

## 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.

### School resources & programmes

We have a variety of programmes on offer. Many are free of charge while costs may apply to others. Contact us for more details.

#### ● Pirongia Lodge Teachers Pack

Science; Living World, Levels 1-4: Revised New Zealand Curriculum

- Planning templates
- Achievement objectives
- Information sheets – Nature walk guide
- Suggested Activities

#### Education Programmes ●

Working with local education establishments we offer a variety of on-site programmes for example

- Bird calls of the mountain
- Stream/environmental studies
- Raranga (flax weaving)
- Local history and stories

### Outdoor activities

We can run many outdoor activities for you, on and off site, with experienced qualified instructors. These include, but are not limited to, climbing and abseiling (on our wall), archery, team building, canoeing, kayaking, pony trekking, and caving.

We deliver activities for all age groups and abilities and will work with you to develop a programme that suits your needs and budget. Please contact us for further information and prices.

## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- Pirongia Forest Park: walks, tramps, swim holes, caves
- Pirongia: Historic Frontier Town, Clydesdales, Visitor Centre, Pa sites, swimming hole (10 mins)
- Otorohanga: Kiwi House, Kiwiana Trail (25 mins)
- Waitomo: Caves, walks, museum (40 mins)
- Te Awamutu: museum, swimming pool, gardens (20 mins)
- Hamilton: museum, swimming pool, zoo, gardens (25 mins)



## 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
- Flying fox
- 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 swim 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



## 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

### Pirongia Forest Park Lodge

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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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