

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND - Fish & Game Region¹¹

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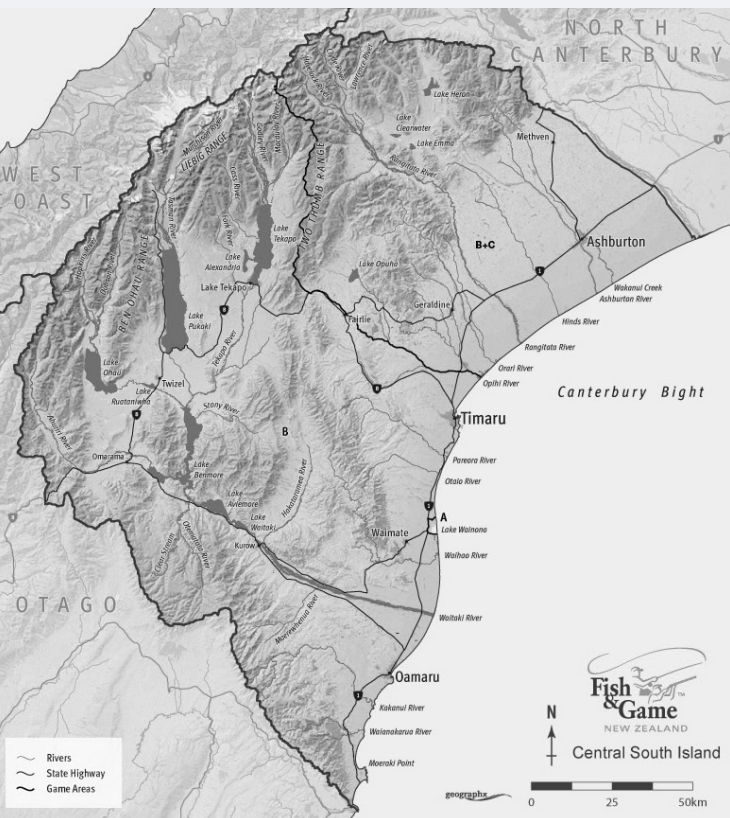
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Refer to section 2 for precise definition of areas

11 Central South Island Region means the area so described in the NZ Gazette 24 May 1990, No.83 at page 1861, as amended in the NZ Gazette 29 August 1991, No 129 at page 2786, and as further amended 3 September 1992, No 141 at page 2958

1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed - Duration of 2024/2025 Season

Species	Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Hunting Area
<i>Grey, mallard and shoveler duck: A maximum total aggregate bag not exceeding 50 birds for all those species including hybrids combined, except that within the aggregate bag a limit of 5 grey duck and 2 shoveler duck applies.</i>			
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	4 May to 28 Jul 2024	50	All areas
	1 to 2 and 8 to 9 Feb 2025	10	Area C
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 28 Jul 2024	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 28 Jul 2024	25	All areas
	29 Jul to 29 Sep 2024	25	West of State Highway 1
	1 to 2 and 8 to 9 Feb 2025	15	Area B
Pūkeko	4 May to 28 Jul 2024	10	All areas
Black swan	4 May to 28 Jul 2024	5	All areas
Bobwhite (Virginian) quail	4 May to 28 Jul 2024	No limit	All areas
California quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	10	All areas
Chukar (<i>subject to clause 2(4) for this region</i>)	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	4	All areas
Pheasant (both sexes)	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for the Region

2 Definition of Areas

- 2.1 Area A:** All that part of the region encompassing Lake Wainono and Wainono Reserve and bounded to the north by Hook Beach Road, the west by State Highway 1, the south by Poingdestres Road and the east by the Pacific Ocean.
- 2.1 Area B:** That part of the region not included in Area A.
- 2.3 Area C:** That part of Area B north of the Opihi River only over agricultural grain crops and green feed paddocks and more than 200 metres from any water body.

3 Shooting Hours

6.45am to 6.30pm (May to September 2024 inclusive).

