



SC222 GENERAL FOREST ACCESS RULES AND SAFETY BEHAVIOUR FOR RECREATIONAL PERMIT HOLDERS

WARNING: THE FOREST IS A MULTIPLE HAZARD WORKPLACE

GENERAL

- ALL vehicles require an access permit – you must read and comply with the permit conditions.
- ALL hunters or people with dogs (15 years or over) require an access permit.
- ALL recreational forest users are required to wear day/night hi viz vests.
- Fires are NOT permitted.
- In case of emergency call 111.
- Hunting is permitted during daylight hours only.
- Do not enter active work sites (i.e. harvesting operations).
- Do not cut, fell or remove any live or dead trees, shrubs or other forest produce.
- Keep within the forest boundaries noted on your access permit.
- Always follow instructions of security (FIRST Security) and Timberlands Limited staff – be courteous.
- If you observe any unsafe or suspicious activity contact FIRST Security 07 347 0297.
- Every permit holder must carry with them photographic identification along with their Access Permit.
- There is no assignment of permits to other persons.
- All people using the forests must comply with New Zealand law.
- Always be courteous to other forest users.
- For further instructions and access information please refer to your permit and the Forest Access section on the Timberlands website (www.til.co.nz/forest_access)

Hunters

- Observe all firearm safety requirements – **IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET**
- **No hunting on main roads.**
- **No stopping on / or blocking roads.**
- **Fire Arms license must be carried at all times**

DRIVING

- **HEADLIGHTS ON LOW BEAM AT ALL TIMES – BE SEEN**
- **Always drive to the road conditions and be prepared to stop within half the visible road distance ahead.**
- All drivers shall have a current **Full** New Zealand driver's licence.
- Observe the speed limits within the forest:
 - Sealed roads up to 100km/hr
 - Unsealed arterial (main 2 lane) up to 80km/hr
 - Other up to 50km/hr
- The provisions of the New Zealand Road Code must be observed.
- All vehicles will meet Ministry of Transport (M.O.T.) standards for Vehicle Registration, Warrant of Fitness (W.O.F) or Certificate of Fitness (C.O.F).

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DRIVING cont.....

- Keep left at all times.
- Park safely – as far off-road edges as is practicable.
- Always be prepared to give way to loaded logging trucks. Off highway trucks can be up to twice as long as those on the highway and are significantly wider and heavier. Off highway trucks may travel more slowly and need much more room to manoeuvre.
- Do not drive in a dust cloud – pull over until the dust settles.
- No motorbikes, MTV, quad bikes.
- No horses or bicycles (except in Whakarewarewa Forest)

GENERAL HAZARDS

Remoteness - Communication

- Take a means of communication in case of emergency i.e. cell phone.
- Advise family/friends of your plans - give them a location and estimated time of return.

Forest Operations

- Follow all warning signs.
- Do not enter operational areas.
- Stay well clear of any machinery.

Poisoning Operations

- Do not enter any area sign posted as having poison on site.
- Never touch any pellets or paste/flour on the ground or in plant containers.
- Refer to the current poison map for locations – supplied by FIRST Security or on the Timberlands website (www.tll.co.nz).

Road Washouts

- Drive to the conditions and beware of washouts, ruts and other road obstacles.

Hazardous Trees

- Watch out for hung up trees and branches, falling objects and uprooted trees.
- Avoid unstable and leaning trees.
- Stay out of the forest on windy days.

Fire Ponds

- Keep away from fire ponds.

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN REVOKING OF PERMIT OR TRESPASS ACTION

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