

Hello from the Mt Olympus Crew

This is a brief outline to give you some useful information before you head up to Mt Olympus for your holiday.

Please check the snow reports either on our website www.mtolympus.co.nz or through www.snow.co.nz

These reports will give you information on weather and road conditions so you can be prepared for your trip up the hill. Our road is in great shape generally but you will need to travel in a high clearance vehicle and carry correctly sized chains and ensure someone on board knows how to fit them. On occasion 4 chains can be required, but this is very rare. When you get to the Bottom Hut, radio the Top Hut to check on road conditions and you will be told if you are likely to encounter the dozer, and if the staff have been informed, if someone else is travelling down the road. Take your time and enjoy the scenery. It is a great drive with good visibility on most aspects of the road.

When you arrive at the hill please unload your gear in the turning/loading bay and then park your vehicle safely and considerately well away from the turning/loading bay. Remember the dozer and shovels are your friends if it snows during your stay and good access and clearance for everyone is important.

If there is no one at the car park to help when you arrive, feel free to call for assistance with the Access Tow on the radio in the container. Our staff and clubbies are more than happy to help get gear and people up the tow, if required.

Towbelts can be found in the container (free to loan) or pre-purchase a belt by emailing towbelts@mtolympus.co.nz prior to your stay.

When you are packing please remember that everything you bring needs to be carried up the hill, so pack lightly and use backpacks to make it easier to transport (it is difficult to use a nutcracker if you have a handheld bag).

Suggested Gear List – please name EVERYTHING before you arrive

- ✓ Skis, Boots and Poles! – please note there is no gear hire at Mt Olympus
- ✓ Snow shoes if you are a non-skier
- ✓ Sleeping bag (and sheet if you want one)
- ✓ Pillow case (pillow provided)
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Spare changes of clothing
- ✓ Indoor shoes
- ✓ Pyjamas
- ✓ Cash or EFTPOS, Visa or Mastercard for canteen/bar purchases
- ✓ Student ID if you are a tertiary student wanting to pay Student Rates. Your ID will need to be shown at the ticket office so don't leave it in the car or at home
- ✓ Sun-block
- ✓ Books, playing cards etc - something to do during a snowed-in day
- ✓ Nutcracker and tow belt if you have one (borrow from the container at the carpark if you haven't)
- ✓ Glove protectors if you have them (one for each hand as access onto the tows is on both sides). Glove protectors can be purchased at the ticket office on the field

- ✓ High quality leather gloves that don't require glove protectors can be purchased at the ticket office also, along with towbelts and nutcrackers
- ✓ Outdoor boots for mucking around after skiing, and maybe spare dry gloves
- ✓ Daypack and transceivers for hiking if you want to go on guided expeditions to the top peaks – please note there is no hire transceivers on the hill so please bring your own
- ✓ Packed lunch on your first day unless you have indicated that you want lunch on day of arrival - all other meals are provided
- ✓ Togs for the Hot Tub

Please note that the laundry is not for personal use. It is for washing Mt Olympus dirty laundry only so bring enough 'smalls' for the whole week!

We have a fantastic drying room so hand-washing is an option (bring powder). Clothing dries best when hung up in the top of the drying room on supplied coat hangers using long poles. Please remove dry gear regularly to free up space and avoid its mystery disappearance. It is remarkable how much gear gets lost! Naming stuff and putting it back in your bag is the best line of defense.

The ticketing office/canteen is found at the Far Canal Bar in the Top Hut which can provide most things you might need during your stay. We have an extensive selection of beer, wine and spirits available at competitive prices. Alcohol will not be sold to minors and we require that you do not bring your own alcohol onto the hill, as we don't have a BYO license. Income from all sales of alcohol contributes directly back to the club to help with maintenance and building projects etc for you to enjoy in the future.

You can arrive any time during the first day of your ski week – all lift passes are included in the ski week package. Please check in at the Ticket Office on arrival to be issued with your ski passes or scan Chill passes. Please don't start skiing until you have your passes visibly attached as we have staff and volleys checking and you may need to buy them a coffee for their troubles if they have to escort you into the ticketing office.

All meals are provided as part of your cost starting with dinner the day you arrive through to lunch on your final day. If you want lunch on arrival day, you need to request that when you book in. If you have any food allergies or dietary requirements, please let us know beforehand so our chef can plan around this.

Cell phone coverage is practically non-existent and texting is possible with Telecom only. Obviously we have a phone but ask that it be used for very necessary calls only. The hut can be quite busy mornings, lunchtimes and evenings so we like to keep the phone free and not tied up with personal calls. The staff are busy enough meeting everyone's needs and ensuring a great time is had by one and all and playing receptionist can compromise their availability to please.

Public internet access tickets can be purchased from the Ticket Office for varying lengths of time and cost. Public internet can be slow but is usable if totally necessary. Not using the internet and enjoying time in the mountains without electronic input is encouraged at Mt Olympus.

If you have any further questions feel free to contact us on +64 03 318 5840 or email us at bookings@mtolympus.co.nz.

We look forward to seeing you on the hill.

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