

ABOUT THE LODGE

Pirongia Forest Park Lodge Inc. was formed in 1984 to establish a permanent outdoor education facility in the Waikato. The site, provided by the Department of Conservation, is on the northeast slope of the Waikato's tallest volcano - Mt Pirongia. Situated on the edge of Pirongia Forest Park, the lodge boasts spectacular views and excellent facilities.

WHAT'S ON OFFER

With its immediate access to Pirongia Forest Park, the lodge offers groups an amazing opportunity to study the local bird life, streams, forest and environment. Then there is the historic town of Pirongia just a 10 minute drive away. Here groups can visit redoubts, pa sites and battlefields.

Education programmes

We have an outside classroom where we deliver a range of programmes from environmental studies to 'Our Mountain, its stories and treasures'. We work with EOTC Educators and can deliver a programme to suit your needs and requirements.

- Raranga (flax weaving)
- Our mountain - Taonga and Legends
- Native Plant ID and printing
- Stream/Enviro Studies
- Local History



Outdoor activities

We use the expertise of First Step Outdoors Ltd to deliver activities from the Lodge. OutdoorsMark Safety Audit Certified and a registered provider with WorkSafe NZ, they meet all safety requirements in relation to the Adventure Activities Regulations.

Many on-site activities are on offer from climbing and abseiling through to the flying fox, archery and team building. Off-site activities include caving, climbing, abseiling, kayaking and high ropes courses. First Step Outdoors work with all ages and abilities and will help you develop a programme that suits your needs, outcomes and budget. Make your activity bookings through the lodge or go to www.firststepoutdoors.com for more information.



FREE ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

Groups who book the lodge are able to use the following activities and resources free of charge:

- On site orienteering
- Frisbee golf course
- Confidence course
- Problem solving circuit
- Mountain boarding
- Wide range of sports equipment
- Scavenger trails
- Glow worm walk
- Tramps and trails
- Mangakara Nature Walk (Information / work sheets are available)
- Local swimming holes
- Study the stars: telescope & information sheets
- Climbing & abseiling wall (if you provide qualified staffing/equipment – see over to book with us)
- Trampoline
- Table tennis / Indoor bowls / skittles



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- Pirongia Forest Park: walks, tramps, swimming, caves
- Pirongia: historic frontier town, clydesdales, visitor centre, pa sites, swimming hole (10 minutes)
- Otorohanga: Kiwi House, kiwiana trail (25 minutes)
- Waitomo: caves, walks, museum (40 minutes)
- Te Awamutu: museum, pool, gardens (20 minutes)
- Hamilton: museum, pool, zoo, gardens (25 minutes)

THE LODGE FACILITIES

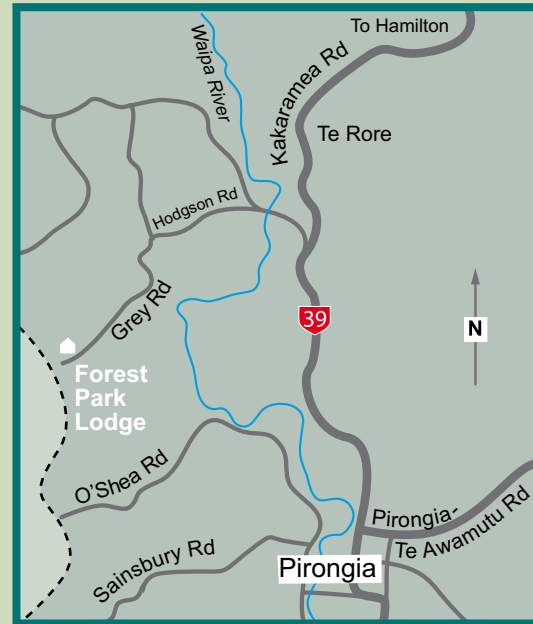
Pirongia Forest Lodge is a great place for anyone looking for an outdoor venue with access to the forest and a beautiful, peaceful environment. We welcome school or youth groups, families (sorry no weddings or parties), management training groups and those wishing to hold a conference or workshop. We have:

- A large cabin-style building that sleeps 42 in two separate bunk-bed dormitories. Separate toilets and showers are attached. Fully wheelchair accessible.
- Two smaller rooms adjacent to each dormitory (each sleeps three).
- A large fully equipped kitchen and food preparation/wash up room which can cater for up to 60 people at a time.
- A dining room/lounge, drying room and laundry.
- BBQs, campfire, TV, DVD, CD, video players, and conference equipment (OHP, screen, whiteboards, etc) are available to use.
- Two units, each sleeps three people (one single, one double bunk bed). Both have a kitchen and small dining area. A shower and toilet is situated between the two units. They can be booked separately or with the lodge to give groups a further 6 bed spaces.

The lodge can be booked for overnight or week camps (from Monday to Friday) or for weekends only (Friday to Sunday).



Getting here



Contact us

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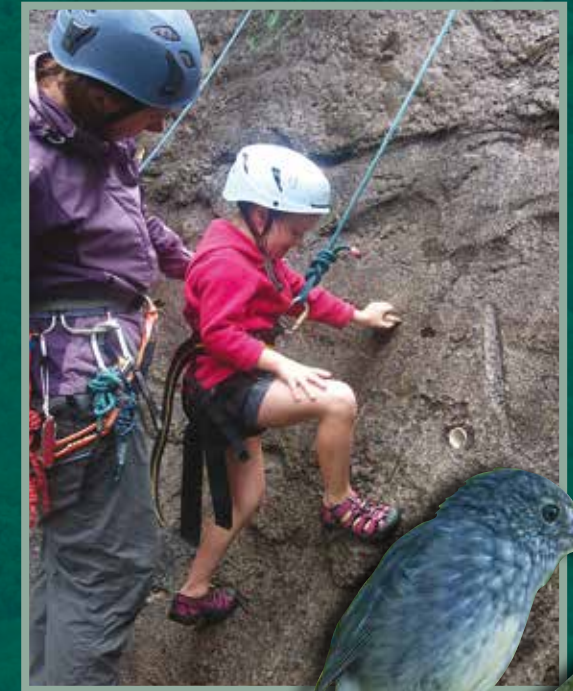
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How to make a booking

- Contact us to discuss your required dates.
- You might like to arrange a visit to meet us and look around the lodge.
- A provisional booking will then be made and dates will be held available for 10 days.
- Booking is confirmed upon receipt of deposit and registration form.
- Current charges are listed on a separate form.

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