



The South Islanders Road Tripping Guide





It has been 40 years since the National 3DE was held away from the Taupo National Equestrian Centre and we are thrilled to have the chance to hold it.

We have many people working to make it an amazing event so we are hoping that we will get some North Islanders down to support, compete and have fun!

Many of us South Islanders have travelled North to compete, and we always have the best time. It is not just riding at different venues but the fun you have on the way.

We know the thought of the trip can be daunting, so we have put together our guide to help you plan your trip.

If anyone would like to arrive early a few days and not go straight to NEC there will be plenty of people happy to host. Grass or no grass paddock options.

If you have any questions about the road trip please do not hesitate to reach out: Emily Cammock 027 664 5114 or emcammock@gmail.com

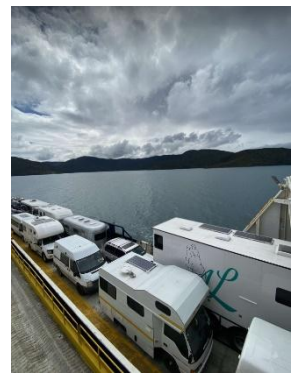


Dunstan Horse feeds National Equestrian Centre Christchurch

Just 20 minutes from the Christchurch airport. NEC has:

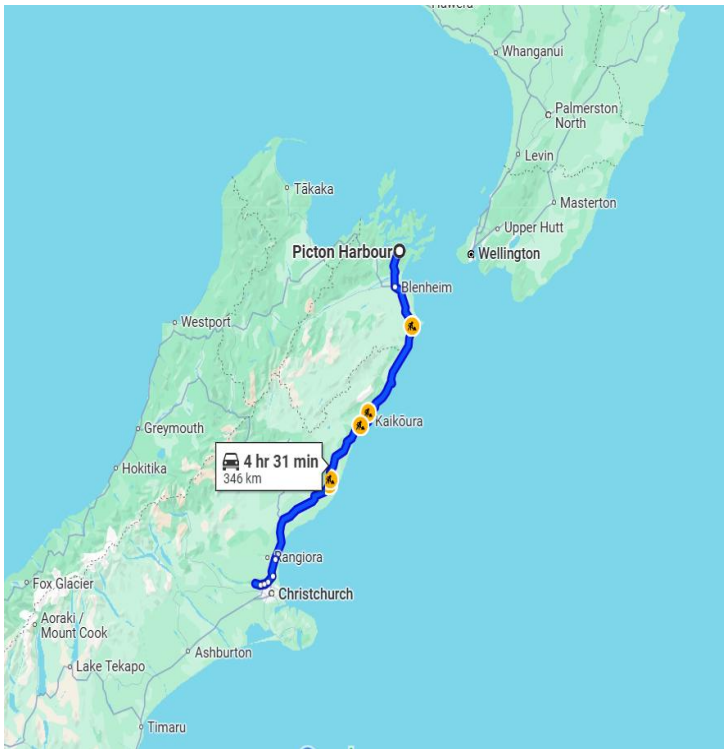
- ✓ Stables
- ✓ Covered Yards
- ✓ Open Yards
- ✓ Powered camping sites





The ferry is around a 3.5 - 4 hour journey

Allow 6 hrs to get from Picton to NEC, especially with a stop.



It is best to go via Blenheim and then Kaikoura as it is an easier, straighter drive than the inland route.

Bonus you get gorgeous coastal views, keep an eye out for seals in Kaikoura!



Taihape Show Grounds



A stopping option between Taupo and Foxton. Just need to message the Taihape Jumping group page to get a code for the gate lock.

