

Welcome to Poplar View Farmstay





Welcome



We hope you have a comfortable stay here at Poplar View Farmstay and that you get to enjoy some relaxing time looking out over the very picturesque countryside.

The mountain you can see from your deck is called Maungatautari/Sanctuary Mountain, an enclosed predator free area.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unsure of anything.



Again, we thank you for deciding to stay with us and for coming to enjoy our little piece of paradise.

Wishing you all safe travels on your continued journey.



Unit Information

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If you are unsure of anything or there is a problem, just let us know.



- Website: www.poplarview.weebly.com
- Our physical address is: Old Taupo Road, Waotu, R.D.1, Putaruru. Postcode: 3481.

Owner contact details:

- Owner: Mr Hugh Chisholm.

Phone: 027-4818 762 (usually on site during the day).

Email: chisfarm@xtra.co.nz

-  • Please ensure that ALL gates you pass through are left the way you find them. If you have to open a gate, it is vital that you shut it again straight away once you have driven through. Although this doesn't happen often between the road and the units, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that gates that are closed, remain closed until opened again by farm staff.
-  • Just as importantly as the previous point, please **DO NOT TOUCH** any fences, (permanent and temporary), around the units, as these are electrified to keep livestock in paddocks. Please ensure that if you have children, that they are watched to ensure they don't go wandering/touch fences.
- Please try to refrain from cooking any foods that have very strong lasting smells if possible. Don't forget to open the kitchen window when cooking, for ventilation, and ensure that any smelly food/items are placed in the outside rubbish bin. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

- Wifi: If your unit has a wifi unit in it, the password should be on a piece of paper underneath the unit.
- Cellphone coverage: There is coverage available via the major carriers, (Spark, One NZ).
- Please ensure you do not cut food on the benchtops.
- Check-out time is 10am, (unless previously organised with the owner).
- Check-in time is after 3pm, (unless previously organised with the owner).
- Putaruru is the closest town to us in the South Waikato region.
- A map which shows different routes to town, as well as where the different services in town, (Putaruru), are located, are attached.
- Approximate distances to towns/cities within 2 hours/120 mins.

-Putaruru

9 kms/8 mins

-Tokoroa

24 kms/20 mins

-Rotorua

62 kms/50 mins

-Tauranga

72 kms/65 mins

-Taupo

90 kms/70 mins

-Hamilton

65 kms/55 mins

-Cambridge

41 kms/35 mins

-Matamata

39 kms/35 mins

-Waitomo Caves

80 kms/80 mins



- For everyone's safety, please **DO NOT** go walking around the farm, (you are welcome to walk around the unit and up and down the driveway). This is a Health and Safety requirement because we are a working farm.

- If you have washing to be done, please see the enclosed map which shows the locations of 3 laundromats located in Putaruru.

- All units have heatpumps in them, both for heating and cooling. Written instructions can be found in the bottom draw under the cutlery draw. Please ensure the remote is placed back in the wall holder before departing.
- All hot water in all units is heated by gas. Unit 2 has a gas stove. All other units have electricity for cooking.
- No smoking or vaping in any of the units at any time. If you do smoke outside, please do not throw your butts into the paddock, and ensure these are placed in the outside rubbish bin after they have been extinguished.
- Please do not remove this folder (or pages within it) from your unit.
- If you find that something needs our attention, please let us know. If you leave us a note, just leave this on the kitchen table in your unit.
- Any used towels, tea towels etc can be left in the bottom of the shower tray.
- No formal checkout with staff is required when departing. Simply ensure the key is left on the hook inside the front door/slider, and just close the door behind you, (leave the door unlocked).
- All units are lockable. The key is located on a hook on the wall just inside the door. Please ensure you leave this on the hook in your unit before departing.

- When departing, please ensure that your dishes are washed and dried before putting them back in the cupboards/drawers. Please do not put wet dishes/cutlery into the cupboards/ drawers.
- We do not provide breakfasts or cooked meals/food. However, coffee, tea, sugar and powdered milk are complimentary and are available in your unit.
- Please note that the nearest shops for food is in Putaruru, (see the enclosed maps).
- Please do not change the temperature setting in the fridge. It should be set on '2.5' or '3'.
- When you have finished looking at the brochures in this folder, please ensure you put these back in the folder at the end of your stay.
- For your safety, there is a fire extinguisher, CO2 detector, and smoke alarms in all units. Please DO NOT remove any of these from their current locations.

Thanks for staying with us, and I hope you all enjoyed your stay.

Kind regards, Hugh Thisholm (Owner).



Our nearest small town is Putaruru.

Also see the attached 'Town Map' with symbols/legend (yellow highlight).

When you arrive in town from Arapuni Road (which becomes Arapuni Street when you enter the town), you will come to a roundabout. Turn left (Princes Street). There are shops all along here on both sides of the road, including dairies, a mini mart, takeaways/bakeries etc.

Continue on to the next roundabout (The I-Site/Information centre is by this 2nd roundabout).

