

Information for Tenants staying at Sixtus Lodge.

Sixtus Lodge, which opened in 1977, was initially set up as a venue where urban children could get close to nature on a School Camp.

The Lodge is administrated by the Sixtus Lodge Trust Board who are all volunteers. Members and Friends of Sixtus Lodge travel to Working Bees and on other occasions to maintain the Chattels, Buildings and Grounds. The Members appreciate the care taken, and cleanliness of the Lodge after tenants have vacated the site. If on arrival you group is unhappy how the Lodge has been left, please follow the instructions on the Tenant's checklist.

Please read the following information received with the Booking Confirmation.

Sixtus Lodge Acceptance Terms and Conditions.

What Tenants need to supply for camps.

What Sixtus Lodge supplies for Tenants.

First time Users at Sixtus Lodge.

ABC Booklet of Sixtus Lodge

Copies of the ABC Booklet of Sixtus Lodge are hanging on hooks under the large noticeboard in the Lounge. This booklet has information about the Lodge and surroundings, the Glow Worm Caves and tracks in the foothills of the Ruahine Ranges. Contact the Booking Secretary if you would like a copy.

Telephone

The landline phone at the Lodge is in the Feilding and Palmerston North free-calling zone- the number is 06 328-4823. Camp organisers should be aware, however that the landline is on a toll bar. The landline and cell phone coverage in the area is generally good but can be affected by weather conditions. Mobile phone calls often can't be received in the Lodge buildings.

Cleaning

Tenants are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the facility during their stay. The Lounge/Dining area should be vacuumed daily and the vinyl surfaces regularly swept and wet mopped. The dormitories need to be tidied and vacuumed daily. The ablutions need to be cleaned at regular intervals, especially groups who are remaining at the Lodge throughout the day.

The Lodge is in a 'No Fires' area and this means no lighting fires anywhere in the outside environment.

Water Supply

Water is pumped from a natural spring in the valley below the Lodge, up to a tank on the farmland opposite. It is treated automatically by an ultra-violet light and goes through two large filters.

Toka Cottage

Tenants are free to use Toka Cottage. Do ensure, though, that it is cleaned, the windows latched shut, and the door locked when finally vacating. The hot water cylinder will need to be turned on at the small switch board on the wall opposite the cylinder cabinet on arrival and off when you depart.

Drying Room.

The drying room near the large barbecue is for tenant use. There is a notice inside the room regarding its use. The heat pump is on a timer.

Outdoor Clothing and Footwear.

Outdoor clothing e.g. tramping gear, parkas and footwear are not to be brought indoors but should be left in the breezeway, kitchen side.

The Upper, Lower Environment, Grounds and all Buildings are all smoke free areas. The Board requests that tenants be responsible in their use of alcohol, especially when young people are present.

Septic tank

The Lodge operates a septic tank. Detergent, therefore, should be bio-degradable. Please try to avoid tipping large quantities of disinfectant down the drains and toilets.

Masport Woodfire.

There is a very good wood burner provided in the Lounge. For efficient use see the operating instructions on the lounge wall to the left of the back of the fire. Dry firewood for the wood burner is provided in the shed in the breezeway (Winter) and in the exterior wood shed behind the Ngamoko Room.

Rubbish and Ashes

There is nowhere at the lodge to dispose of rubbish which means that all rubbish must be taken 'home'. Please ensure the plastic rubbish container, in the pantry, under the telephone is emptied and cleaned prior to departing the Lodge. There is a metal rubbish bin for emptying cold ashes from the Masport Woodfire, near the back door.

Firearms and animals are not to be brought to the Lodge.

The road gate must be kept closed at all times to prevent wandering stock from entering and damaging the grounds and plantings. Local farmers often need to move stock along Limestone Road to different areas of their farms.

Driving to the Lodge

A map for directions to the Lodge is on the Sixtus Lodge Website.

It is advisable to have a full tank of petrol or diesel when you leave Feilding coming from the south or Taihape from the north. The petrol pumps at Apiti do not operate and are for a museum display only.

The last 5 kilometres of Limestone Road to the Lodge is narrow and windy. It is important to keep left as there are several blind corners and sometimes horses from the Horse Trekking Business and wandering stock are on the road.

Neighbours

The Sixtus Lodge property is surrounded by privately owned land which tenant groups do not have the right to roam over. The Trust Board asks that you be aware of the need for cooperation with local farmers and help maintain their goodwill by not trespassing, swinging on fences or disturbing stock.

Noticeboards

Posted on the main noticeboard in the Lounge, the sliding noticeboard in the dining area, kitchen and pantry walls and Toka Cottage are more detailed statements about using the facilities. There is also notices about emergency procedures and contacts, health and safety information

Recreation

There is a large grass area suitable for sports, games and other activities.

Tenants will need to bring their own sports, gear. Two volleyball poles and a net are provided as well as a basketball ball hoop attached to a concrete block wall. There is a table tennis table in the Ngamoko Room. It is advisable to bring your own bats and balls.

On the opposite side of the Main Building there is a Challenge Course with 9 'team activities'. A description of the course is in a green folder, on top of a lounge cabinet, under the large noticeboard. A laminated copy which can be taken outside for guidance on each activity is in the mop shed. The equipment required (a tyre, ropes and planks) is stored in the mop shed and beside the tool shed (larger planks).