

Waimakariri Lakes

Getting There

The Waimakariri Lakes can be accessed from State Highway 73, located between Porter's and Arthur's Pass. Lakes Lyndon, Pearson, and Grasmere can be accessed directly from SH 73 while Lakes Sarah, Hawdon, and Marymere are located along Craigieburn Rd.

Licences Required

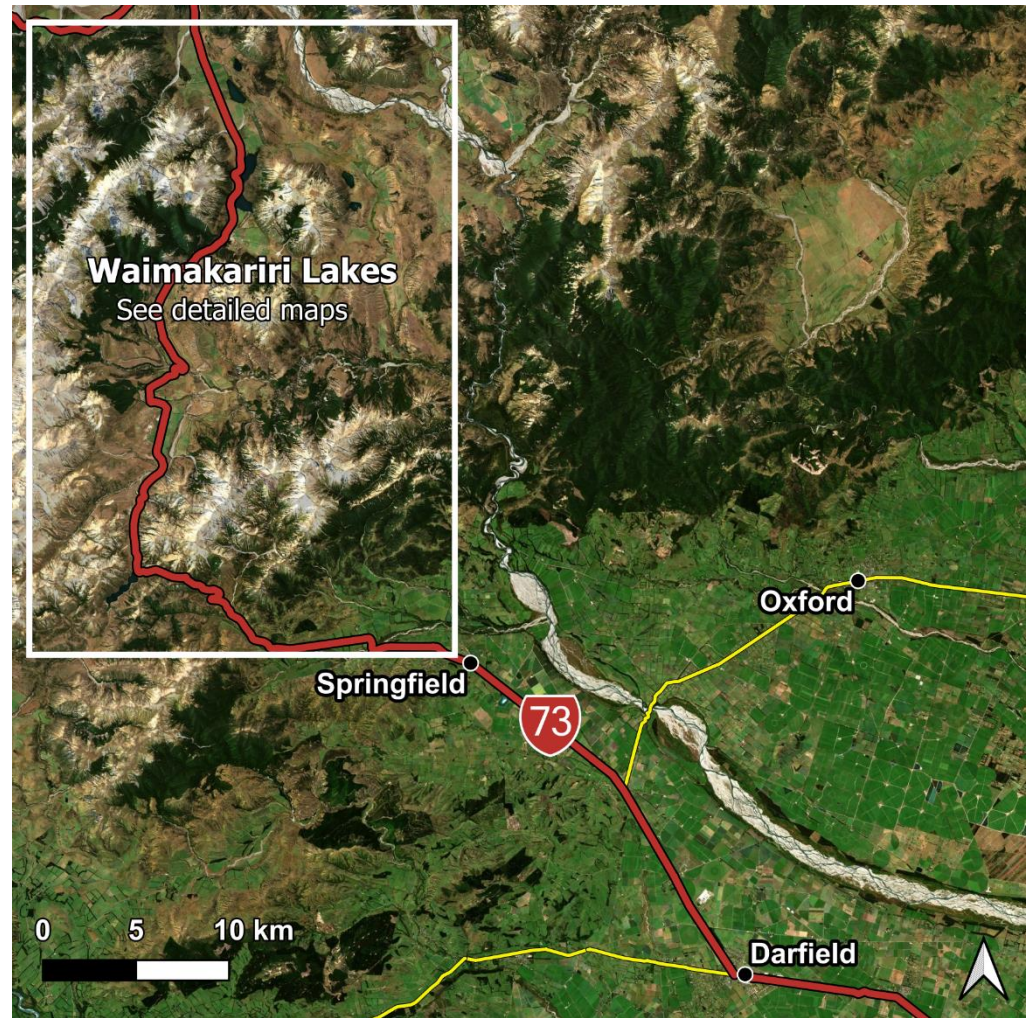
To fish the Waimakariri Lakes a current Fish & Game fishing licence is required. If you hold a Local Area fishing licence, it must be a North Canterbury Local Area Licence.