For the supermarket (Woolworths), service stations (Z, BP and Challenge/Waitomo Fuels) and more shops (including takeaways/bakeries/dairies), at the 2nd roundabout, take the 2nd exit (Main Street) and go over the railway line. At the third roundabout, take the 2nd exit (Tirau Street/SH1). BP is on the right, and Z and Woolworths are on the left. The Challenge/Waitomo Fuels court is a couple of hundred metres past Woolworths on the right (beside the 3rd laundrette).

At the third roundabout if you take the 2nd exit (the same road as BP, Z and Woolworths), this is part of SH1 North (to Tirau /Cambridge/ Tauranga/ Matamata/Rotorua/Hamilton).

At the third roundabout if you take the 3rd exit, this is SH1 South, (to Tokoroa/Taupo).

Doctors:

Tirau Family Doctors (Putaruru and shown on map), 8 Duke Street, Putaruru. 07-8833965. In an emergency, dial 111, (our physical address is Poplar View Farmstay, 468 Old Taupo Road, Waotu, Putaruru, (don't forget to give them your unit number).

Pharmacy/Chemist + NZ Post services agency + Kiwibank agency:

Unichem Pharmacy (shown on map), 5 Duke Street, Putaruru. Ph: 07-8837799. This is also the agency for NZ Post services & Kiwibank.

Laundrettes:

There are 3 laundrettes in Putaruru, (you will need to make sure you have the correct coinage). All are usually open from about 8am-8pm. Regular washing machines are usually \$4 per load (2x\$2 coins for all 3 laundrettes). Laundrettes 1 and 2 do have large washing machines for bulky items/large loads.

Laundrette 1 (has the most machines): At the 1st roundabout, it is on your right, attached to the Putaruru Hotel. Wash \$2 coins and Dry \$1 and \$2 coins. You can also buy packets of washing powder at this laundrette.

Laundrette 2: On right hand side about midway between the 1st and 2nd roundabout. \$2 coins. Washing powder is available a few doors down from this laundrette.

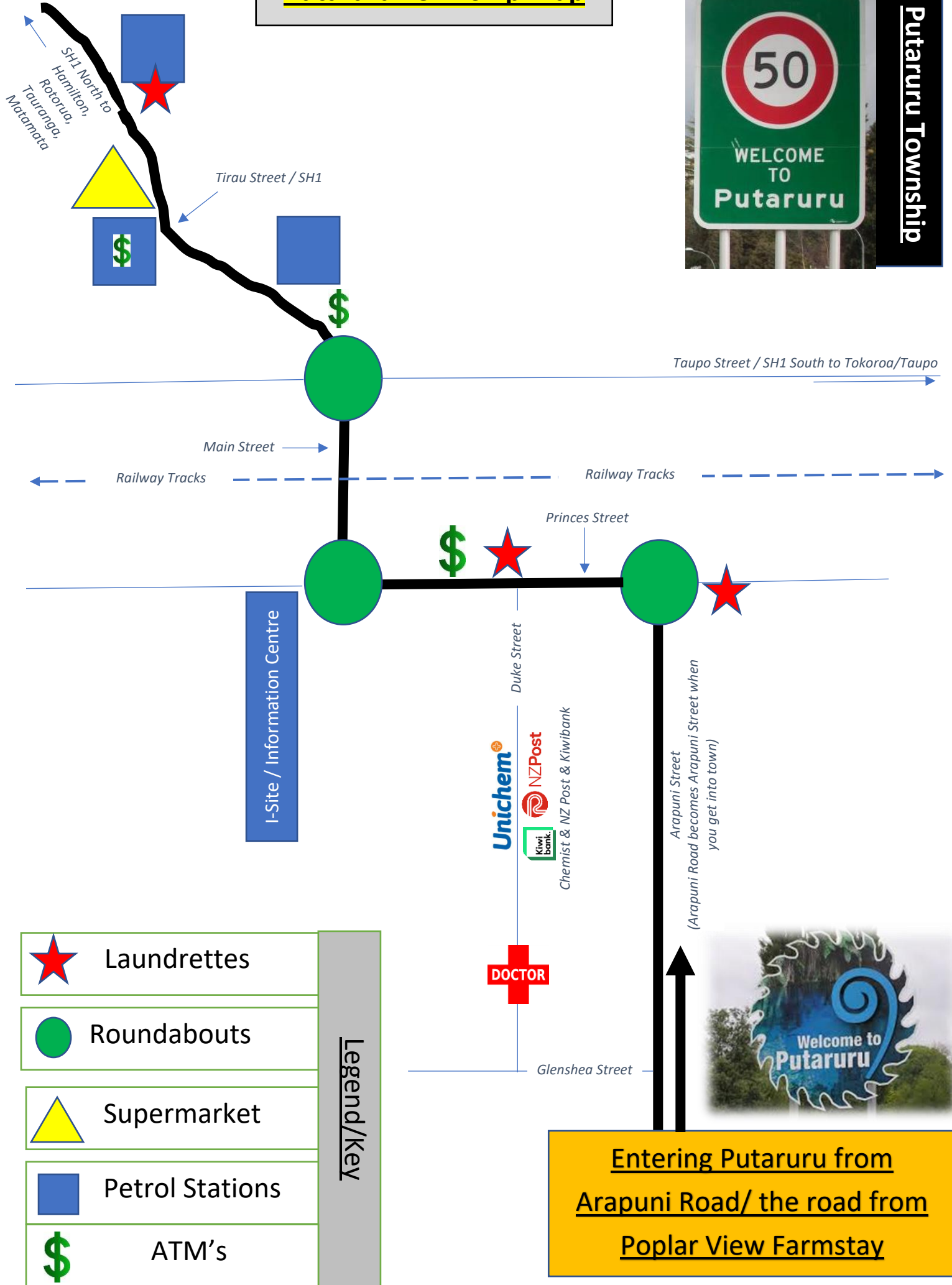
Laundrette 3 (has the least amount of machines): On the right hand side about 250m past Countdown (it's attached to the Challenge/Waitomo fuel court). \$4 per wash and dry (\$2 coins). You can also buy washing powder and get coinage at the Waitomo Fuels shop next door, (they are both run by the same people). This laundrette closes at 7.30pm.