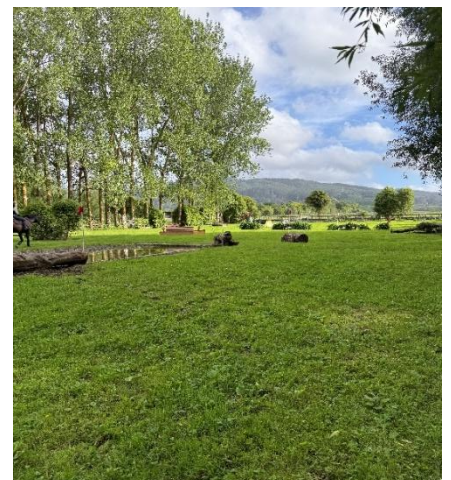
Outdoor yards, stables, toilets and showers. Located Memorial park, Taihape

Link: [Taihape Jumping group](#)

Dragon Equestrian Jump Park

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Clive Long's property is an amazing place to stop just an hour from Wellington harbour. Small paddocks, yards, stables available. Can even get in some cross-country training!



Otaki Racecourse

Approximately 1hr from Wellington Harbour

Has basic open yards and some room for parking. If there are lots of trucks it can get a bit tight.

Good grazing areas and a nice sand rolling spot that the horses love!

Contact number for caretaker: 027 482 0306



Foxton Racecourse

Approximately 1.5-2hr from Wellington Harbour

Foxton racing club are on Facebook and can be sent a message through there.

There are covered or outdoor yards. Good space for parking and grazing.

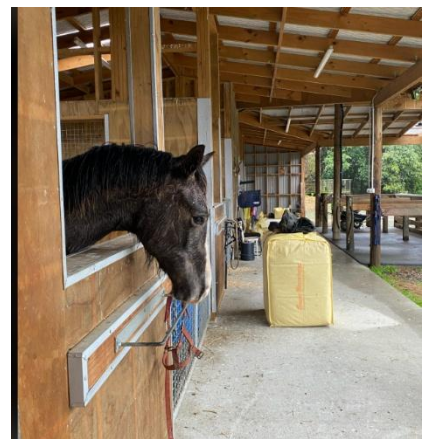
Also has good areas for riding

Sonya Mason's property

362 old State Highway 1, Wellington – 45 Minutes from the ferry

- 4 full size stables
- 2 paddocks can be made available
- 1 bedroom cottage with queen bed for a small coast
- 50 x 60 arena
- Hacking over hills

Contact Sonya on 021757850 or
sonya.mason@gmail.com



Blenheim Racecourse (Marlborough racing club)

Approximately 30min from Picton Harbour

There are covered yards and stables

Note: this is a busy racetrack so there will be a number of standardbreds training in the mornings



Kaikoura Racetrack: we wouldn't recommend stopping here

Marlborough Equestrian Park

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A favourite overnight stopping points. It is just 30 minutes from Picton.

It is a great spot for a leg stretch or an overnight stay.

Yards can be booked online via the link above.



Wauī River rest place (South Island leg stretch)

(Ignore the fact it says closed it is open)



This is a good spot to be able to give the horses a leg stretch and a graze. It is about 1.5 hours from NEC. Plenty of space for a truck to turn around and tucked away from the motorway.

[Link to pin](#)

Queen Elizabeth Park (North island leg stretch)

[Greater Wellington — Queen Elizabeth Park](#)



Located Mackays Crossing. Another option for a leg stretch before or after the ferry. Just need to check what time you would be arriving there as the gates are closed at night.

Ferry

Blue Bridge

Apparently, you can get a discount with Blue Bridge if you use your Farmland card



