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Top Tips

As an adventure lodge in a remote rural location, there are some things we thought it would be helpful for you to know before you arrive both to help you with your journey here, and to get the best from your stay with us. We very much welcome your feedback, so if there is anything else you would like added to our Top Tips list, please let us know.

Getting Here

- We are 85kms or approximately one hour's drive in good conditions from Taupo on State Highway 5. We are 65kms or 45 minutes drive from central Napier.
- We have two blue signs on State Highway 5 coming in either direction, so keep a look out for them. The first in either direction is 5kms from the end of McVicar road.
- When you turn off State Highway 5, Mountain Valley is 5kms along McVicar Road, which is unsealed and can get bumpy and corrugated. **Please drive slowly along McVicar Road as it becomes very dusty in dry conditions and our neighbours have small children and animals regularly using/crossing the road.**

Fuel

- We strongly recommend you fuel up before leaving Taupo or Napier, as there is no guarantee of petrol/diesel on the Napier-Taupo highway.

Bedding & Towels

- Linen and towels, and tea & coffee making facilities are provided in all but the Kingfisher bunkhouse rooms.
- We do not service rooms during your stay, but if you are here for more than three nights we can arrange for clean towels on request.

Self Catering

- Both our cottages and chalets have self catering facilities. Guests staying in lodge rooms normally opt to eat in the restaurant however, there is a self catering kitchen which we can point out on arrival.

Bar & Restaurant

- Our bar & restaurant does not operate on a 7 day basis (yet!) so would you therefore book any meals 24 hours in advance to ensure we are prepared for you. We can send you a menu with our prices and what is on offer to help you decide what you would like to book.
- Our 'standard' dinner is a 2-course meal with coffee and fruit juice. Unless you specify otherwise, we will assume that you are happy with this. Breakfasts can be either a full cooked meal or a continental option. Lunches are either cold meats and salads or a hot dish and salads.
- Breakfast is served at 8.00am, lunch around 12.30 and dinner at 7.00-7.30pm. For groups we can arrange meals at times which may better suit you, provided you give us at least 24 hours notice.
- Please make sure we know of any allergies or special dietary requirements at least 24 hours before you arrive. Procuring extra or 'special' ingredients involves a 130km round trip, which we are very happy to do provided you give us sufficient notice.

Shopping

- If you plan to self cater, please make sure you arrive with all the provisions you require for your stay. At this stage we do not have a shop on site.
- The closest supermarket for provisions is in Napier, 60kms from Mountain Valley.



Laundry Facilities

- A coin operated washing machine and dryer are available for use in the lodge beside the toilets. The machines use \$1 coins so we recommend if you are staying for a few days, that you bring a small supply and some washing powder. We may also have change in the bar or at reception. We can also provide washing powder in the lodge or at reception at a cost of \$2 per sachet. The laundry room is located on the deck area in Mountain Valley lodge beside the toilets.

Doctors/Hospital

- GPs, and a 24-hour accident and injury clinic are available in Napier.
- The closest hospital facilities are in Hastings, just south of Napier, and a one hour drive from Mountain Valley.

Fishing

- If you enjoy fishing, we have good access to the Mohaka River from our lodge, and several other points along the river within a short walk or drive.
- Fishing permits are available from reception.
- We have a limited supply of spinning rods and tackle for hire, so suggest that you bring your own with you.
- A full selection of fishing tackle and equipment is available from Hunting & Fishing in Pandora, Napier, or from various stores in Taupo.

Walking & Running

- We have a variety of beautiful, easily accessible walks or runs around the property ranging from 2-5kms. Maps of the property are available from reception, where we are very happy to recommend a route/s for you.

Guided Activities

- Please let us know what activities you would like to book 24 hours prior.
- Our white water rafting expeditions do not run on a daily basis, and require a minimum number (see below) – so please let us know well in advance if you want to book a white water trip and we will do our best to accommodate you.
- Please note our minimum numbers for activities as follows:
 - Horse Treks – 2 people
 - Grade 2 raft & kayak trips – 2 people
 - White water rafting – 6 people
 - Multi day raft trips – 6 people
 - Raft Fishing – 1 person
 - Other activities or bespoke packages – on request

Fires

- Due to the proximity to large areas of commercial pine forest, a fire ban is imposed on all residents of the area during the dry summer months. It is however sometimes possible to have a small camp fire or to use the fireplace outside the lodge. **Please ask about this before your arrival so that we can let you know the latest situation.**

Pets

- By prior arrangement

Shooting

- We do not allow shooting on the property, unless as part of a supervised activity organised by Mountain Valley.

Payment

- We accept Eftpos, Visa & Mastercard, or cash and ask that accounts are settled prior to departure.

