



## **Access Permit Terms and Conditions**

Summit Forests NZ Ltd authorizes the Permit Holder to enter the forest for the purpose specified in the permit, subject to the terms and conditions of the Permit. By selecting 'Yes' the Permit Holder acknowledges that they have read understood, accepted, and agree to the terms and conditions of this Permit. Failure to comply may result in revoking of permit or trespass action and will jeopardize future access permits.

### **Permit Requirements**

- Everyone accessing a SFNZ forest must comply with New Zealand law.
- Inform someone where you are going and when you intend to return. You also need to carry some way of alerting friend, family, or emergency services that you need help and remember that mobile phone coverage may be limited.
- Permits must be carried by the Permit Holder and are not transferable.
- Access is to areas stated on the permit only. The permit does not provide access to any neighbouring properties.
- Obey signage. Forestry work may occur on weekends. Please do not ignore signs/barriers restricting access to forest areas.
- Be courteous to other forest users and adjoining landowners.
- Only enter the forest during daylight hours unless the permit allows access outside daylight hours.
- Camping is prohibited.
- Access may be restricted in periods of high fire danger.
- Do not; disturb any archaeological or ecological sites, remove any ancient artifacts of any origin or any animal, plant, sand, shingle, gravel, or any other minerals of any description without prior permission.
- You must not cut, fell, intentionally damage, mark or remove any trees, shrubs or other forest produce unless expressly permitted by this permit.
- Take your rubbish with you. Disposal of any green waste is prohibited.
- The Permit Holder must comply with all reasonable directions issued by Summit Forests NZ Ltd.

### **Hazards/Risks**

- The permit holder acknowledges that the forest is a place of potential hazards and shall take care in exercising this permit.
- Hazards include road conditions (narrow roads, dust, washouts, blind corners, animals), large machinery, high noise levels, falling trees or branches, airborne chemicals (during spray operations), fire dams, bees/wasps, hunters, poison, steep or uneven terrain, tomos, old fence wire, and disorientation.
- Do not enter operational areas without authorization.
- Do not enter the forest during extreme fire danger conditions or during high wind events (>50kph).

### **Fire or Emergency**

- Dial 111 if you see any fire in the forest or an emergency. Request Fire, Ambulance or Police.
- The lighting of fires is prohibited. Take caution not to cause any fire. No smoking.
- Any person causing any fire may be held liable by Summit Forests NZ Ltd for damages.

### **Reporting Non-Emergency**

- If you observe Non-Emergency illegal, unsafe, or suspicious activity;
  - Contact NZ Police call 105 or report online to [105 Police](#),
  - Contact Summit Office [office@summitforest.co.nz](mailto:office@summitforest.co.nz), Northland Office 09 4067024, Gisborne Office: 06 8251146.
- Inform Summit Forest NZ Ltd of any damage to the forest area or any property within it or any injuries to any person occurring within the forest.

### **Drones (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)**

- It is illegal to operate a drone (UAV) over private land without the landowner's consent.
- Only those with a UAV Permit issued by Summit Forests may operate drones in or over our forests.



### Vehicles

- Drive with headlights on low beam.
- Drive to the conditions and under the stated speed limit for the road.  
The maximum permitted speed is:
  - 70km/hour on No2 road in Te Hiku Forest, and all side roads 50km/hour (Northland)
  - 30km/hour on all forests outside of Te Hiku Forest (Northland)
  - 30km/hour on all roads in Gisborne
- Park off the road. Do not block or hinder access to any forest road or gate.
- Keep to formed tracks and roads.
- Vehicle details to be registered on the permit.
- All vehicles must have current registration, warrant of fitness, and relevant certifications.
- All drivers must have current licenses and carry a minimum of Third-Party Insurance.

### Biosecurity

- If entering native forest areas containing kauri trees, ensure boots and gear are clean. Avoid kauri tree roots (3x drip line). Carry a hygiene kit to clean and disinfect gear before leaving [Kauri Dieback - help reduce the spread](#).

### Dogs

- Pet dogs are to be kept under control or on a lead at all times.
- Hunting dogs must be trained in kiwi aversion if entering forests with kiwi present.

### Poisons/Traps

- Poisons and traps are used in the forest.
- DO NOT touch any baits, lures, carcasses, or traps.

### Hunting

- Hunting is prohibited unless the permit explicitly allows for it.
- Hunters and dogs to keep within specified forest boundaries.
- Game bird hunting permits must be obtained from NZ Fish and Game outlets.
- Commercial possum fur recovery (poisoning and trapping) requires additional consent and public liability insurance.
- Follow all firearms rules. Firearm Licence details are required to be registered on the permit.

### Chainsaws / Firewood

- Chainsaw use and firewood collection is prohibited unless specified on the permit.
- The operator of the chainsaw must be deemed competent and wear personal protective equipment (chainsaw safety boots, helmet, mitt, trousers, or chaps, hearing, and eye protection).
- The chainsaw must be maintained in good condition with a chain break
- An additional person, who could help in an emergency, must be present to observe the chainsaw operator.
- The chainsaw operator must comply with all requirements of the Approved Code of Practice for Safety and health in forest operations. [Approved Code of Practice](#)
- Cutting production logs or any standing trees (including manuka and kanuka) is prohibited.

### Indemnity

- The Permit Holder agrees to enter the forest at their own risk and shall be solely responsible for those persons accompanying the permit holder.
- The Permit Holder releases to the full extent permitted by law the company, and their employees and agents from all liabilities, fines, and demands of any kind that may arise out of any incident, accident, or injury occurring to any person or property in the exercise of this permit.
- Summit Forests NZ Ltd makes no representation whatsoever as to the suitability of the forest for the purpose intended by the permit holder.