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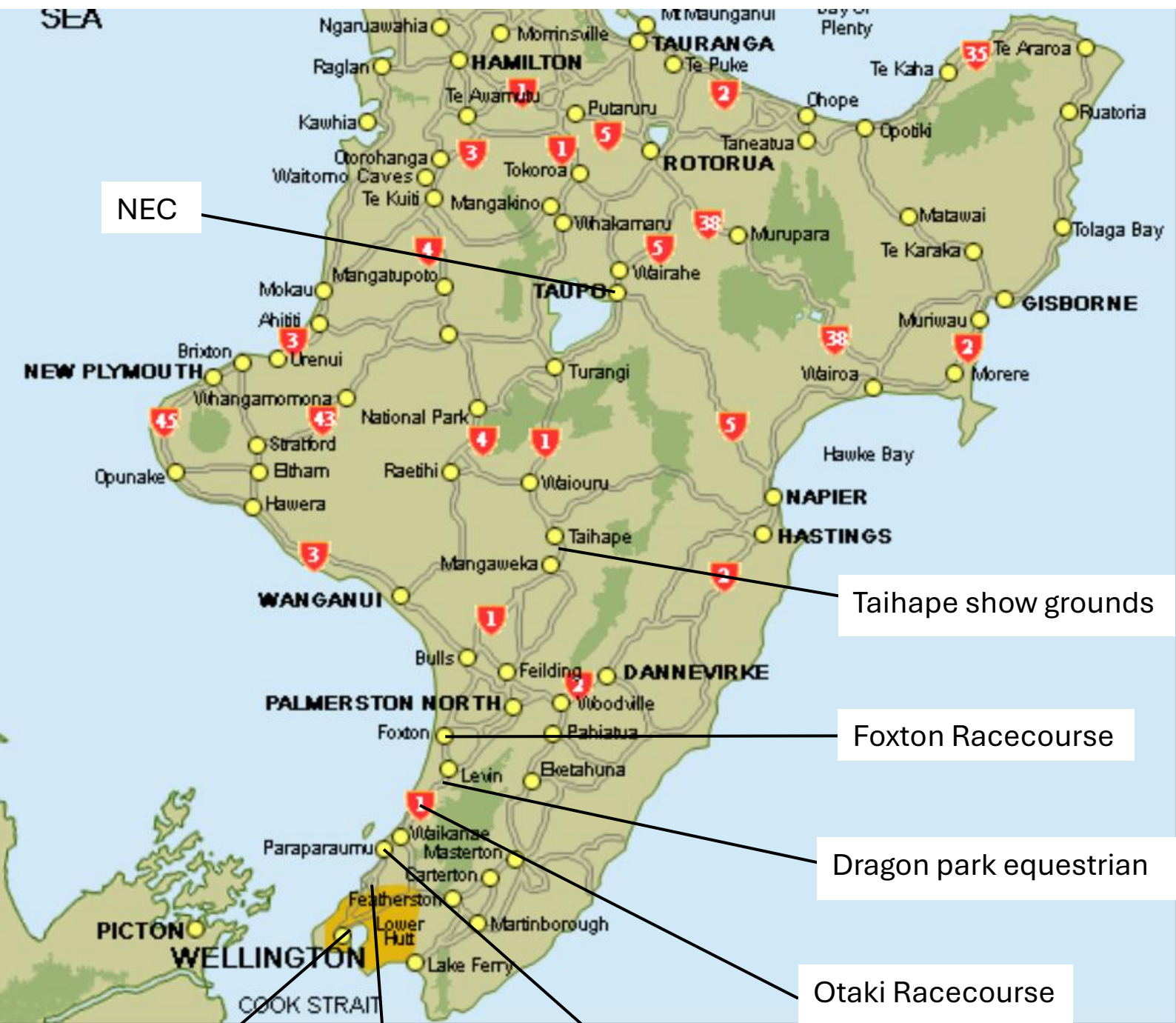
Equestrian Sports NZ has a discount code you can apply for equestrian use

See website: [Ferry Discount code](#)

Some travelling tips:

- If your horse can't get their head down when travelling (i.e high chest bins) be careful about giving haynets
- When there's no access to forage, regular stops are important!
- Small feed of fibre and speedibeet before loading is a good way to get some food and water into them
- Molasses in water to encourage them to drink
- Electrolytes
- Increasing or adding a gut supplement or ulcer medication
- Calmer for those that need help staying chilled on their journey
- The horses tend to handle the ferry ride well
- Road tripping is an awesome way to see NZ!





NEC

Taihape show grounds

Foxton Racecourse

Dragon park equestrian

Otaki Racecourse

Soyna's property

Queen Elizabeth Park

Ferry



Marlborough equestrian park

Blenheim Racecourse

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Waiu Rest place

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It's going to be a good one! We hope to see you there