5.30am to 10.00pm for the mid-summer mallard and paradise shelduck season 1 and 2 and 8 and 9 February 2025.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Chukar Hunting:

A person hunting chukar at any time of the season must, within a month of the end of the season, provide the Central South Island Fish and Game Council with particulars of: the dates and locations where they hunted chukar; the number of guns in the hunting party; the hours they commenced and ceased hunting each day; the number of birds taken each day; the number of coveys seen each day; an estimate of the average covey size seen each day; and whether or not they hunted with a dog.

6 Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions

6.1 This clause applies to the following specified property only:

(a) Grange Hill (Timaru): 2481 ha, more or less, being the area covered by Certificates of Title CB24B/742, CB24B/723, CB20B/632, and CB529/225.

6.2 Where hunting takes place in any specified property defined in subclause (1), no person shall have in that person's possession outside that specified property any game taken from that specified property, unless affixed to the game is a label with the name of the specified property where that game was taken or killed written legibly on it, and the additional words on the label, "for personal consumption, not for sale or profit", written legibly on it.

6.3 A person must not clip the wings of a bird released on any specified property after the bird is 8 weeks old.

6.4 A person must not clip the beak of any bird released on any specified property at any time.

6.5 A person must not hunt a pheasant before it is 18 weeks old.

(a) a pheasant before it is 18 weeks old;

(b) a red-legged partridge before it is 16 weeks old.

6.6 A person must not hunt waterfowl on a specified property on the same day that a pheasant or red-legged partridge hunt takes place on that property.

- 6.7** The unlimited daily bag for any specified property shall only apply when at least 400 pheasants and/or red-legged partridges have been released on to that specified property within 5 months of the opening day of the season; otherwise the daily bag limit shall be 2 birds.
- 6.8** The owner of a property listed in subclause (1) or a lessee of that property owner must keep a register of:
- (a) the names and addresses of hunters and all other persons who take game from that property;
 - (b) the number and type of birds taken by those persons;
 - (c) the description of that person's role in the hunting and killing of game birds on that day.

HUNTING IN CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND (CSI) PUBLIC LANDS

Many of Central South Island's larger riverbeds and lakes are public lands. It is still important to advise the adjoining landowner when you wish to hunt these areas. This common courtesy often results in the farmer providing useful information and better access.

Game bird hunting on Department of Conservation managed land is available in certain areas, and to hunt there, you require a DOC game bird hunting permit. Unlike big game hunting permits, DOC game bird hunting permits are unavailable from the website. Instead, you must obtain them and any other localised information by contacting or visiting the relevant DOC office. The permits detail unique restrictions and conditions to the DOC district issuing the permit. Be sure to abide by these conditions, as this will ensure hunting continues to be available on DOC land in future.

DOC District Office Contacts:

- Raukapuka / Geraldine District Office: ph. 03 6931010, e-mail esienquiries@doc.govt.nz
- Te Manahuna / Twizel District Office: ph. 03 4350802, e-mail esienquiries@doc.govt.nz

NORTHERN REGIONAL BOUNDARY

The Rakaia Riverbed is not within the CSI Fish and Game Region. The region's northern boundary adjacent to the Rakaia River extends along Acton Road, Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road and Rakaia River Road.

RANGITATA DIVERSION RACE

Hunting along the Rangitata Diversion Race is possible but strictly with permission from RDR Management Ltd (ph. 03 3080828) and the adjoining landowners.

WAINONO LAGOON

Wainono Lagoon is near the township of Waimate and some 35 km south of Timaru. Adjacent to the coastal shingle beach barrier, the lagoon (lake) at its normal water level (1m above sea level) covers about 350 hectares. The beach barrier, lagoon, and surrounding wetlands provide habitat for some 57 different bird species, many resident and others migratory. Wainono Lagoon is a 'Conservation Area' managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Hunting is permitted and DOC game bird hunting permit is required. This can be obtained free of charge by phoning 03 6931010 or esienquiries@doc.govt.nz. There is no ballot system for the lagoon and many of the existing stands are reserved for traditional hunters. Other than possibly during Opening Weekend, there is still plenty of opportunity for visiting hunters

Access to the lagoon:

- North side – via Hook Beach Road and then a 4WD track along the beach
- Middle – via Wainono Lake Road; a track opposite Waimate turnoff on SH1
- South side – via Foleys Road and then Poindestres Road over the Dead Arm Bridge to the beach and then a walking track along the beach past Maori Lake and the Wainono Wetland Reserve.

