



OFF THE GRID ECO LIVING EXPERIENCE

RESTING ON THE BUSH LINE OF MAUNGATAUTARI, AOTEAROA

# WELCOME TO TAWA TENT

## ABOUT TAWA TENT

Tawa Tent is set in a natural clearing, surrounded by stunning tawa trees, endless ponga and ferns. It is a serene native bush escape designed to comfortably accommodate two people.

Created predominantly with repurposed products, Tawa Tent has a humbling sense of character and reflects the natural environment that surrounds it. Harboring an uncomplicated, tranquil, eco style of living, Tawa Tent inspires these values to be adopted beyond the time spent here.

The surreal location is home to many native species, of which can be constantly heard, seen and felt. Tawa Tent has been forged thoughtfully, to be in cohesion with the many eco systems and beings that gracefully exist with us.

## OFF THE GRID

Tawa Tent is an off the grid eco living experience. The off grid nature of the site means that there is no dependency on public utilities i.e. electricity. A key reason for the off grid nature of Tawa Tent was to create a site that would function in cohesion with the environment it is in, rather than against it. We want Tawa Tent to exist in unison with the eco systems and beings surrounding it and for the addition of the site to cause minimal to no change or harm to the environment.

### Hot Water

Our hot water system is more or less the same as those you find in standard homes. However, instead of using electricity, a battery unit is used to spark the gas and heat the water. The battery is recharged by the circulation of the hot water.

### Compost

All compostable waste collected from Tawa Tent is taken to a secondary compost site. Food waste and toilet waste are composted in separate bins, but go through the same process. As compostable waste is added to the bins, bulking matter (sawdust, grass clippings, fallen leaves) are added to the bins every so often. Once the bin is full, it is left for six months to a year to compost. When the pile is half it's original size, the nutrient rich compost can be used. Food compost is used in vegetable beds and toilet compost is used around trees and garden beds.

\*\*The bags in the toilet are compostable and break down in around 30 days.

### Minimal waste

We are proud to have minimal waste from Tawa Tent. The only waste we have is what is put into the rubbish bin. All other waste is disposed of in conscious ways.

### Minimalism

Tent life is simple. We have supplied you with everything you need - no more, no less.

# ABOUT YOUR STAY

## AN UNDERSTANDING

- No fires
- No smoking
- No candles
- Not suitable for pets
- No parties or events
- Check in is anytime after 2pm
- Check out is 11:30am
- Respectful of other guests experience
- Enjoy the native bush and the inherent peace this gives us

## AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Must climb stairs
  - outdoor landscaped stairs
  - stairs onto deck, tent site and bathroom
- Exposed roots and obstacles when not using purpose made paths

## RESPECTING THE NATIVE BUSH

- No harm to plant life and other species
- Leave only footprints

## INTERACTION WITH LAND

The tents are part of a working dairy farm, but are located in an area of bush that is particularly independent of the day-to-day farm operations. This means there are a number of natural hazards, please be wary. We have every intention for there to be minimal interference between the farm and glamping experience, but for both operations to function alongside each other. Show courteousness to the animals on the property. We encourage you to spend some time walking and exploring the native bush area around the tent sites on marked trails, but not through the farmland. Close all gates behind you.

## INTERACTION WITH GUESTS

Our family home is located on the property, some distance from the tent sites. We endeavour not to disturb guests during their stay unless contacted. We will be available should you need it, but otherwise we are mindful of guest space. We are often out and about enjoying the surrounding land, working on the property and are always happy to have a conversation with guests should we cross paths, and share any information you may be interested in.

## COMPOSTABLE TOILET

The compostable toilet or Bambooloo resembles a regular toilet, but does not flush as it is compostable.

Use like a regular toilet and once finished, cover all matter and toilet paper in bulking material (found in the green bucket beside the toilet). Close the lid after each use.

Please dispose of all sanitary items or anything that is not compostable in the rubbish bin provided. There is more bulking material in the large black container behind the bathroom if needed.

## SPRING WATER

Rimu Heights is blessed with fresh spring water directly from the Maunga. The water you drink and bathe in is pure and directly from the source.

## NATURAL ECO PRODUCTS

We want to protect the beautiful environment and eco systems that surround you.

