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Training in Environmental Practices

As part of our Induction Programme, Takaro Trails commits to ensuring that all employees and associates understand, commit and adhere to our principles around the protection of our environment and sustainable tourism practices.

All Responsible

Takaro Trails understands that protecting the environment for future generations is the responsibility of everyone. We seek to use every opportunity presented to us to highlight the importance of everyone assisting in the preservation of our precious planet.

Kiwi Made

At Takaro Trails it is our policy to support New Zealand owned businesses and purchase locally manufactured goods and services wherever possible.

Alleviate negative environmental impacts

It is our intention that customers participating in a Takaro Trails holiday will leave no negative impact on the local environment. 'Leave only tire tracks and take only photos' is what we ask of them. We also use biodegradable cleaning products on our bikes and vehicles

Recycle & Reduce Waste

Takaro Trails makes a conscious effort to limit printing and paper wastage, refill printer cartridges, repair tube punctures when possible and to recycle all plastic, paper, glass and cardboard. We also encourage our suppliers to limit packaging on purchased goods, purchase only recycled toilet paper and paper towels and provide customers with a biodegradable rubbish bag to encourage recycling and safe rubbish dumping whilst riding our trails.

Opportunity to Educate & Inform our customers

We recognize the opportunity our business presents to educate and inform our customers on the importance of protecting our environment. Our tour documentation includes helpful guidelines about best practices and sound sustainable tourism principles. We invite our tour participants to respect these standards both during their stay here in Hawke's Bay and on their return home.

Turn off lights and non essential appliances

Natural light is often the only light used in our reception centre and workshop. Electric lights are reserved for night time and dull day use only. We have an 'energy saver' facility on our printer and fax machine and use hand pumps as opposed to an electrical compressor for pumping tires. Natural airflow is used for cooling as opposed to air conditioning.

‘Rotary pathway’.....not road!

Takaro Trails encourages the use of our regional ‘walking and cycling’ pathway as opposed to the road. Where possible we limit the use of vehicles and promote the benefits of cycling to our employees, customers and neighbours alike.

Assist in protecting our natural resources

We understand the importance of the abundant natural resources found in our region. Takaro Trails commits to assisting with their protection by encouraging participation in voluntary community activities designed to clean up, replant and replenish our cherished countryside and waterways. Employees are provided with one paid day per year to participate as a volunteer in a community project supporting this principle.

Integrity in all Business Relationships and Practices

Honesty, trustworthiness, financial integrity and respect for our customers and colleagues are the basic principle of our values at Takaro Trails. We seek enduring business relationships that in turn ensure our ability to deliver best outcomes to our customers.

Local community support

Takaro Trails supports ‘not for profit’ local organisations by way of sponsorship and support to encourage an active and vibrant local community.

Support other eco-friendly operators and accommodation providers

We consciously seek out and give priority to supporting suppliers who share our commitment to caring for the environment. We make our policies known to customers and suppliers alike via both our website and direct communication channels and seek ‘buy in’ to our principles from all we do business with.