Size Requirements

Harvested sportfish must be a minimum of 300mm in length.

Regionwide Possession Limit

No angler shall be in possession of more than 4 sports fish, except for Perch for which there is no daily limit. See individual lake descriptions for daily bag limit.



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Lake Lyndon

Lake Lyndon offers excellent fishing opportunities, is easily accessible, and hosts multiple toilet blocks and picnic areas making it a popular fishing spot for families as well as avid anglers.

Access

As you exit Porter's Pass driving west from Christchurch, you will see Lake Lyndon to the left of SH 73. Alternatively, Lake Lyndon can be accessed from the Lake Coleridge area via Lyndon Rd – also known as Dry Weather Road.

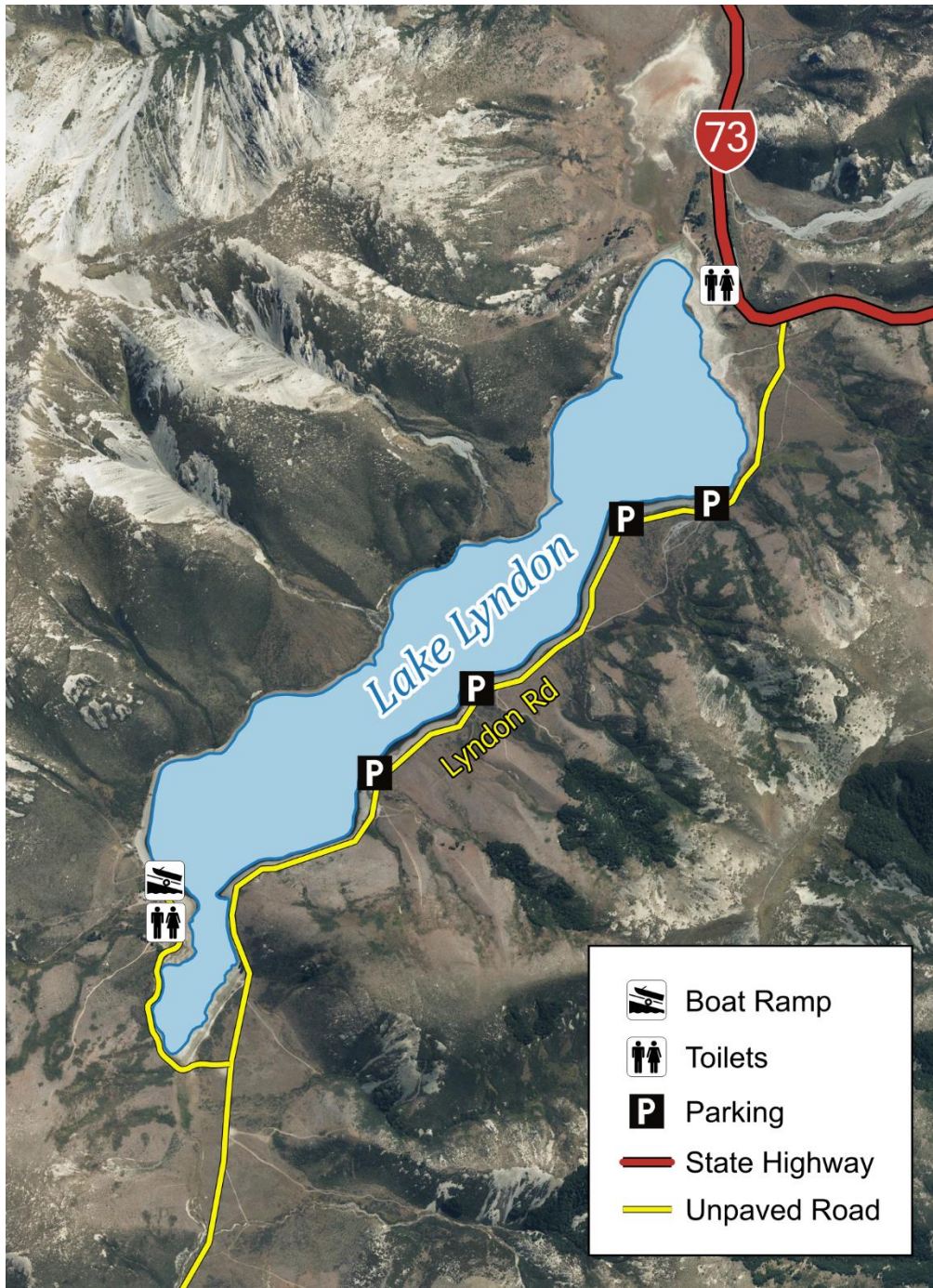
There is ample parking in the lot at the North end of the lake, next to the toilet block. Additional access is available at scattered parking areas along Lyndon Rd. A boat launch and additional toilet block are located at the south end of the lake.

