

Park Rules & Waiver Terms

Trail users (and Legal Guardians for U18) must read, understand, sign to abide by and obey the park rules prior to taking part in an event at the Pongakawa Trail Park.

All riders, drivers or SXS Passengers must sign into the event and supply all requested details on the sign app, read and understand the event rules including but not limited to:

1. No Dogs – this includes in the carpark in vehicles or trailers.
2. Respect and be curious on the public road to and from the Park. Complaints from locals could shut us down.
3. Ride/drive slowly in the parking area in first gear at no more than walking pace.
4. Wear the correct safety gear when riding – refer below. Always wear a helmet when riding a Motorcycle/Quad, horse or mountain bike or in a SXS/ATV.
5. All motorcycles & SXS's to be in sound mechanical condition and may be subject to random machine inspection. The event officials reserve the right to stop you from entering the trail if they have safety concerns.
6. Follow all instructions of event officials and marshals at all times.
7. Stay on the marked tracks and do not take shortcuts other than proper shortcuts marked by the event.
8. Obey all arrows.
 - 2 crossed arrows indicate the wrong way
 - Down arrow/s indicate slow down for potential danger
 - More arrows indicate more danger
 - NEVER ride or push your machine backwards against the direction of the arrows
9. Keep left if there are others trying to get past.



10. Ride or drive within your capabilities and vision.
11. If you are passing another guest, it is YOUR responsibility to pass safely. Be mindful of children and beginners as there are varying speeds and abilities on the MX & Trails.
12. If you break down, push your machine off the trail to a safe position if possible, but stay near the trail where you can be seen. Wait for event staff, ring the base for assistance, or send another rider for help. A recovery vehicle will be dispatched when possible. Once back at base, report to the office to confirm that you & your machine are back. NEVER ride or push your machine backwards against the direction of the arrows.
13. If injured, stay with your machine near the trail. Try to move to a safe position where you can be seen. Try to make yourself safe and comfortable. Ring the base on **027 372 1179** if you can or wait for help.
14. First on the scene for a breakdown or accident. Stay with the injured person & the next rider on the scene or another more competent rider with the least medical experience needs to get help.
 - Make sure that oncoming riders cannot hit the injured person or yourself (Park your machine in a position it can be easily seen as a warning to other riders and ask another rider to stand off the track to waive and slow down other traffic)
 - Ring/Txt the base on **027 372 1179** if there is phone coverage.
 - Flag down a marshal, or ride to get mobile phone coverage at a high point on the trail. Follow the track back to base to get medical help or assistance.
 - Please note the next reporting point you see – these are a large black number on a white board.
 - Only use proper marked trails to get to base (some trails may have marked shortcuts take these but keep left as marshals may be coming the other way but will also be left and going slowly).
 - If you know or think you may have been reported broken down or injured, but make it back to base, you must report to the office to say that you are back safe.



15. Notify the office if you are injured (even small injuries need to be notified to assist us in improving track safety).
16. Put rubbish in the bins provided (or take with you as this is another overhead for the park).
17. Be drug and alcohol free.
18. Refrain from smoking.
19. Light no fires.
20. Ask event officials questions if unsure about anything.
21. Check your machine and gear are secured on trailers and utes before driving out.
22. Last but not least, have a bloody good time on our park and treat others how you'd like to be treated.



Compulsory protective gear:

1. Approved applicable Helmet in good condition. (Motorcycle, Mountain Bike, Side By Side/UTV or Horse Trek Helmets. The event officials reserve the right to stop you from entering the trail if they have safety concerns.
2. Boots that are well constructed, either all leather or leather uppers or leather substitute and solid rubber sole not less than 25cm from the inner sole to the top of the boot.
3. Jerseys - long sleeved heavyweight cotton or similar type fabric.
4. Sturdy long trousers.
5. If cold or wet then a jersey or rain jacket is compulsory. Thermals are recommended.
6. Gloves, goggles, knee pads, and body armour are strongly recommended. Note: Ag farm or mountain bike style helmets are NOT accepted for MX or SXS's.



I agree to the following:

1. I have read the Rules for this event as outlined above and agree to be bound by them.
2. I am aware that the sport of Motorcycle, Horse or MTB riding and operating or being a passenger in a SXS/UTV might a) cause me injury including death and b) damage my property.
3. Neither I, or anyone associated or connected with me, will make any claim against you or your officers, employees, agents, consultants or land owners in respect of:
a) any injury suffered by me; or b) any damage to any of my property regardless of how the injury or damage occurs.
4. I will indemnify you against all claims, damages or losses (including costs) which you incur as the direct or indirect result of any injury to me or damage to my property.
5. I am physically fit and there is no health or other reason why I should not participate in the sport of Motorcycle riding or SXS as a driver or passenger. I have advised any minor Medical Conditions in the waiver that should be known in the event of an accident.
6. I am aware that this disclaimer will not affect any legal obligations you have to me which you cannot contract out of under NZ Law.
7. I agree that in this disclaimer “my property” includes any property owned by me or in my possession or under my control.
8. I agree that this disclaimer will be binding on my family, my heirs, my legal assigns and my administrators and executors.
9. Force Majeure: Under no circumstances shall Pongakawa Trail Park trading as Fahey Whanau Limited be held liable for any delay or failure in performance resulting directly or indirectly from acts of nature, forces, or causes beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, fires, flood, storms, explosions, acts of God, war, governmental actions or non-performance of third parties.



10. I understand that no refunds will be given one week prior to, during or after this event for whatever reason including cancellation of the event by the organiser for weather or unforeseen reasons.

11. I wish to take part in this event despite **ALL OF** the risks involved. Riders should be 18 years or older on day of event in order to sign or pre-arrival waiver to be completed with parents if U18's driving themselves to the event.

