

TRAVELLING BETWEEN PICTON AND CHRISTCHURCH

Check www.nzta.govt.nz/p2c or call **0800 4 HIGHWAYS** (0800 44 44 49) before you travel to check roads are open.

There are two main routes available for travel between Picton and Christchurch:

STATE HIGHWAY 1

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Kaikōura in November 2016. After 18 months of recovery work, State Highway 1 (SH1) re-opened 24/7 in April 2018. Construction is ongoing throughout 2018 and 2019 so expect unsealed surfaces, lane closures, reduced speeds and stop/go controls in some areas. Expect roadworks along the entire route but they are more likely to be concentrated just north and south of Kaikōura - the most earthquake damaged area.

If SH1 is unexpectedly closed from either the north or the south, you can still access Kaikōura from the 'alternate route' (see below) by joining the Inland Road (Route 70) just north of Culverden (see map). This route takes a little longer than the coastal route.

Estimated journey time on SH1 between Picton and Christchurch: Minimum 5½ hours

ALTERNATE ROUTE (STATE HIGHWAYS 63, 6,65,7 VIA LEWIS PASS)

Although very picturesque, this alpine route has some narrow and winding sections with reduced speed limits. Over winter the Lewis Pass may be temporarily closed or have some restrictions. Check for updates before you travel.

Estimated journey time between Picton and Christchurch via the alternate route: Minimum 6½ hours



WHERE CAN I FIND UP-TO-DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION?

Go to www.nzta.govt.nz/p2c or phone **0800 4 HIGHWAYS** (0800 44 44 49).

Please check conditions at least two hours before you travel and while you're on your trip.

Things can change at short notice. Adverse weather or other unexpected events can affect the operation of both routes.

Do not rely on your GPS or Google Maps for road closure information or accurate journey times.

HOW TO DRIVE SAFELY

Please be patient and courteous and obey all traffic signage and any road crew instructions.

Keep left, and pull over (if it is safe to do so) to let traffic pass if you see it backing up behind you.

Stop for regular breaks and be prepared with water, food and other supplies in the car.

Have a safe and enjoyable trip!

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ROAD RULES

Check out *Driving in New Zealand* at www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/driving-in-nz



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