BALLOTTED STANDS

Depending on water levels, CSI Fish and Game has between 11 and 15 stands available for hunting the Opening Weekend on wetlands it owns or manages. Ballot information, maps and application forms are available on the CSI page of the www.fishandgame.org.nz website, or by contacting the CSI Fish and Game Office in Temuka. Ballot applications are accepted from 1 February to 1 March and the ballot is drawn on the next working day.

WETLAND PERMITS

Any game bird licence holder wishing to hunt Fish & Game managed wetlands after Opening Weekend is required to obtain a permit

from the Central South Island Fish and Game Office in Temuka. Permits can be obtained from www.fishandgame.org.nz (Central South Island page) or by contacting the CSI office in Temuka. Obtaining a permit will ensure you have up-to-date information on access requirements and rules.

Wainono Wetland Reserve

Wainono Wetland Reserve adjoins Wainono Lagoon at its southern end and is separated by a stop bank. CSI Fish and Game Council owns the reserve and administers a ballot for nine hunting stands each Opening Weekend. To hunt this wetland after Opening Weekend you must obtain a permit from CSI Fish and Game. Access to the Wainono wetland reserve from State Highway 1 is via Foleys Road, Hannaton Road and then Poindestres Road over the Wainono Lagoon outlet creek bridge to the beach and then a rough four-wheel drive or walking track heading northwards.

All Day Bay Lagoon

This small coastal lagoon, 11 ha in area, is located 15 km south of Oamaru on the Kakanui-Waianakarua coastal road. The area was purchased by CSI Fish and Game in 1989. A natural sandbar acts as a weir and provides a small lagoon habitat for both waterfowl and wading birds. The sandbar forms and washes away with changing environmental conditions. At times the lagoon is drained and will only refill once the natural sand bar reforms. The lagoon and its birdlife are readily observed from the road. Visits from the occasional white heron or royal spoonbill are not uncommon and add to the scenic attraction of the area. All Day Bay Lagoon is also protected by a QE II National Trust Open Space Covenant. Three hunting stands are balloted annually by CSI Fish and Game Council for Opening Weekend. To hunt this wetland after Opening Weekend you must obtain a permit from CSI Fish and Game.

Devil's Bridge Wetland

Owned by the Meikle Family Trust, this 15-ha lake and associated wetland is situated on Devil's Bridge Road some 6 km north west of Oamaru. By agreement between the owner and CSI Fish and Game, the area is managed by the Devil's Bridge Management Committee. Three stands are balloted each year by CSI Fish and Game for Opening Weekend. To hunt this wetland after Opening Weekend you must obtain a permit from CSI Fish and Game and contact the Trust representative Aaron Meikle Ph 0274 989 703 or aaron.meikle@gmail.com

MID SUMMER DUCK SEASON

In February 2005, a two-weekend summer duck hunting season was trialled, on condition that it was monitored to ensure there was no adverse impact on the traditional May duck season opening. The season is now well established and provides opportunities to hunt mallards and paradise shelduck that congregate around grain and green feed crops in February.

ON OR NEAR PUBLIC LAND

When hunting on or near public land be aware of two relevant sections of the Arms Act 1983. Section 45 states “Every person commits an offence who, except for some lawful, proper, and sufficient purpose carries; or is in possession of...any firearm.” And “...the burden of proving the existence of some lawful, proper, and sufficient purpose shall lie on the defendant.” Section 48 states “Every person commits an offence ... who, without reasonable cause, discharges a firearm ... in or near:

- (a) a dwelling house; Or
- (b) a public place, - so as to endanger property or to endanger, annoy, or frighten, any person.”

The message is clear – be careful and considerate around other people and their property.

CHUKAR HUNTING

To assist hunters in complying with clause 5 of the CSI Regulations, Hunting Diaries are available on request from the Fish and Game Office in Temuka, phone 03 615 8400.

Scan here to link to our Managed Wetlands ballots & permits webpage (<https://fishandgame.org.nz/centralsouthisland/game-bird-hunting-in-new-zealand/where-to-hunt-game-birds/managed-wetlands-ballots-and-permits/>)

