

Kauaeranga Forest Education Camp



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A LODGE FOR EDUCATIONAL & RECREATIONAL USE

Fees:

Adult /night	\$20
Children (under 16) /night	\$15
School groups /night	\$350
Deposit/Bond	\$300
Minimum daily charge	\$200
(pre-schoolers free)	

Contact Kalin and Dhenby in week prior regarding expected time of arrival - we will meet you there.



Driving Directions

As you come into Thames from the South, turn right at the BP station onto Banks Road. Stay on this road as it turns into Parawai, then Kauaeranga Valley Road. After 14km, you will come to the DoC Visitor Centre. Drive past this for another 8km. Directly after the Wainora ford (this will be the third ford you have crossed) you will take a left up a hill and into the Education Camp grounds.

Please read the green camp folder upon arrival for detailed information.

What to Bring With You

- Warm Bedding & Pillows
- First Aid Kit
- Torches (1 per person)
- Food
- Dishwashing & Cleaning Materials (eco friendly please)
- Rubbish Bags
- Toilet Paper
- Tea Towels
- Warm Clothes
- Lawn Chairs
- Lanterns for evenings outdoors
- Games
- Chalk for the board
- Matches/firelighters



Bedrooms:

46 beds are available.

- Four rooms with 9 bunks
- Two rooms with 3 bunks
- One room with 4 bunks (larger beds & off the main hall/kitchen)

Mattresses only supplied.

NO SMOKING - NO CANDLES

Kitchen & Dining Room

- Gas cooking - six elements
- large hot plate
- Gas hot water
- Cutlery, crockery, pots, pans, kettles etc for 46 people
- tables and chairs
- open fire
- Large pantry space
- Two gas fridges
- Library (please feel free to donate good books)
- BBQ plates & extra trestle tables stored in basement
- Five picnic tables for outdoor dining



Lighting:

12v solar/wind system -
Modern, efficient LED
lighting in all rooms.

Bedrooms & bathrooms have new TIMER switches - they will switch OFF automatically. *Please turn lights off when not in use & please don't tamper with equipment.*

Water Supply

This is a gravity fed supply. Drinking water is filtered.

Generator

A petrol-operated generator to run audio-visual equipment is available. Advise us if you need to use this.



Emergencies – The nearest phone is at the DOC Visitor Centre - hours are 8.30-4pm or a payphone outside the building. You will find Spark and Vodafone reception at random places with some phones around the camp.

Please Recycle – Glass – Plastic – Cardboard – Cans - in facility provided.

We will dump your Rubbish for \$7 per bag.



Things to Do:

The Kauaeranga Visitor Centre is a great place to start! Staff will show a short movie about the history of the area, and can give talks to school groups on request. Snacks, drinks and supplies are available, a café is open during the summer months, and the gift shop all year round.

Please visit <http://www.doc.govt.nz/kauaeranga> for information on walks in the Valley.

- Swimming holes (closest is a little beauty 35m up the road to the right in the Wainora Stream)
- Abseiling bluffs
- Mountain biking
- Horse riding
- Bush craft
- Large playing field
- Museums in Thames
- Orienteering

Please show respect for others using the area.

Considerations:

- Extreme care is needed on the Kauaeranga Valley Road
- Never attempt crossing flooded fords to get out of Valley - they go down as quickly as they came up, so just wait it out!
- No camping allowed within Lodge Grounds
- Fire arms are not permitted
- Put fireguard around open fire before retiring or leaving
- Leave the Camp cleaner than you found it
- Cut kindling for incoming groups and fill box with firewood
- Biodegradable products only in the septic tank system
- Tampons must not be flushed down toilets, but wrapped for rubbish disposal

NO DOGS ALLOWED PLEASE

The Final Day:

It is your responsibility to check all equipment is accounted for. A checklist is kept in the green folder in the kitchen. Please put kitchen equipment back in correct drawers & cupboards.

A cleaning checklist is also in this folder. Please leave the Camp cleaner than you found it - there will be another group after yours.

We will come & check your clean up at the time you arrange.

Any removed or broken equipment or Graffiti will be charged against your BOND. Please be out by 1pm unless by arrangement.

HAVE A GREAT STAY!

Valley weather can be very changeable. Come prepared for another night's stay.

Did you take something of ours home?

Please return to 995B Kauaeranga Valley Road RD2 Thames 3577 as soon as you can.