Please only use Real World and other eco products provided. These are crafted in Aotearoa from natural ingredients that will not cause any harm to you and the surroundings.

## LIGHTING

All lighting is battery powered. The bathroom lighting has a simple switch to turn on and off.

The four Carry Light portable lanterns are multi-functional and can be used while moving around the site at night. Use these lamps as a reading light, carry lantern or for atmospheric lighting while in the tent. To turn on and off, simply touch the small circle on the back of the light (the full white side of the lamp). The Carry Light lamps have three light settings. Tap the the button to go through the different modes.

Please be conscious of the resources and switch off lights when they are not being used.

## RECYCLING & WASTE

To help us with our minimal waste ethos, please sort rubbish in the differing bins:

- Compost - all food waste, tissues.
- Recycling - paper, glass, tin, plastic (we will sort this more thoroughly after you depart).
- Rubbish - any items that cannot be composted or recycled.

# ABOUT YOUR STAY

## BARBEQUE

To use the BBQ, remove the cover and turn the valve on the top of the gas bottle to 'open'. Once the gas bottle is on, simply turn the BBQ dial on - located on the right hand side of the BBQ. Push the red button to spark the flame - this may need to be done more than once. Give the flame a moment to catch right the way around. Close the lid and allow the BBQ to heat up before cooking.

There are no matches or lighter required to light the BBQ. Please turn off the BBQ and ensure the gas bottle valve is turned to 'close' when you are finished cooking.

## USED DISHES

Place all used items in the tin tub. There is a Cali dish bar and brush provided if needed.

## PEST CONTROL

To help nurture the native environment and species, we engage certain pest control around the bush. If out walking, you may come across traps and bait stations in certain areas. Please do not touch or meddle with these and assume all traps are live.

As well as this, please do not dispose of any food waste around the site or in the bush. This may attract unwanted wildlife. Instead, use the bins provided to dispose of waste.

## MOSQUITO REPELLENT

We have provided natural kawakawa bug spray and sandalwood incense sticks to help repel mosquitos and sandflies. Remember to zip the fly (white mesh door and windows) in the evening and night.

**\*\*Please snuff the incense stick out and place in the metal outdoor bucket when finished.**

## WHAT TO BRING

Just bring yourself and an overnight bag. Dinner and breakfast are provided for guests, however alcohol is not included so please bring along drinks you would like.

We supply bedding, extra blankets and towels, but please bring warm waterproof clothing and suitable, covered footwear, our environment can be changeable and the nights cool, especially in late summer months.

All your essential toiletries are provided, including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste. We encourage you to enjoy our products - they have been chosen as they are kind to you, the environment and support local businesses.

## SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN MAUNGATAUTARI

Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is a world class conservation project. It is 30 minute drive to the southern enclosure where there is an interactive information centre and walks.

[www.sanctuarymountain.co.nz](http://www.sanctuarymountain.co.nz)

## ARAPUNI SUSPENSION BRIDGE

The 152 metre suspension bridge was built in the mid 1920s for workers to access the power station. It provides stunning views of the Waikato River. Located in Arapuni - a 20 minute drive.

## WAIKATO RIVER TRAILS

There are sections of walking and/or cycling trails along the Waikato River. The most accessible sections being Karapiro and Arapuni.

[www.waikatorivertrails.co.nz](http://www.waikatorivertrails.co.nz)

## HOBBITON

Get your Lord of the Rings fix. Hobbiton can be reached in a 30 minute drive.

[www.hobbitontours.com](http://www.hobbitontours.com)

## LAKE KARAPIRO

A 15 minute drive toward Cambridge will take you to Lake Karapiro, which stages a variety of sporting and cultural events.

[www.lakekarapiro.co.nz](http://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz)

## RHUBARB CAFE

Located in Arapuni, Rhubarb Cafe is a great place to stop if you're visiting Sanctuary Mountain, the Waikato River Trails and Arapuni Swing.

@rhubarbcafe

## PODIUM CAFE

Located at Gate 2 Lake Karapiro, Podium Cafe is a lovely cafe to call in to if you're heading towards Cambridge.

@podiumcafecambridge