

Reid Helicopters are a locally owned and operated helicopter company specializing in personalized tours of the Nelson & Marlborough regions.

Services offered include Back Country Trout Fishing transfers, Lord of the Rings film site tours, Scenic Flights into Nelson's three National Parks - Nelson Lakes, Kahurangi & Abel Tasman.

With 3 generations of experience operating in the Nelson region, who better to show you the diversity of our naturally beautiful region.

Contact Reid Helicopters Nelson for an unforgettable helicopter tour!



Blue Lake Express

THE CLEAREST LAKE IN THE WORLD. "Rotomairewhenua" – Blue Lake is a small lake located in Nelson Lakes National Park, in the northern reaches of New Zealand's Southern Alps. Sacred to local Māori, it has the clearest natural fresh water in the world. This flight takes us south into the Nelson Lakes where we enjoy spectacular views of Lake Rotoiti, Lake Rotoroa and Blue Lake, before a mountain landing on the National Park boundary.

Please note that Blue Lake is a protected wilderness area which we are only permitted to overfly. This location is a two day journey on foot.

Departs morning & afternoon | Duration 2 hours, 1 landings, flight time 1 hour

Lord of the Rings Helicopter Flights

An adventure into Middle Earth visiting our regions two famous film sites. Mt Olympus which was South of Rivendell and Mt Owen which was Dimrill Dale in the first film, The Fellowship of the Ring.

- **Mt Olympus, South of Rivendell**

The site on Mt Olympus would not have appeared in the film at all if it wasn't for Reid Helicopters pilot Bill Reid. Bill personally flew Peter Jackson's location scouts to the sub alpine location where they instantly fell in love with the landscape and decided it would be perfect for showcasing "South of Rivendell". This site is extremely remote and can only be reached by helicopter as there are no walking tracks. Mt Olympus sprouts rocky outcrops which over time have been eroded by weather to form incredible columnar shapes. The site is located at the northern end of the Kahurangi National Park and looks down into the Aorere Valley of Golden Bay.

Departs flexible | Duration 2+ hours (60 minutes flying), 1 Landing

- **Mt Owen**

Mt Owen Showcases some of the oldest rock in New Zealand and has priceless geological properties. As you fly toward Mt Owen, a landscape of glaciated marble karst is exposed and you appreciate the size of these giant rocks. The surface is split with crevasses and sinkholes where water has left its mark. The area also claims New Zealand's largest underground caving system. Mt Owen is situated at the Southern end of the Kahurangi National Park near Murchison.

Departs flexible | Duration 2+ hours (40 minutes flying), 1 Landing

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Nelson Region

Scenic & LOTR Helicopter Flights



• Lord of the Rings Ultimate Combo

First track west to Mt Olympus to land and explore the site of "South of Rivendell". Next we fly southeast to Mt Owen to view the rocky landscape that became the "Exit from the Mines of Moria". This flight navigates through the heart of the Kahurangi National Park showing off pristine mountainous terrain.

Departs flexible | Duration 3 hours (90 minutes flying), 2 Landings

Additional Information

Suitable footwear and warm clothing required. We can provide warm jackets if required.

Price: \$250 to \$975

Small group or private tour



Directions

Head south from Nelson on SH6 to Wakefield. Take the first road on the left after Wakefield township (Eighty Eight Valley Road). Number 256 is on the right hand side. Look for our overhanging Reid Helicopters sign.

Pick up available from most Lodges

Terms

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Recommendations

Heli-Hike Heaphy Day Trips, Heli-Bike Nelson mountain bike and Abel Tasman Heli-Scenic plus [Abel Tasman Charter](#)

Accommodation in this area

- [The Resurgence](#)