

Useful Information

- In passing lanes, keep left unless over-taking.
- Lots of truck and trailer units use this road. They are up to 20m long. Allow for this when planning to pass.

NZ open road speeds are

- 100km for cars (speed sign)
- 50km in towns and cities
- some rural areas may have restricted speeds of 70km or 80km
- 90km for trucks and cars towing trailers - slow vehicles should allow faster traffic to pass.

Enjoy the scenery while safely parked

Drive to the conditions. Rain reduces tyre grip and hitting ice too fast can be fatal. Wind gusts can side-swipe you unexpectedly while sun glare or fog reduces visibility.

Winding roads, sharp turns, steep gradients and gravel surfaces all need to be taken more slowly than flat, straight stretches. When road conditions change, reduce your speed so that you are always in control.

Every time you drive the conditions will be different. Conditions change, so should you - **REDUCE YOUR SPEED**

Tips

- **KEEP LEFT** - always drive on the left side of the road.
- Plan your trip. Allow time for rest stops, road works, and other unexpected incidents.
- Use rest areas. If you are feeling tired, pull over stop and power nap for 15-30 minutes. Only sleep can improve your concentration.

Highest traffic flow - State Highways 1 & 3

Multiple cross road intersections.

If the unexpected happens, it is up to you to reduce your speed, so you have time to react safely. Watch out for children stepping out, heavy vehicles, live stock, and road works.

Narrow bridge

When traffic is slowed for rush hour, holidays or due to special events, you have to go with the flow. Avoid risky overtaking and keep a safe following distance.

Legend:

-  high patrol area
-  high fatality/crash site
-  sun strike
-  ice
-  windy road
-  fog
-  high wind