

## MARUIA RIVER RETREAT AIRFIELD



As to the airstrip, on the Windy app, it is just south of PAENGA, about 60nm SSW of Nelson.  
Full information follows:

WARNING: This is a non-certificated private airstrip, any information we provide is solely meant to advise and guide pilots visiting the retreat, rather than provide definitive information.  
WARNING: POWER LINES at southern end of runway as well as Parallel to the paddock containing the airstrip, land past the hangar when using 300  
WARNING: USE IS BY OPERATOR PERMISSION ONLY

Location: (Center of Runway)

**41°56'57.7"S 172°11'38.0"E**

Elevation: 666 Ft

Orientation: 300 / 120 (degrees magnetic)

Length: 300 degrees (430 meters landing, 480 meters takeoff) - 120 degrees (480 meters takeoff and landing)

The MRR Airstrip is located approximately 16 NM SSW of Murchison, Tasman NZ, beside SH65, adjacent to the Maruia River Retreat itself, which owns and operated the airstrip for guest and staff use.

The location is deep within the Maruia River Valley, which runs south to north and joins with the Buller. The prevailing winds follow an Anabatic/Katabatic Cycle, with prevailing winds coming from the North/NW. The airstrip is oriented 300/120 (magnetic) with daytime winds usually favoring 300.

The windsock is located approximately midway the airfield, on the western side. Note in very light winds windsock may not show distinct direction. In nil or light winds the 120 (northern) approach is favored as this allows for full use of the runway.

The southern approach (Springs Junction) to the airstrip will see you on final between a knoll and the eastern flank of the Maruia valley, passing directly overhead the main lodge and dwellings of the retreat. Due to power lines and trees, the threshold for 300 is parallel to the hangar and gives about 460 Meters usable runway for the landing.

The northern approach to the airstrip is open and unobstructed.

The strip has improved drainage, been lifted and rolled flat to provide a good surface, and is mowed regularly. Large circular mown areas are at each end of the strip to facilitate turning or if needed, ground looping.

The valley opens up both north and south of the airstrip allowing for maneuvering once airborne.

Aircraft should be parked at the south eastern end of the airstrip near the hangar. Hangar available by pre-arrangement. Weather station information as well as a webcam are to be installed later in the year. In the meantime, call ahead for on-the-ground information on weather and surface condition.

Preferred area for landing Helicopters is the southern circular mown area

First time visitors should consider an approach and overshoot to determine wind direction, as well as perform a touch and go if needed.

Please find [attached a FPV video of the southern approach](#)

Closest Diversion Airport NZMR approx 15 NM to the North. Other airports in the vicinity are Lakes Station, Hamner Springs and Westport. Closest fuel is Westport.

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