



Bella Rakha is located at 581 West Coast Road, Oratia. It is a family home, with children and animals as well as a retreat centre & creative facility. We seek to live with ecological awareness, with values of conservation and preservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of our living space. We contribute to the local community, within the greater community of life. We invite others to share our vision while living here at Bella Rakha, respecting and caring for the safety and well-being of oneself, others and this beautiful place.

Rubbish, recycling and composting - our aim is to reduce waste and recycle where possible. Bins will be provided and clearly labelled for recyclable plastics, tins and glass, paper and compost. At the end of your stay, please take all non-recyclable rubbish with you, or leave it in a council approval collection bag at the gate for weekly collection.

Water & power conservation – we are upgrading all the buildings over time to maximise the water collection opportunities and grey water recycling. Also, it is our aim to use solar energy to help with water heating etc. It would be greatly appreciated if our guests could be mindful of their use of these resources and remember to turn lights and heaters off when not in use. Also report any water leaks to management.

Cleanliness and care – please ensure that all buildings and facilities are kept clean while you are using them and on your departure are left in good order with furniture returned to original places.

Alcohol - is permitted on site with the understanding that it is used in moderation and with consideration to others.

Noise – please ensure that your activities do not disturb others – quiet time after 10pm is the norm.

Security – there is a lock up room for valuables if required – everyone is responsible for their own personal possessions.

Smoking – A exterior ashtray/urn is provided outside the dining hall. There is no smoking inside any of the buildings, or on the verandas. The use of recreational drugs is prohibited on the property.

Emergency – your group is, or as individuals you are, responsible for all medications, first aid and safety. Please be aware that there is water and bush on this private property and there could be potential hazards e.g. falling trees or submerged logs in the waterway.

Fire risk – Fire exits in the event of a fire are clearly marked. The assembly point is in front of the kitchen on the concrete area. Water hoses, hydrants and smoke detectors are fitted to all buildings and are checked regularly as by law. Open fires are prohibited on the property.

Use of grounds – the shared areas of the property are available for use by everyone. If you or other users of the property wish to use an area for an organised sporting activity, disc golf etc – please use the blackboard provided outside the kitchen block to advise others. Please note: it is important that you are aware of any hazards on the grounds – your safety is your responsibility. Hazards on the grounds will be noted on the blackboard also.

Use of telephone – there is no landline available to the retreat buildings, unless by prior arrangement. We expect that you will use personal mobiles as necessary.

Management Office – we will be available for assistance during the day between the hours of 7.30am – 7.30pm. The office is located upstairs on the north end of the Lodge. Please respect our family time and privacy outside these times.