

# Marlborough Sounds Homesteading & Remote Working Lifestyle Campground Caretaker

## Endeavour Inlet, Queen Charlotte Sounds

### **The Location**

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### **The Opportunity**

We are seeking an individual, couple or small family, to live and volunteer in the Marlborough Sounds this summer, maintaining and running a small and boutique campground and accommodation on the Te Araroa Trail / Queen Charlotte Track.

Set in an Orchard on a small lifestyle block at the head on the Endeavour Inlet, a boat access only bay in the Queen Charlotte Sound, our 20 person campground requires grounds maintenance and guest hosting.

Although set in a remote, rural and bush clad location, there is a small community and two lodges (Furneaux & Punga Cove) in the area providing a great network and social opportunities, with 5k+ hikers passing through and stopping over the Summer months. With yachts, fishing boats, water skiers, food tours, bikers and hikers you won't be short of entertainment, or interaction, while living a true homesteading lifestyle on the ocean.

This opportunity is for **15 September 2025 until 31 April 2026**. [See the website here.](#)

### **The Role**

Being a very small camp ground, there is a part time role that would suit remote workers, lifestyle seekers, sabbatical, small families or people seeking to explore self-sufficient living, gardening and living off the land.

Overall, the Campground Caretaker(s) would maintain a clean, presentable and tidy campground, manage reservations, host guests and market the site to increase guest reservations.

There is no reception or office hours, and guests self-check in, however we conduct evening routine and morning headcounts, if needed, and this includes asking after guests, and their needs.

Specific Duties include:

- Maintain the Website
- Maintain the Reservation System
- Manage the Inbox and Phone
- Conduct check-In checks
- Handle “walk-ins”
- Connect with Agents and advertisers
- Create and manage events to increase bookings
- Conduct basic advertising
- Maintain simple Social Media
- Collect reviews
- Maintain lawns, hedges and gardens
- Maintain rubbish and presentation
- Maintenance of structures and buildings
- Feed chickens (if any)
- Move Sheep Grazing (If any)
- Maintain Orchard (if needed)
- Maintain Possum Traps
- Maintain Vegetable Garden (If wanted)
- Clean Kitchen & Loo
- Clean Cabins

General allowance of 1-2 hours per day for campground administration and 4-6 hours per week for Grounds and Maintenance. This is approximately 12-20 hours per week, plus any Cabin servicing, or events you organise. Cabin Cleaning is 30 minutes per cabin when booked.

### **The Benefits**

We provide a comfortable and tidy 2-Bedroom 1970's home, that is very warm, easy to maintain, fully furnished, with recently new beds, large new Fireplace, TV's, Appliances, Spa Pool, BBQ two standing desk workstations are also included. Just walk in and start living.

A living stipend for food, utilities, WiFi and an allowance for the Water Taxi. In addition, there is a profit share on any revenue the campground earns over the set target.

### **How to Apply**

Email [zach@edagroup.org](mailto:zach@edagroup.org) with a cover email and introduction, and/or Resume, so we can get an idea of who you are, why you would be a great fit, and your motivation to experience this unique opportunity!

# Marlborough Sounds Homesteading & Remote Working Lifestyle

## Campground Caretaker

**Location:** Endeavour Inlet, Queen Charlotte Sounds, Marlborough, New Zealand  
*A remote, boat-access-only paradise at the head of the inlet – just an hour from Picton.*

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## Overview

- Small, boutique campground (20 guests) nestled in a thriving orchard on a lifestyle block.
  - Positioned on both the **Te Araroa** and **Queen Charlotte Trail**, with over 5,000 hikers passing through in summer.
  - Surrounded by a friendly community, including lodges like Furneaux & Punga Cove, and a lively mix of yachts, fishing boats, water-skiing, tours and bikers.
  - Duration: **15 September 2025 – 31 April 2026**
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## The Role – Campground Caretaker

Ideal for remote workers, lifestyle adventurers, sabbatical-takers, couples, or small families interested in self-sufficiency and community living.

## What You'll Do

### Guest Hospitality & Admin (1–2 hrs/day)

- Manage reservations (system & website)
- Handle inbox and phone
- Check-in guests and assist walk-ins

- Communicate with booking agents, create events, advertise, manage social media, and collect guest reviews

### **Grounds & Maintenance (4–6 hrs/week + as needed)**

- Garden, lawn, hedges, orchard, vegetable garden
- Rubbish, structures, possum traps, cabins & kitchen/loo cleaning
- Animal care: chickens, sheep (if present)

**Cabin Servicing:** ~30 mins per cabin booked

### **Overall:**

- 12–20 work-hours/week, plus
  - Any event or cabin servicing time
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## **The Benefits**

- A fully furnished, comfortable 2-bedroom 1970s home:
    - Warm, easy care, with updated beds
    - Fireplace, Wi-Fi, TV, appliances, spa-pool, BBQ
    - Two standing-desk workstations
    - 3m Tender and 4.5m Steel Runabout Dinghy
    - Just bring yourselves—and laptops!
  - **Living stipend:** Covers food, utilities, Wi-Fi, water taxi
  - **Profit-share bonus:** Earn a share of campground revenue over the target
  - **Project Work:** Optional paid work to complete projects or major activity
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## The Perks

- Work from home in a stunning natural environment
  - Be part of a warm, local maritime community
  - Live seasonally, off-grid, with self-sufficient and homesteading elements
  - Interact daily with hikers, yachters, and adventure-seekers
  - Enjoy work-life balance: remote hours + time exploring the Sounds
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## How to Apply

Email [zach@edagroup.org](mailto:zach@edagroup.org) with:

1. A short **cover email** introducing yourself
2. Your **résumé**
3. A few lines on **why this opportunity appeals** to you

We'll be in touch soon to learn more about you and your fit for this unforgettable summer project!