

General Access Permit: Terms and Conditions

Everyone who enters City Forests is required to carry a permit issued in their name.

This permit is not transferrable and may be cancelled by a forest officer. You must comply with all reasonable directions given by forest officers, especially in regard to the prevention or suppression of fires.

TAKE CARE!

Maximum speed on forest roads is 50kmph.

There may be other people in the forests.

YOU are responsible for your safety and the safety of others.

Terms and conditions:

- Restrictions:** Access is ONLY for the activity and location noted on your permit. It DOES NOT include Firewood collection or Camping. Firearms / weapons / hunting are not permitted. Any key issued to you is not to be lent to any other person.
- Fires:** DO NOT light fires. No smoking in our forests.
The provisions of the Forest and Rural Forest Act 1977 and Regulations 2005 (extracts below) must be strictly complied with.
Every person commits an offence that, at any time wilfully or negligently throws or drops or leaves any lighted, burning or smouldering substance in a forest or within a 1.5km boundary. Every person commits an offence that sets fires or assists to set on fire in the open to any vegetation or combustible material. This includes, but not by way of limitation, barbeques and camp fires.
Any person who becomes aware of a fire burning unattended in the open air in the forest, or within 1.5km of a forest, shall do everything reasonable within his / her power to extinguish the fire shall immediately notify the nearest forest officer as fast as possible and endeavour to control and extinguish the fire until it is brought under control, or until he / she obtains approval of a fire officer to desist.
- Hazards:** WARNING: Strong winds and heavy rain may cause trees to become unstable. Please avoid entering the forest when such conditions exist and during periods following heavy rain. Other hazards may also exist – please take care. City Forests encourages you to report any hazards or activity that may cause damage to the forest. Harvesting and Forestry Operations may be working seven days a week. Obey all operational signage. DO NOT enter operational areas unless you have authorisation. Don't walk on or near log stacks and machines. There may be heavy vehicle traffic. E.g.: logging trucks. You enter the forest entirely at your own risk and City Forests will in no way be responsible for any accident or injury howsoever caused on City Forests' land to any person or any property.
- Poisons:** Poisons and traps are used in the forest. Do not touch any baits, lures, carcasses or traps – see the contractors warning signs at City Forests' entrances. City Forests accepts no responsibility for the effects of any poisons.
- Vehicles:** All vehicles entering the forest must have up to date vehicle insurance including public liability cover and are required to carry a **1 kg fire extinguisher and a shovel**. Observe normal road rules. Apply greater caution to allow for forest road conditions and heavy vehicle traffic. E.g.: logging trucks. In order to allow emergency access please do not block forest roads. **Travel with head lights on dip within the forest.**
- Motor Cycles:** Motorcycles must have exhaust spark arresters fitted.
- Gates:** Gates to be left as found. **Do not drive through open gates, you will get locked in.** In order to allow emergency access do not block gate entrances. If a key is issued gates are to be locked when you enter or exit the forest.
- Neighbours:** Do not enter neighbouring properties without first obtaining their permission.
- Trees:** The taking of standing trees of any species is prohibited. No native trees / wood is to be taken from the forest under any circumstances.
- Damage:** The permit holder hereby agrees to indemnify City Forests against any claims, suits or demands which may arise from damage caused by them or anyone named in this permit whilst in or near our forests.
- Littering:** No rubbish or garden waste is to be dumped in the Forest. Offenders will be trespassed and may be prosecuted.
- Hi-viz:** City Forests encourages the use of hi-viz clothing for all people using the forest for recreation to assist in maintaining personal safety.
- No Alcohol:** No alcohol is to be consumed in the forest.
- Children:** Children (persons less than 16 years old) entering the forest must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Failure to observe the conditions of this permit will result in this permit being revoked. City Forests needs your assistance to keep our forests safe. Your assistance is being the eyes and ears of the forests. If you see any hazards or if you notice any suspicious activities please take a note of details or vehicle registration and report these activities to our office (03) 467 7730.

Security Cameras are operating in the Forest.