Banks/ATM money machines:

There are a number of ATM money machines in Putaruru. These are shown on the attached Township Map. There is also one inside the Z service station.

Please note that apart from Kiwibank, which is located inside the Unichem Pharmacy/NZ Post agency on Duke Street, there are no physical banks in Putaruru. The nearest towns for a physical bank is either Tokoroa, Matamata or Cambridge.

Putaruru Township Map



Directions from Poplar View Farmstay (Old Taupo Road) to Putaruru township (our nearest town).

Route 1 (Quickest). About 9 kms.

[See attached purple route map.](#)

At the end of the driveway, turn right (into Old Taupo Road). Travel for 350m to Tomalin Rd.

1st turn left into Tomalin Road. Travel for 2kms to Waotu Rd.

At T intersection, turn left (into Waotu Rd). Travel 4kms to Arapuni Rd.

At next T intersection turn right (into Arapuni Road). Town is about 3 kms from here.

Route 2. About 13kms.

[See attached red route map.](#)

At the end of the driveway turn left into Old Taupo Rd. Travel for about 3.5 kms to the crossroads.

At the crossroads by the hall, (there are 5 roads off this crossroads), you can turn right here at Pearson Road, (the sign says Putaruru).

Travel down Pearson Rd for 4 kms and then turn right into Arapuni Road. This Road will then take you to town which is about 6 kms from Arapuni Road.

Route 3. About 15kms.

[See attached blue route map.](#)

From the community hall/crossroads, (mentioned in Route 2 above), continue through the crossroads until you come to a T intersection, (about 1 km from the crossroads/hall). Turn right into Arapuni Rd. Then continue on this road which leads straight to town (about 11 kms).

Route 1 (quickest): About 9 kms (purple colour)

Route 2: About 13 kms (red colour)

Route 3: About 15 kms (blue colour)



Poplar View Farmstay Units
Old Taupo Rd



Community Hall at Crossroads

To Arapuni, Te Awamutu (Arapuni Rd)

To Cambridge, Matamata (Horahora Rd)

To Tokoroa

At end of driveway, turn right. Travel 350m

At end of driveway, turn left. Travel 3.5km to crossroads

Continue through crossroads for 1 km

Take 1st left into Tomalin Road (2kms)

Old Taupo Road

At crossroads, turn tight into Pearson Rd. Travel for 4 kms

At the T intersection, turn right into Arapuni Rd. Stay on this road all the way to town (about 11 kms)



Putaruru

At T intersection, turn left into Waotu Rd. Travel for 4 kms

At T intersection, turn right into Arapuni Rd. Travel 3kms to town

At T intersection, turn right into Arapuni Rd. Travel 6 kms to town

Local Attractions

There are many things to do and see while in our area. A few of these are listed below.

- Jones Landing Reserve
- Te Waihou Walk to the Blue Springs
- New Zealand Timber Museum
- Okoroire Hot Springs and Golf Course
- Putaruru Golf Course
- Tirau Golf Course
- Tokoroa Golf Course
- Tirau Village
- Sanctuary Mountain/Maungatautari Mountain
- Arapuni Swingbridge
- Hobbiton (Matamata)
- Lake Karapiro
- Arapuni Dam
- Arapuni Village (don't forget the Rhubarb Café at Arapuni)
- Trout Fishing
- Cheese Making course and tastings
- Waikato River Trails
- Jim Barnett Reserve

For further information about these, Google search them, and/or pop into the Putaruru Information Site, (I-Site), in town which is shown on the attached town map. Their phone number is 07-883 7284. Their hours are usually Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm.

A useful website is: www.putaruru.co.nz