



# Firewood Permit

Name: (aka The User/s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle/s (Type): \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle/s (Rego): \_\_\_\_\_

Period firewood to be collected: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Description of areas to be used: Valley View  Puketiro Forest

I/we acknowledge that firewood collection on GWRC land is subject to the following conditions:

- a) That The Users shall comply with the Greater Wellington Regional Council Bylaws for Parks and Forests and Recreation areas. Copies are available for inspection at the office of the Council and every holder of a permit must make himself acquainted with all liabilities and rights under them.
- b) That damage caused as a result of The Users entry upon the property is to be made good or repaired to the satisfaction of the Manager, Forestry or the reasonable costs of making good or repairing the damage will be paid.
- c) That The Users acknowledge any restrictions imposed by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). These may relate to operational or farming activities and may be weather dependant.
- d) All vehicles and trailers shall be registered and display a current Warrant or Certificates of Fitness. Trailers shall not be laden beyond the weight specified on the drawbar of the towing vehicle or the gross chassis mass of the trailer whichever is less. All vehicle speeds shall not exceed 30 kph in all locations. Usual road rules apply. All users acknowledge that all roads or tracks may carry two-way traffic.
- e) That any GWRC equipment damaged as the result of this permit is replaced immediately.
- f) The Users acknowledge receipt of an AD\_\_\_\_\_ series key for access. The Users undertake to return the key to the Upper Hutt depot during working hours on or before \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ No further permits will be issued to The User while return of any key is outstanding.

Description of activities: *Gather firewood*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed on behalf of Barry Leonard      Signed on behalf of Users      \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager, Forestry      Date

**NOTE:** Applications for a permit must be received by GWRC's Upper Hutt office no later than **3pm** on the **Wednesday prior** to the date entry to the forest is required. Permits are issued on a first-in, first-served basis.

**Permit holders are not permitted to access any operational areas**

*Office use only*  
**Paid key deposit**       **Paid for firewood**       **Received key**



## Conditions

1. In consideration of being given permission to enter on to Council land, the holder of the permit agrees that he does so entirely at his own risk. He must take all reasonable steps to protect his own safety.
2. Any GWRC Ranger may request that any holder of a permit leave the forest should they fail to follow reasonable Health & Safety practices.
3. **3. Holders are not permitted to access or remove logs from any operational areas.**
4. **4. No firewood may be removed from log stacks.**
5. No native vegetation may be removed.
6. The holder may only enter the forest by the routes included on the attached map. No other routes may be used.
7. This permit confers no right to cut, fell or remove any standing trees, shrubs or other forest produce on Council land.
8. This permit is not transferable and must be surrendered on demand to any Warranted Council Officer.
9. No fires may be lit on Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) land.
10. GWRC has no liability for vehicles and/or equipment which may be damaged while on GWRC land.
11. Permit holders are also warned of the existence of pest traps and/or poisonous substances throughout the forest.
12. This permit is not a hunting permit. No firearm may be taken on to Council land.
13. No dogs are permitted on Council land.
14. GWRC reserves the right to cancel permits for operational reasons or during periods of extreme fire risk.
15. Permits must be carried while in the forest and produced if requested by GWRC personnel.

**BE SURE – NOT SORRY!  
YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED**



## Hazards that may be Encountered by Recreational Users on Greater Wellington Regional Council Forested Lands

Hazards		Suggested Action
<b>Roads and Tracks</b>		
a.	Winding Roads with blind corners and rough surfaces	Keep vehicle speed low and keep left on corners.
b.	Many roads and tracks are suitable for 4 wheel drive and motorbikes only.	Avoid soft edges, holes and obstructions. If in doubt turn back.
c.	Other traffic and people using roads and tracks. May be vehicles, horses or walkers.	Keep speed low especially on corners. Be aware and expect other users at any time.
d.	Falling debris, washouts, windfalls.	Be aware, conditions may change at any time.
<b>Topography</b>		
a.	Steep country, slippery and unstable slopes. Bluffs.	Wear correct footwear. Use hands to steady body. Avoid if doubtful.
b.	Rivers and streams - flooding frequent. Stones slippery. Waterfalls and deep pools.	Avoid river travel unless bed is known to be easy. If in doubt turn back or climb out of.
c.	Forests - high winds may bring down trees or branches. Broken country means danger of losing way.	Avoid entry on extremely windy days. Carry a map and compass and above all, know how to use them. Leave a message describing where you are going with relatives/friends.
<b>Other Users</b>		
a.	Hunters, trampers, picnickers etc may be encountered anywhere, even in the most remote areas at any time.	Wear easily seen clothing and make it known you are around, if you see or hear people nearby.
b.	Horse Trekkers and cyclists may use exotic forest areas other than existing tracks. Same applies to the indigenous areas of Akatarawa Forest. Cyclists may approach rapidly from behind you.	Give wide berth to horses, preferably stop and let them pass you. Watch behind you to avoid being hit.
<b>Use of Poisons (Cyanide)</b>		
a.	Pest contractors who may lay poison in accordance with the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997.	Do not touch or disturb traps or poisons. Observe any instructions related to sprayed areas.



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a.	Working alone in rough, steep country.	Leave message with people at home including details of where you will be. Don't deviate from planned route.
b.	Getting Cyanide paste on hands, face or clothing.	<b><i>Get Into Good Habits</i></b>
		1. Replace cap on tube after laying each bait.
		2. Keep cap and nozzle clear of excess cyanide paste.
		3. Wash hands thoroughly before smoking, drinking or eating and/or anytime you think you may have cyanide paste on your skin or face.
		4. Remove any contaminated clothing immediately.
		5. If Cyanide tube splits do not continue to use or repair it.
		6. Amyl Nitrite capsules must be carried. Be aware of method of use.