Regulations

Season: Open all year

Fishing Methods: Spin, and Fly fishing are permitted on Lake Lyndon. Bait fishing is permitted for children and junior anglers only. Fishing from both motorised and non-motorised watercraft is allowed.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Sportsfish



Lake Pearson

Access

Driving west along SH 73, you will see Lake Pearson along the right side of the highway, between Flock Hill Station and Arthur's Pass. There are scattered parking areas available along the western lake shore.

There is a small DOC campground at the northern end of the lake, with a toilet block and a boat launch for non-motorised watercraft. Bookings are required to stay at this campground, but are not required to park or use the boat launch.

For DOC campsite bookings, please visit:

bookings.doc.govt.nz

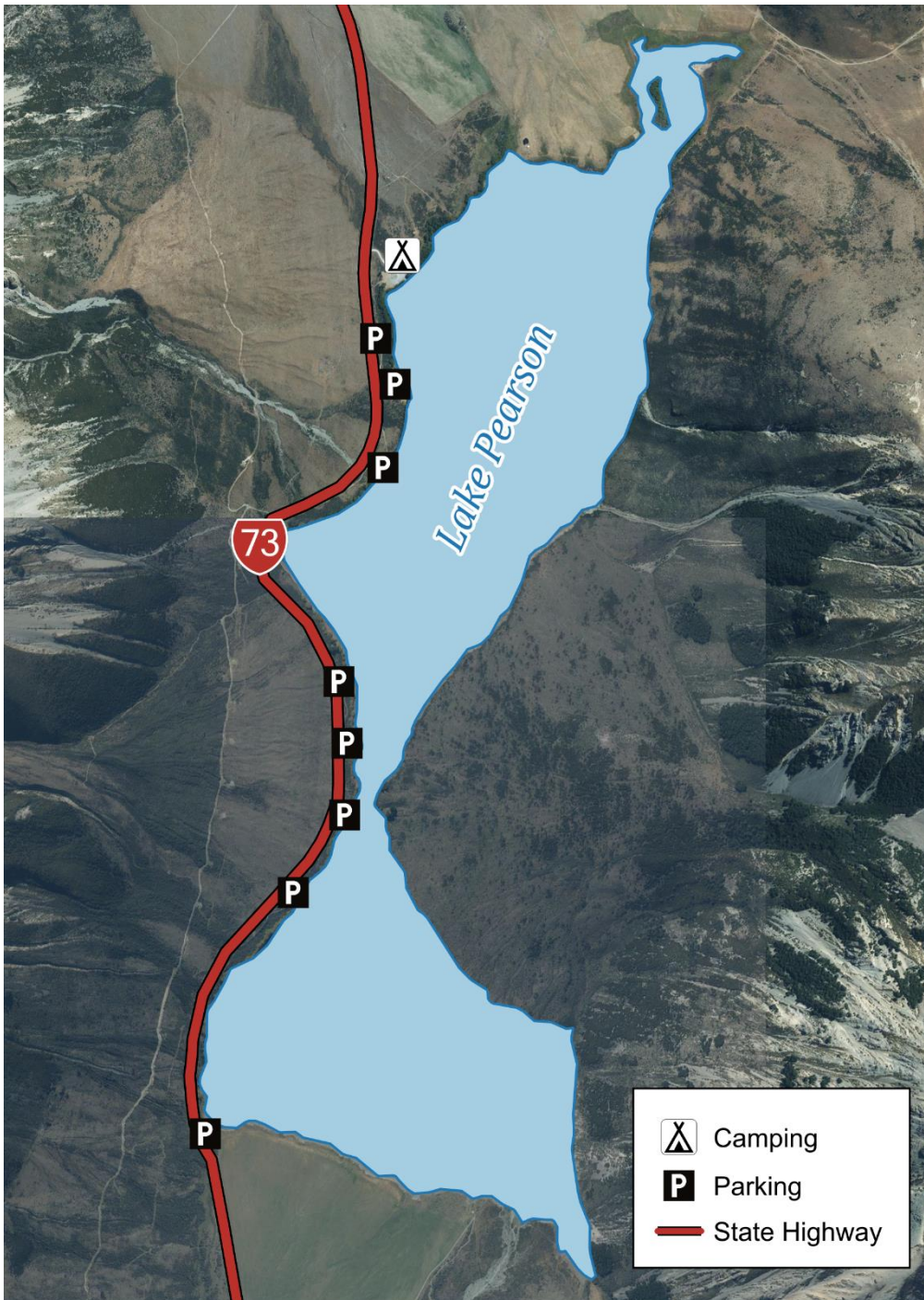
Regulations

Season: Open all year

Fishing Methods: Spin, and Fly fishing are permitted on Lake Pearson.

Motorised boats are **not** permitted on Lake Pearson. Fishing from non-motorised boats, such as kayaks, pack rafts, or float tubes, is permitted.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Sportsfish





Lake Grasmere

Access

Driving west along SH 73, about 3km past Lake Pearson, look for a paddock marked with a Fish & Game angler's access sign on the right side of the highway. Turn in here and follow the 4WD track down to the lake's edge. Angler access is available all along the lake shore.

Regulations

Season: Open from the 1st Saturday in November through 30 April.

Fishing Methods: Spin, and Fly fishing are permitted on Lake Grasmere.

Motorised boats are **not** permitted on Lake Grasmere. Fishing from non-motorised boats, such as kayaks, pack rafts, or float tubes, is permitted.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Sportsfish

