

New toilets installed at camp spot

Selwyn District Council has installed two new toilet blocks at Coe's Ford to provide improved facilities for people visiting this popular spot.

There are now three blocks to service the camping area. Extra cleaning and servicing of toilets is also planned this summer at Coe's and Chamberlain's Ford which have become more popular as camping spots.

Recycling stations were installed at Coe's Ford, Chamberlain's Ford and Castle Hill Village last summer as a trial and are now operating permanently at these locations. Last summer the stations collected nearly 3,500 kilograms of waste for recycling to prevent recyclables from going to landfill.

In 2015 and 2016, the Council also installed an additional caravan dump station at North Terrace in Darfield and new toilets at Darfield, Lake Lyndon, Lake Coleridge intake, Glentunnel, Whitecliffs Domain and Springfield.

"Coe's Ford and Chamberlain's Ford are popular camping spots and are used both by local residents and visitors to our district. By installing extra toilet and recycling facilities at key locations in our district we hope to meet the needs of locals and tourists who use these services and prevent problems from occurring elsewhere in Selwyn," says Cameron Warr, Selwyn District Council's Parks and Land Manager.

A new toilet block will also be installed this summer at McHughs Forest Park near Darfield, a popular walking spot for local residents and visitors. A number of other improvements are planned as part of a development plan for the park.

The Council recently published a new guide to camping spots in Selwyn covering their locations, services and which sites are free to use. Copies of the guide are available from Council service centres and libraries and online at www.sensationalselwyn.co.nz under 'brochures.'

Anyone visiting Council or Department of Conservation reserves is reminded that gas barbeques are the only types of fires allowed in these areas as other outdoor fires are not permitted.

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Photo attached: one of the new toilet blocks at Coe's Ford

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