

Hunter Valley Station Visitors Form

All visitors to Hunter Valley Station are advised that numerous hazards exist, and care must be taken at all time to avoid accidents.

Access over the Hunter Valley farm track is only available for 4WD vehicles (motor cycles and all-terrain vehicles are not permitted), walking, mountain biking and horse riding

Hazards

Hazards can be expected to be encountered. These include but are not confined to:

- Steep banks/cliffs particularly above and below roads and tracks
- Numerous river and creek crossings
- Slippery surfaces, particularly frost, ice, snow and rain
- Holes and tomos which are often hidden by vegetation
- Old fences lying on ground
- Vehicles and machinery, especially on roads and tracks
- Activities of recreational and contracted hunters
- Activities of staff and contractors
- Adverse climate conditions, especially rain, snow, wind, cold and fog
- Uncontrolled scrub fires
- Unauthorised trespassers and poachers
- Beehives and beekeeper's activities
- Poisonous plants

The Management of Orange Lakes NZ Limited and Hunter Valley Farming Co Limited (referred to as **Manager**) are concerned about safety but as there are inherent dangers on this property you acknowledge that safety is your responsibility.

Recommendations

- Always notify a reliable person of your intended departure, duration of visit, intended route and intended return. Stick to the plan and notify them when safely returned.
- Complete an Outdoors Intention Form on the Adventure Smart website - <https://www.adventuresmart.org.nz/outdoors-intentions/download-printable-pdfs/>.
- Carry an appropriate means of communication, noting there is no cell-phone coverage.
- Wear Hi-viz clothing.
- Have with you suitable clothing for the weather conditions noting rapid and severe changes in the weather may occur.

Terms & Conditions

Firearms

Firearms will only be allowed if specific permission is granted by Manager. Users must hold a valid hunting permit to hunt in the adjoining conservation land and a current gun licence.

All safety criteria applies per licence, plus no firearms to be used near or in the direction of farmed animals or farm buildings and machinery.

Dogs

Only allowed if specific permission is granted by the Manager. Dogs must be registered, safe around other dogs, people and livestock and under control at all times. If lost on Hunter Valley Station the Manager to be informed immediately and every effort made to recover quickly.

Vehicles

Must have current Registration and WOF and be suitable for the areas used. 30km/hr speed limit with headlights and hazard lights on.

Those seeking motorised access must have a suitable vehicle (it is recommended that minimum vehicle requirements include a raised 4-wheel drive fitted with off-road tyres, a snorkel, or other suitable means to avoid hydraulicing, and any 4-wheel drive travelling alone must have a winch).

In terms of vehicles normally a maximum of 6 per day will be permitted.

Vehicle access via the track is generally unavailable from 1 May to 30 November annually due to winter conditions.

A fee of \$35.00 per vehicle will be payable to assist with the maintenance and repair of the track. This sum will be subject to annual review.

Vehicle users should not have any expectation that any assistance will be available for any vehicles that become submerged, damaged or stuck on the track or in rivers that have to be traversed. Those seeking access by vehicle MUST make their own arrangements for recovery of vehicles.

Fires

No fires to be started by yourself. Immediately report if any seen.

Huts and Camping

Use of Station huts and camping is not permitted on the Station without the prior permission of the Manager. Anyone found camping or using the huts without permission will be subject to immediate removal from the Station.

General

- Access is only granted to Hunter Valley Station. Any access onto Conservation or Crown land is to be arranged with the controlling administration.
- Close all gates unless it appears they are meant to be open.
- No litter or equipment to be left on property.
- Avoid damage to land, fencing and facilities. If it does occur, repair if possible or report to Manager.
- Report to Manager any thing you think he should know about. It is a large place and they won't see everything.
- The safety and conduct of any guests brought on to Hunter Valley Station are your responsibility and they must adhere to the same terms and conditions.
- You must provide third party contact details on case of any emergency.
- Orange Lakes (NZ) Limited and the Manager will not be responsible for any damage to, or loss from, vehicles parked on the Hunter Valley Station or using the Hunter Valley farm track.

Applicant Details

Name _____

Activity _____

Drivers Licence _____

Vehicle make, colour and Registration _____

Firearms Licence _____

Address _____

Contact Home _____ Mob _____

Email _____

Third Party contact _____

Number of people in party _____ Date and Time Due Out _____

Emergency Equipment you are carrying: _____

- Wet weather gear and thermal clothing
- GPS
- First aid kit
- Extra food
- Survival kit
- Emergency shelter
- Personal locator beacon
- Satellite phone number: _____
- Mountain radio call sign: _____
- Other: _____

Details of Group Members

Name _____

Contact Number _____

Name _____

Contact Number _____

Name _____

Contact Number _____

I _____ on behalf of Orange Lakes NZ Limited and Hunter Valley Farming Co Limited, give approval to _____ [visitor] to have access onto Hunter Valley Station for the purpose of _____.

Date _____

I _____ [visitor] agree that I enter Hunter Valley Station at my own risk and take responsibility for my own actions and safely and that of any guest I have with me, and that my guests will abide by the same terms and conditions and I acknowledge that:

- i) My activity in the environment may be inherently dangerous.
- ii) There is by way of the general nature of farming, and the high-country environment hazards on the property.
- iii) The Manager has taken all practical steps to advise me of hazards on the property.
- iv) Orange Lakes NZ Limited and Hunter Valley Farming Co Limited are not liable for any injury, loss or damage to me, my possessions or any vehicle, bicycle or horse arising out of my use of the Station or for any loss or damage whatsoever, whether or not that damage is due to Orange Lakes NZ Limited and/or Hunter Valley Farming Co Limited negligence.
- v) Orange Lakes NZ Limited and Hunter Valley Farming Co Limited are not guaranteeing the possible result of my proposed activity but rather granting permission to use land for the activity.
- vi) I have not relied on any statement or representation by Orange Lakes NZ Limited and/or Hunter Valley Farming Co Limited and that they do not warrant that the Station, or access over it, is or will remain suitable or adequate for my purposes.