Lake Sarah

Access

Travel west along SH 73, about 5km past Lake Pearson, and turn right onto Craigieburn Rd. A small parking area is available just past Lake Sarah.

Regulations

Season: Open from the 1st Saturday in November through 30 April.

Fishing Methods: Fly fishing is the only fishing method permitted on Lake Sarah.

Motorised boats are **not** permitted on Lake Sarah. Fly fishing from non-motorised boats, such as kayaks, pack rafts, or float tubes, is permitted.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Sportsfish

Lake Hawdon

Access

Continue along Craigieburn Rd past Lake Sarah. Shortly after crossing the railway line for the fourth time, you'll spot a track on the right-hand side of the road. The lake is an easy 15 minute walk from the trailhead.

Regulations

Season: Open from the 1st Saturday in November through 30 April.

Fishing Methods: Fly and spin fishing are permitted on Lake Hawdon.

Motorised watercraft are **not** permitted on Lake Hawdon. Fishing from non-motorised boats, such as kayaks, pack rafts, or float tubes, is permitted.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Sportsfish

Lake Marymere

Access

Continue along Craigieburn Rd about 700m past the Lake Hawdon track to a second track on the right. The lake is an easy 15 minute walk from the trailhead.

Regulations

Season: Open from the 1st Saturday in November through 30 April.

Fishing Methods: Fly fishing is the only fishing method permitted on Lake Marymere.

Motorised watercraft are **not** permitted on Lake Marymere. Fishing from non-motorised boats, such as kayaks, pack rafts, or float tubes, is permitted.

Daily Bag Limit: 1 Sportsfish

Size Limit: Any fish harvested from Lake Marymere must be between 300-400mm.

