



## Hanmer Springs Forest Camp

### *Group Camp Tips*

**There's lots of see and do at the Hanmer Springs Forest Camp, including lots of free activities! Here are some of our tips! Stay a night or stay a week! There's so much to do and see!**

1. **Thinking of coming yearly?** Book up to 3 years in advance with us to ensure you always get your preferred week of stay!
2. **Want to talk to the animals?** Great group deals are available at the Hanmer Springs Animal Park!
3. **Don't want the hassle of cooking for your school camp?** Get Rusty Carrot to cater! They can provide meals for all budgets and cater for allergies and other dietary needs!
4. **Are you daring enough to try some thrill seeking activities?** See Hanmer Springs Attractions for activities including jet boating, canoeing, kayaking or even bungee jump!
5. **Love Food Hate Waste?** Groups generate a large amount of food waste at camp. Please take unspoiled food home or feel free to leave it at the Camp for the volunteers and staff to eat rather than throwing into our food scraps bins. We currently compost 10 tonnes of food waste at the camp per annum with at least ¼ of this food fit for eating.
6. **Want to do a free orienteering, get to know the camp and surrounds?** Ask us to email our Scavenger Hunt or Cemetery Exploration Challenge!
7. **Want to do some community service while at the Camp?** Ask about our current projects or plant a tree and how you can be involved!
8. **Want to take the stress out of planning activities?** Get group rates with Activity Hanmer and let the fun begin!
9. **Want to learn how the Forest Camp works towards zero waste and sustainability?** Check out our sustainable energy sources, our water conservation methods and Bokashi composting system. Book in for a **free** interactive tour with the camp staff and learn how we won International Sustainability Awards for "Environmental Best Practice" in 2015 and 2016!
10. **Earn a Certificate of Appreciation.** The Forest Camp awards certificates to schools and groups that care and respect our environment. Only 5 schools/groups have been awarded this prestigious award in the past 2 years! Make your school the next one!



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11. **Want to find out about our Camp volunteers?** The Forest Camp is working in partnership with "International Youth Volunteer Service". We have four young Germans living and volunteering at the Camp for 12 months. They will be happy to help out with all your group activities at the Camp!
12. **Allocate a parent and/or teenager** to each of the following roles: **Water Monitor**, **Energy Monitor**, **Kitchen Monitor** and **Cabin Cleaning Monitor**. This makes sure we are conserving resources and it makes clean-up easy at the end of Camp.
13. **Always, always, ALWAYS ensure all your students bring a rain jacket and a warm beanie** is a great idea for those cool mornings/evenings! Nothing worse than ending camp with a cold!
14. **Planning to come more than once?** Roll over your deposit and fill in a reservation form at the end of your stay to guarantee a spot.
15. **Make use of pre-camp excitement** and take your group off to town or the Thermal Pools via a walk up Conical Hill once you've dropped off your gear at the Camp
16. **Looking for a fun & inexpensive activity?** Try doing "found art" with pieces of nature found around the camp!
17. **Looking for an activity to do in the evening?** Try Spotlight to make use of the children's or young at heart's energy when the sun goes down
18. **Table Tennis anyone?** There is a table tennis in the undercover area of the Ensor Lodge. Buy balls for \$1.00 and \$10 bond for 2 bats. See reception.
19. **Other outdoor games?** See reception for a range of balls including basketball, soccer, rugby or try petanque or our giant chess board.
20. **Drink mountain fresh water.** Bring refillable water bottles and drink our tested clean and safe UV treated water from our stream! Fill up at our new water fountain in the Ensor Courtyard undercover area.
21. **Rainy day?** Divide everyone into small groups to create a performance for an indoor talent show, organise a slide show of your Camp photos or watch a movie on our big screen in the Rec Hall!



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22. **Want to beat the camp rush?** Book during the winter months & enjoy the luxury of a peaceful week of camp and experience our toasty underfloor-heated bathrooms and radiator-heated kitchen areas. Even our Forestry Hut's heating has been improved!
23. **Have a large group to bring to the Camp?** (we have nearly 200 beds and lots of spacious campsites) & book all our facilities!
24. **Need Wifi ?** You can purchase plans from \$2 a day at reception
25. **Have some post-camp blues?** Send us your photos of all the fun you had at camp so we can post it on our FB or Twitter page! [www.facebook.com/HanmerSpringsForestCamp](http://www.facebook.com/HanmerSpringsForestCamp). Feel free also place a review on Tripadvisor! <https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/>