



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Purpose

Whanganui Tours is committed to promoting sustainable tourism practices that minimize our environmental impact, support the well-being of the Whanganui region, and preserve natural resources for future generations. This policy outlines our environmental goals and the actions we take to achieve them.

Scope

This policy and associated procedures apply to all directors, staff and contractors working for the company.

Policy

Whanganui Tours respects our relationship with the natural environment and its ecosystems. We acknowledge the adverse impacts that human activity can impose and take actions to prevent degradation of those natural systems.

Whanganui Tours commits to the following principles and practices:

- Monitoring and managing our environmental performance and working towards targets set to reduce adverse impacts.
- Complying with relevant local Government environmental policy, practices, regulations and legislation, and industry-specific legislation.
- Living by the tenets of the TIA Commitment to sustainable Tourism.
- Where possible Whanganui Tours staff will be encouraged to purchase biodegradable or recycle products, eco cleaning products & rubbish bags.
- Once a month to pick up rubbish along the Whanganui River Road.
- Commit to purchasing 10 Tree's from Tree's that count on a Quartley basis.
- Commit to the Tiaki promise. The promise is to care for New Zealand, for now and for future generations and to act as a guardian, protecting and preserving our home.
- Encourage visitors to plant a tree with us along the Whanganui River

Energy Conservation

- Our facilities will prioritize energy-saving measures such as LED lighting and energy-efficient appliances.
- We encourage staff and guests to minimize energy use by turning off lights and equipment when not in use.
- We aim to reduce energy consumption by utilizing energy-efficient vehicles and equipment.

Water Consumption

- We implement water-saving practices such as using low-flow taps and toilets at our facilities.
- Our tours are planned with water conservation in mind, ensuring minimal impact on local water resources.
- Guests are encouraged to use water responsibly during tours.
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Waste Management

- We strive to minimize waste generation by reducing, reusing, and recycling wherever possible, with recycling facilities to be provided
- Staff and visitors are encouraged to recycle
- Educate staff and visitors correctly on the use of recycling facilities
- Compostable waste removed off-site to be composted
- Waste is to be collected in biodegradable rubbish bags
- Our tours operate on a zero-waste principle, encouraging guests to carry reusable items and avoid single-use plastics.

Sustainable Sourcing

- We prioritize the use of locally sourced, eco-friendly materials and products in our operations.
- Our supply chain partners are evaluated for their environmental practices, ensuring they align with our sustainability goals.
- With our cycle tours we promote sustainability by sourcing fresh, local food from nearby gardens and farms, ensuring our guests enjoy eco-friendly, wholesome meals.
- Seasonal Ingredients: Using ingredients that are in season, reducing the need for energy-intensive storage or transportation.

Vehicle Fleet - Pollution

- Staff to schedule routes minimising wastage, fuel consumption to reduce carbon footprint
- All vehicles are to be serviced and maintained, we ensure their efficiency with a modern fleet.
- Vehicles to be washed using a car wash with recyclable water
- Carbon emissions of the fleet will be monitored
- Our vehicles and equipment are maintained regularly to reduce emissions and prevent leaks or spills.
- We educate our staff and guests on the importance of minimizing pollution during tours, such as avoiding littering and using eco-friendly products.

Restoring Nature

- Whanganui Tours actively participates in and supports local conservation and habitat restoration projects delivering
- We collaborate with local environmental organizations Trees that count and Mouri Turoa o Whanganui - Nga Tangata Tiaki to plant 1000 hectare native trees project and restore Awa and natural landscapes affected by tourism
- Carbon emissions of the fleet will be monitored.
- At Whanganui Tours, our tours run alongside the Mail Run to reduce emissions through national parks and scenic routes, letting you enjoy the landscapes while helping the environment.
- We educate our staff and guests on the importance of minimizing pollution during tours, such as avoiding littering and using eco-friendly products.
- Predator Free 2050 support includes transporting equipment and bait for DoC and reporting sightings of Nankeen Night Heron, seen only on the Whanganui River.

Responsibility & Review

Responsibility:

Whanganui Tours is committed to preserving the natural beauty of our surroundings by minimizing our environmental impact. We take responsibility for integrating sustainable practices into every aspect of our operations, from reducing carbon emissions and promoting eco-friendly transportation to sourcing local, sustainable food. Our commitment extends to educating our guests on environmental stewardship, ensuring that our activities support the conservation of the landscapes and communities we serve.

Policy Review:

Our environmental policy is reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. This review process involves assessing our current practices, setting new sustainability goals, and incorporating feedback from stakeholders, including guests, staff, and community partners. By continually evaluating and improving our policy, we strive to enhance our positive environmental impact and lead by example in the tourism industry. Whanganui Tours will continue to research and understand the effects our business has on the environment, with the aim to further reduce our company's imprint.

This Environmental Sustainability Policy is the responsibility of the Management of Whanganui Tours. This policy was last updated 4 January 2023 and will be reviewed August 2023.

