

Directions to Wharepuka, 144 Lone Kauri Road, Karekare:

Get yourselves up to Scenic Drive in the Waitakere Ranges, and turn left (if coming from the direction of Titirangi) into Piha Road. 8 km down the Piha Road, take a left into Lone Kauri Road. This is a narrow and winding road. 4km from the top of Lone Kauri Road (you will have broken out of the bush at this stage and the terrain is paddocks and pine trees), you'll see a stand of about 16 letter boxes on the right hand side of the road at a junction of Lone Kauri Road with a private farm road. Turn right into the private road (there's a pole on the left at the entrance with a 20km sign, and one that says something like 'private, no access'). Drive about 700m down the private road (and if you're in any doubt during this 700m always veer to the right at any forks). At 700m the road slopes downwards around a left-hand bend and goes directly through a tall, but narrow stand of pine trees. Our driveway is off to the right immediately after the last tree (there should be a sign with "144" on it at the bottom of the driveway, however this has been known to fall over!). It's quite rutted and steep, veering round to the right then back to the left where you'll find our car park, with a short white stone pathway leading down to the house.

If arriving at night, you will find the switch for the path lights on the back of the post at the top of the pathway on the left hand side. There is another switch in the front porch area at the house that will turn them on/off as required.

Thanks, and enjoy your stay.

Malcolm and Sally Law

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KAREKARE “Wharepuka”

Housekeeping and other useful bits:

Hi and welcome. We hope you find the house without too much trouble. Just a few notes:

BEFORE SETTING OFF

- A few things you may want to bring with:
 - Your own sheets & towels (if that's what we have arranged with you)
 - An iPod or CD's
 - Marshmallows – they are great toasted on the outside fire!
- Please, no stilettos (it's really not a stiletto kind of place anyway!) and no dogs or other pets.

ON ARRIVAL

- If arriving at night there is a switch on the post at the top of the path that works outside lights along the path. Please turn these off at the switch on the wall opposite the front door (where the coat hooks are)
- The hob runs off a gas bottle which is situated outside the small kitchen window in a weather-proof box. It should be off when you arrive so you will need to turn it on to get gas. Please make sure the

weather-proof box is put back in place when you are done. There is also a switch for the hob ignition next to the small window. If the gas is on and this switch is on you can cook!

DURING YOUR STAY

- Please collect recyclables in the blue plastic bin outside the front door.
- Plastic bags for the waste bins are in the bottom draw to the right of the dishwasher (below the bins themselves). When these are full please put them in one of the grey Waitakere City Rubbish bags that are on a shelf in the pantry.
- There will hopefully be firewood and kindling already in the house. More wood can be found in the small tin shed that is in the utility area (behind punga fencing, above petanque/fireplace area) or in one of the large wooden boxes at the side of the parking area.
- If you need to chop wood you will find an axe in the tin shed. Please use the large chopping block that is just outside there too.
- The wood burner stove - matches be found in the kitchen island draw under the microwave. The stove can take a while to get started but once going it pumps out plenty of heat. We suggest leaving the door slightly ajar for the first little while so plenty of air gets in. BUT please, please, please keep a close eye on it whenever the door is not firmly shut.
- The oven/grill has a small trick to it – as well as setting the temperature and turning to 'bake' or whatever setting you need, you may also need to tap the 'mode' button to bring the thing to life! If you see the light go on inside you should be OK.
- There are electric fan heaters in the hall cupboard between the master bedroom and the back bedrooms. Please make sure these are not left on if you are out of the house and return to the cupboard before leaving.
- Please top up the wood basket before leaving.
- Bathroom – please make sure the skylight is open slightly when taking showers. The pole for opening it is behind the door.
- Please feel free to use the outdoor bath. It takes a while to fill up but is well worth it.
- BBQ is situated on deck outside kitchen. Please make sure the gas is turned off and the cover replaced (with stones back on top!) when finished with it.
- There is a large red umbrella that goes over the concrete table on the large deck. This can be found in the cupboard in the studio bedroom. Screw the two halves together before mounting in the bracket and when taking it down pull it out in one piece and then unscrew the two halves. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UP OVERNIGHT.
- There are also deck chairs in the studio bedroom cupboard. Please do NOT leave these out overnight and make sure they are put away dry before leaving.
- Switches for outside lights are found on the wall above the dishwasher (bottom switch of three) and in the big back bedroom (next to outside door). Please make sure these are turned off overnight and when leaving.
- There are some games & puzzles and a set of petanque balls in the cupboard under the stereo. Please feel free to use these. Local rules for petanque specify that if you see any weeds on the gravel court you should pull them out!
- TELEVISION & DVD PLAYER
 1. Turn on power at the wall
 2. Turn on using both the Ultra Plus and Sony remotes
 3. You should now only need the Ultra Plus remote to change channels/adjust volume etc
 4. If you are having any problems getting a picture press the 'mode' switch on the Sony remote (top left) and select Video 1
 5. Note you can also listen to a limited selection of radio stations via the TV (press 3rd button from left on 2nd row of Ultra Plus remote to switch between TV & Radio modes.
 6. To watch a DVD press the 'mode' switch on the Sony remote (top left) and select Video 2
 7. Instruction manuals are in the draw beneath TV should you need any further help!

WHEN LEAVING

- PLEASE make sure that the large red umbrella, if you have used it, is NOT left out. Please store it away back in the studio bedroom cupboard (if dry) or in the large wooden shed in the utility area (if wet).
- Rubbish – grey Waiatkere City rubbish bags need to go out on Sunday night for collection Monday morning – they pick up from the end of the private road (by the letterboxes). Please do NOT leave perishables behind and make sure you have taken everything that is yours from the fridge.
- There are blue/yellow recycling wheelie bins at the end of the private road (next to the row of letterboxes). Please place all bottles, tins, plastic etc in one of these bins (it doesn't matter which) prior to your departure, and ensure our blue plastic box is returned to the alcove by the front door.
- Please make sure both gas bottles (hob & bbq) are turned OFF
- If you have used our sheets & towels please leave them on the floor of the alcove in the bathroom.
- Ensure there are no appliances or lights left on. Make sure all power points are turned off at the wall.
- Ensure all windows and the bathroom skylight are firmly shut and all doors are locked.
- Please sign the Guest Book (which is kept on top shelf to right of fridge)
- ...and finally, please leave the house as you find it. A vacuum cleaner can be found in the hall cupboard between the master bedroom and the back bedrooms.

Have a great stay. If there are any problems we can be contacted on 376 3464 (home) or 027 271 5733 (Mal), 021 534 800 (Sally).

Cheers!

Malcolm and Sally Law

PS We value your feedback so we can make any improvements that may make for a better stay. Please email malandsal@xtra.co.nz with your comments.