**Your safety should be as important to you as it is to us!**

**Please sign the statement below and forward a copy to this office.**

I/We have read and understand the above hazards and agree to take the necessary precautions while using Greater Wellington Regional Council land for recreational or training purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Guidelines for Firewood Gathering

1. Individuals and non profit fundraising groups may approach Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) at the Upper Hutt depot for a permit to take firewood from unused logging skid sites.
2. Using a chainsaw to cut firewood can be a dangerous practice and GWRC recommends only skilled persons undertake this task.

GWRC recommends that as a minimum requirement the following safety equipment shall be used:

- a) Steel capped boots or shoes
  - b) Chainsaw chaps or trousers
  - c) Safety hat with ear muffs and visor
  - d) Safety mit on the chainsaw
3. The person(s) must be competent in the use of a chainsaw. The chainsaw shall be equipped with an effective chain brake and trigger lock.

Permit holders will be issued with our hazards identification information of the area, and asked to sign a form acknowledging this.

If you are unable to meet the conditions relating to chainsaw use you may wish to consider loading longer length material on to a trailer and taking it somewhere else for sawing.

The charge payable for firewood is \$20.00 per vehicle per weekend.

**Note:** You are not permitted to enter parts of the forest currently being logged. These areas will be sign posted.



If you wish to follow up any of these options, contact the Upper Hutt depot during normal working hours.

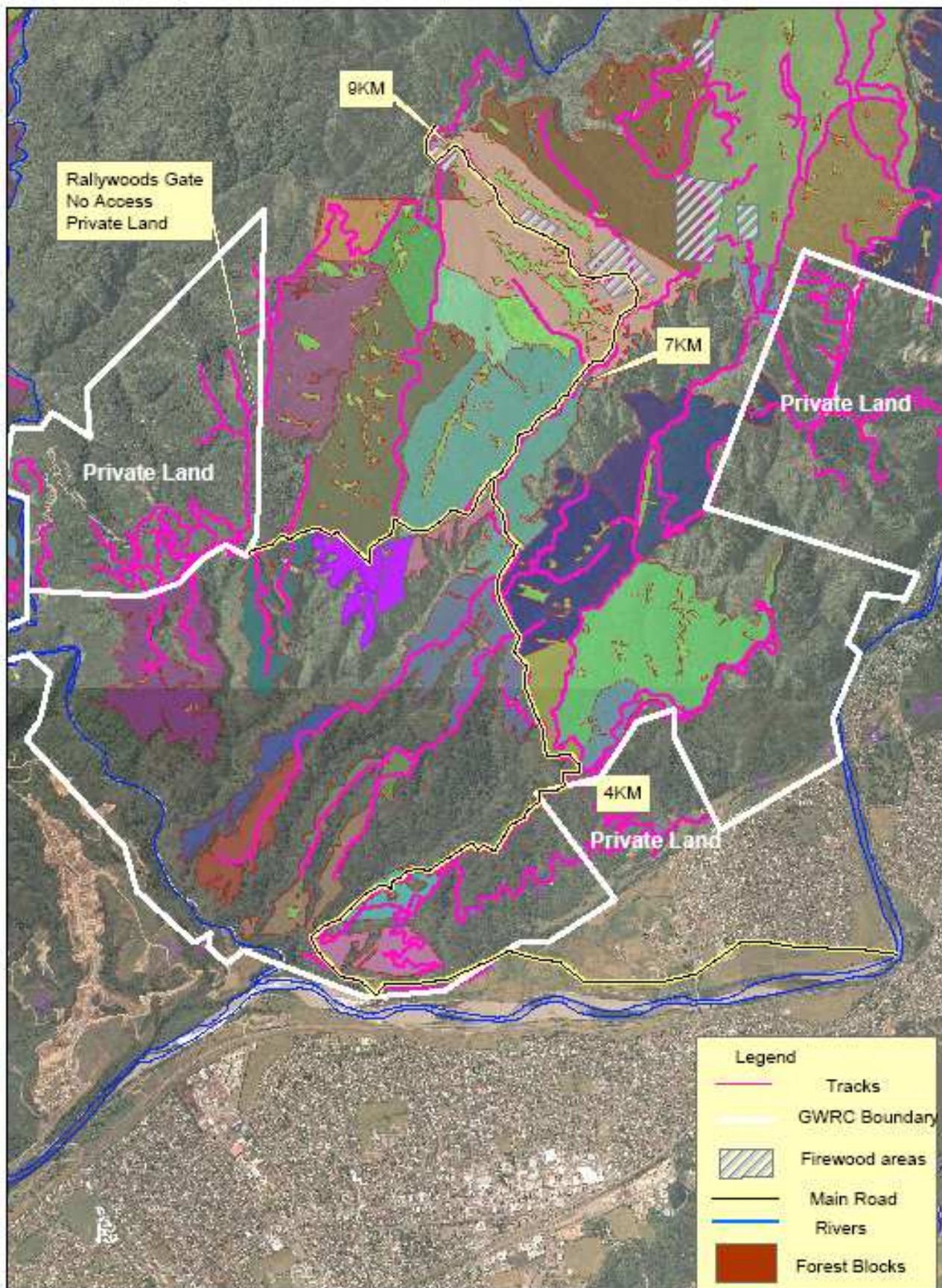
Directions and a map will be provided.

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Signed on behalf of Barry Leonard  
Manager, Forestry

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Signed on behalf of the Users



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