

Finlay Park Fireworks Policy

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This policy is in effect to ensure the safety of all campers, staff, and the animals and environment surrounding the campground.

1. General Fire Safety and Conditions of Use

1.1. Absolute Ban During High Fire Risk:

A Total Ban is in effect during a Prohibited or Restricted Fire Season as declared by Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ). The health and safety manager will monitor the FENZ fire season status and local conditions daily.

No fireworks are permitted in high wind conditions (e.g., winds exceeding 10-15 km/h).

The Finlay Park Camp Director reserves the right to impose a total ban at any time due to dry conditions, weather forecast, or high-risk local factors.

1.2. Permitted Times and Location:

Fireworks must be concluded by 10:30 PM. Any later times must be approved, in writing, by the Camp Director prior to camp beginning.

Designated Launch Zone Only: Fireworks must only be discharged from the designated, cleared, and, launch zone located on the main field

All fireworks must be aimed upwards, away from dry brush, trees, buildings, and animals.

Immediately before any fireworks are set off, the group organiser must confirm with their Finlay Park Camp Host that fireworks are still approved. The host, in consultation the management team, may remove the approval of fireworks for any reason.

1.3. Safety Requirements:

The person discharging fireworks must be an adult (18+) and remain sober and responsible at all times.

Fire Suppression On Hand: A large bucket of water, a working hose connected to a tap, or a certified fire extinguisher (minimum 4.5kg ABC) must be available and within immediate reach at the launch site.

Ground Stability: All aerial fireworks must be placed in a metal, stable container or buried halfway into sand/soil to prevent them from tipping over.

Dud Fireworks: Never attempt to relight a firework that does not ignite. Duds must be left for at least 30 minutes, then soaked in water overnight before disposal.

Safe Disposal: All spent fireworks must be thoroughly cooled and soaked in water overnight before being placed in general rubbish.

2. Animal Welfare and Noise Mitigation

The use of fireworks presents a significant risk of stress, injury, and escape for domestic and farm animals.

2.1. Advance Warning and Notification:

Campers wishing to use fireworks must notify the Program Manager or Bookings manager at least 2 weeks in advance of the intended date and time.

The Program Manager will inform all staff and neighbouring rural properties with animals (if known) of the planned firework time.

2.2. Low-Noise Requirement:

Low-noise or "Silent" fireworks are strongly recommended.

The use of large, commercial-grade, or excessively loud fireworks (e.g., "screaming," "whistling," or high-decibel explosives) must be discussed prior to use. The Camp Director has the final say on the acceptability of a firework.

2.3. Minimum Distance from Animals:

Fireworks must not be set off if any animals (including horses, cattle, sheep) are within at least 50 metres of the designated launch zone. This distance must be checked immediately prior to launch.

3. Responsibility and Liability

All groups use fireworks at their own risk and are responsible for any damage, injury, or loss (including to animals or property) resulting from their use.

The person lighting the fireworks is legally responsible for any fire that starts.

The Finlay Park Management accepts no liability for any consequence arising from the use of fireworks by campers.

Group Acknowledgment:

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all conditions of the Finlay Park Adventure Camps Fireworks Policy. I understand that non-compliance May result in additional charges or Finlay Park not taking any future booking from the group

Signature:

Date:

Group Name:

Arrival Date:

Departure Date:

Requested date and time for fireworks: