

RECREATIONAL PERMIT HOLDERS:

General forest access rules & safety behaviours



WARNING: THE FOREST IS A MULTIPLE HAZARD WORKPLACE

General

- **ALL** vehicles require an Access Permit – you must read and comply with all permit conditions.
- **DRUGS & ALCOHOL** are strictly prohibited within Kaingaroa Tipu managed Forests.
- **ALL** recreational forest users are required to wear day/night hi viz.
- Fires are **NOT** permitted.
- In an emergency call 111.
- The use of UAV's/Drones is strictly **PROHIBITED**
- **DO NOT ENTER OPERATIONAL AREAS (i.e. harvesting operations)**
- Do not cut, fell or remove any live or dead trees, shrubs or other forest produce.
- Damage to natural ecosystems or taking natural species is **PROHIBITED**.
- Keep within the forest boundaries noted on your access permit.
- Always follow instructions of security (FIRST Security) and Kaingaroa Tipu Limited staff – be courteous.
- If you observe any unsafe or suspicious activity contact FIRST Security 07 347 0297.
- Every permit holder must carry with them photographic identification along with their Access Permit.
- There is no re-assignment of permits to other persons.
- All people using the forests must comply with New Zealand law.
- Always be courteous to other forest users.
- For further instructions and access information please refer to your permit and the Forest Access section of our website.
- **All safety or environmental incidents must be reported to 0800 854 624 within 24 hours of the incident occurring.**

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Recreational Hunting

- ALL HUNTERS (15 YEARS & OVER) REQUIRE AN ACCESS PERMIT.
- HUNTING ON MAIN ARTERIAL ROADS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- NO STOPPING ON OR BLOCKING ROADS.
- Observe all firearm safety requirements
 - IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET.
- FIREARMS LICENCE MUST BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES.
- HUNTING/FISHING ACCESS IS PERMITTED ON THE WEEKENDS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

Driving (PLEASE ALSO REFER TO THE KT ROAD SAFETY MANUAL: AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

- HEADLIGHTS ON LOW BEAM AT ALL TIMES
 - BE SEEN.
- Always drive to the road conditions and be prepared to stop within half the visible distance ahead.
- All drivers shall have a current Full New Zealand driver's licence.
- Observe the speed limits within the forest:
 - Sealed roads up to 90km/hr
 - Unsealed arterial (main 2 lane) up to 80km/hr
 - Other up to 50km/hr
- All vehicles will meet Ministry of Transport (M.O.T.) standards for Vehicle Registration, Warrant of Fitness (W.O.F) or Certificate of Fitness (C.O.F).
- The provisions of the New Zealand Road Code must be observed.
 - Keep left at all times.
 - Park safely as far off road edges as is practicable.
 - Always be prepared to give way to loaded logging trucks. Off highway trucks can be up to twice as long as those on the highway and are significantly wider and heavier. Off highway trucks may travel more slowly and need much more room to manoeuvre. Off highway trucks can be recognised by orange flashing cab lights.
 - Do not drive in a dust cloud – pull over until the dust settles.
 - No motorbikes, MTV, quad bikes.
 - No horses or bicycles (except in Whakarewarewa Forest).

General Hazards

Remoteness / Communication

- Take a means of communication in case of emergency i.e. cell phone.
- Advise family/friends of your plans - give them a location and estimated time of return.

Forest Operations

- **DO NOT ENTER OPERATIONAL AREAS**
- Follow all warning signs.
- Stay well clear of any machinery.

Hazardous Trees

- Watch out for hung up trees and branches, falling objects and uprooted trees.
- Avoid unstable and leaning trees.
- Stay out of the forest on windy days.

Poisoning Operations

- Do not enter any area sign posted as having poison on site.
- Never touch any pellets or paste/flour on the ground or in plant containers.
- Refer to the current poison map for locations – supplied by FIRST Security or on our website.

Road Washouts

- Drive to the conditions and beware of washouts, ruts and other road obstacles.

Fire Ponds

- Keep away from fire ponds.



FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN REVOKING OF PERMIT OR TRESPASS ACTION

