

Picton to Christchurch alternate state highway route

(via Murchison and Lewis Pass)

Current information as at 20 December 2016

The main route between Picton and Christchurch on State Highway 1 is closed due to substantial slips and road damage following the 14 November earthquake.

The alternate state highway route between Picton and Christchurch is via state highways 7, 65, 6 and 63 via Murchison and Lewis Pass.

This is likely to remain the main route for several months at least.



SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVING THIS ALTERNATE ROUTE

- You should expect this journey to take on average seven and a half hours. Drivers should build in extra time as delays are likely with increased traffic volumes and safety roadworks underway.
- There is currently four times the usual amount of traffic on this route, including more large trucks.
- Drivers need to slow down, be extra cautious and patient. If safe to do so, pull over to let traffic behind you pass. This will stop drivers behind you from becoming frustrated and making poor overtaking decisions.
- This alternate route is a challenging road to drive - being narrow and windy in many places. Strictly adhere to all road signage and speed restrictions. Police patrols will be present along this route to enforce speed limits and to ensure the safety of all road users.
- Do not drive when you are tired; tired drivers are slower to react, make poor judgement decisions and find it harder to concentrate.
- Be courteous, share the road and take joint responsibility to get everyone to their destination safely this holiday season.



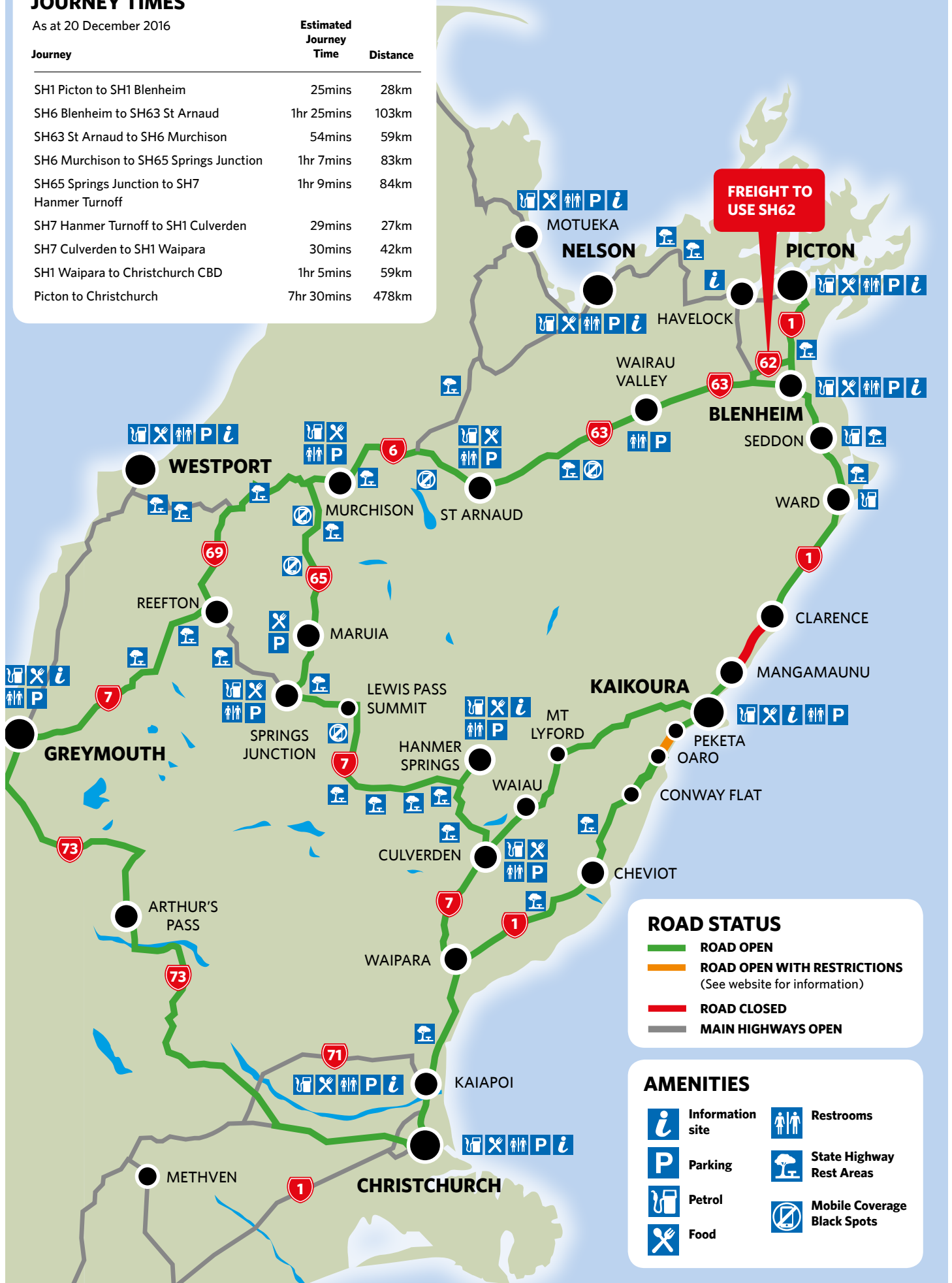
MORE INFORMATION

We recommend you pre-plan your journey - check the latest road information on our website www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic, email info@nzta.govt.nz or call **0800 44 44 49** (0800 4 highways).

JOURNEY TIMES

As at 20 December 2016

Journey	Estimated Journey Time	Distance
SH1 Picton to SH1 Blenheim	25mins	28km
SH6 Blenheim to SH63 St Arnaud	1hr 25mins	103km
SH63 St Arnaud to SH6 Murchison	54mins	59km
SH6 Murchison to SH65 Springs Junction	1hr 7mins	83km
SH65 Springs Junction to SH7 Hanmer Turnoff	1hr 9mins	84km
SH7 Hanmer Turnoff to SH1 Culverden	29mins	27km
SH7 Culverden to SH1 Waipara	30mins	42km
SH1 Waipara to Christchurch CBD	1hr 5mins	59km
Picton to Christchurch	7hr 30mins	478km



FREIGHT TO USE SH62

ROAD STATUS

- ROAD OPEN
- ROAD OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS
(See website for information)
- ROAD CLOSED
- MAIN HIGHWAYS OPEN

AMENITIES

- Information site
- Restrooms
- Parking
- State Highway Rest Areas
- Petrol
- Mobile Coverage Black Spots
- Food