road are requested to contact the office a few days (a week preferred) prior to the date they require access. If the office is not open their name and phone contact number along with a brief message can be left on the answer machine and staff will get back to them. It is not always guaranteed that they will be able to access the road on the date they request, however staff will try to accommodate visitors requests. Just leaving a message on the answer machine does not guarantee access, visitors must confirm with a staff member.

Keys are available from both the Strahan and Queenstown offices.

Conditions on the Permit are

1. The holder of this authority must produce it when demanded by an authorised person or an authorised officer under the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002*.
2. The vehicle must be registered and display a current registration label and plates in accordance with the *Traffic Act 1925*.
3. Every driver of the vehicle must hold a current driver's licence, and must produce it when demanded by an authorised person or an authorised officer.
4. The vehicle must not be operated off the identified track to Mt McCall.
5. The vehicle must be washed down, removing all road grime and mud from the undercarriage before entering the Mt McCall track.
6. The key is not transferable, must not be duplicated and is to be returned to the Queenstown Office of the Parks and Wildlife Service within twelve hours of the expiry of the authority.
7. The Driver is responsible to lock closed the barrier gates immediately after entry and exit.
8. The Driver must comply with every direction given to the driver by an authorised person or an authorised officer.
9. Failure to comply with any of these conditions, the directions of an authorised person, or an authorised officer, or with the requirements of legislation may result in any or all of cancellation of the authority, prosecution and refusal to allow future access.
10. In relation to the Mt McCall track, the provisions of the Act and Regulations that this authority is issued under, provide (amongst other things) that:
  - a) A valid Park Entry Pass must be displayed on the vehicle;
  - b) No dogs or domestic pets are permitted within reserve land;
  - c) No firearms or hunting equipment are permitted within reserved land;
  - d) Removal or interference with natural materials (flora, fauna, wood, sand, gravel) is prohibited unless authority is granted by the managing authority under the *National Parks and Reserve Land Regulations 1999*;
  - e) Fires are not permitted; the World Heritage Area is a fuel stove only area (FSOA), except for designated sites;
  - f) All rubbish is to be removed from the area;
  - g) On days of extreme fire hazard the Mt McCall Track may be closed, and existing authorities cancelled.

P&W Staff inform all visitors the following whilst on the phone

- All vehicles going along the track must present at the office.
- All vehicles must have the underneath of their vehicles cleaned (this means all loose dirt and mud removed from under guards, steps, bumpers etc) Vehicles are checked and a permit will not be issued until the vehicle is clean.
- Drivers of each vehicle must complete the permit.
- All vehicles require a current Parks pass.

I hope this clears up any queries that the 4WD clubs have.

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