

# Environmental Care Contract



## We agree to protect our Taonga

“It is not just DIRT we are standing on, it is the kingdom of precious life!”

- Nature is the source of all life. Caring for our forest is our first priority. Everything else must be measured against this.
- In order to protect the forest and foster the growth of seedlings on the forest floor, we agree to stay on the path (marked with an orange triangle) at all times and won't venture into the forest that surrounds lodge grounds.
- We agree to not stand on protruding roots of trees or climb any trees.
- We agree to not pick any leaves, twigs or branches.
- We agree to not disturb wild life, insects and other creepy crawlies I agree to **look but don't touch**. We give special care to the tiniest living creatures. The more insects are in the forest, the healthier the forest. If creepy crawlies are found in lodge facilities, never squash them. Please remove them with care and the least possible stress back into the forest.
- We agree to **Leave no Trace**. With everything we do, we consider the environment at all times and agree to leave no trace.
- We will ensure that our foot ware and equipment is clean before entering New Zealand Native Bush, it protects our incredible wilderness from pests and disease, so we can enjoy this for generations to come

New Zealand is precious, and everyone who lives and travels here has a responsibility to look after it.  Without Nature we are nothing

## The 3 big C's

1. **Common Sense** - Think before you act
2. **Curtesy** - respect everyone else around you: instructors, teachers, parents, peers and others in the forest
3. **Consideration** - for the Environment at all times

# T i w a i w a k a

healing the mauri of the whenua



The whenua - Papatūānuku - is the source of all life.

She is the Mother.

Caring for the whenua is the first priority.

Everything else must be measured against this.

**Ka ora te Whenua,  
ka ora te tangata!**



- We are not the centre of the Universe but we are part of it.
- The mauri is the web of connections that sustains life.
- Te tangata - people - are not the masters of the mauri; we are part of the mauri and embraced by it.
- No individual person is more important than any other.
- We give special care to the tiniest living creatures.



*Ka ora te Whenua, ka ora te tangata!*