



Visiting Stewart Island/Rakiura is a unique experience

The Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy will help provide services and facilities for visitors to the Island.

WHO HAS TO PAY THE LEVY?

All visitors must pay the levy unless they are:

- Travelling to the island for a continuous period of 21 days or more
- Island residents or ratepayers
- Partners or dependants of the Island residents or ratepayers
- Beneficiaries of the Rakiura Maori Trust
- Children under the age of 18
- Employed on a transport vessel travelling to the Island
- Visiting only within the bounds of the Rakiura National Park

If your property is in a trust and the name of only the trust appears on the rates notice, you are not exempt from the levy. Neither are adult grandchildren or other family members of ratepayers and residents.

Tradespeople and volunteers also have to pay the levy.



The \$5 levy, which started being collected on 1 October 2013, will enable projects and initiatives that the Island residents would not have been able to fund otherwise.

How is the levy collected?

The \$5 levy is collected by:

1) TICKET PURCHASE

Visitors travelling with Cruise New Zealand cruises, Stewart Island Flights and the Stewart Island Experience ferry will have the levy included in their tickets.

2) COLLECTION BOX

Visitors travelling independently, on private or chartered vessels, will need to pay via the collection box at the Southland District Council office (9 Ay Street, Oban).

VISITOR LEVY INFORMATION



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I am travelling to Department of Conservation land or the Rakiura National Park.

WILL I NEED TO PAY THE LEVY?

Yes, unless your visit is entirely within the Rakiura National Park.

If your visit includes the Oban township, land controlled by Southland District Council or other Department of Conservation land which is not part of the National Park, you will need to pay the levy.

I am staying on the Island for more than one day.

HOW OFTEN DO I PAY THE LEVY?

You only need to pay the levy once during each stay but keep your proof of payment.

If you visit Ulva Island or other surrounding islands or take a scenic flight or cruise, you do not have to pay the levy again.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T PAY THE LEVY?

If you fail to pay the levy and are not exempt or falsely claim that you are not a visitor, you will be in breach of the Southland District Council Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw.

A breach of this bylaw could result in a fine of \$250.

I think I'm exempt from paying the levy but I have been charged.

HOW TO CLAIM A REFUND?

If you believe you are exempt from paying the levy but have been charged as part of your fare, you can apply for a refund from Southland District Council.

**For further information please contact
Southland District Council on 0800 732 732**