

## Peel Forest Outdoor Centre



### Location:

90 minutes drive from Christchurch, nestled under the Canterbury foothills.

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Peel Forest Outdoor Centre is South Canterbury's premier outdoor and environmental education centre. We are dedicated to making sure that you and your group have an inspirational, educational experience that leaves you smiling and keen for more!

We have a strong environmental emphasis and have won both the Sustainable Business Network Southern Innovation Award and the Outdoors New Zealand Best Facility Award.

Peel Forest Outdoor Centre offers outdoor education, education for sustainability and accommodation. We can provide transport and organise food, if required.

### Facilities

Peel Forest Outdoor Centre is set in 18 hectares (50 acres) of regenerating native bush, protected by a QE II covenant and adjacent to Peel Forest Scenic Reserve. A large open field is available for games. The EcoLodge and Strawbale Cabin are approximately five minutes walk from the carpark and groups are encouraged to walk in. Four wheel drive access is available for emergencies and to drop off food and equipment.

The Centre has an office, along with a classroom and equipment and changing facilities, in Peel Forest Village.

**EcoLodge:** 23 beds, in five rooms. Large sunny deck with BBQ's. Gas cooking, gas fridge/freezer and wood fired oven. Two wood fires, with ducted heating to all sleeping rooms, with wood supplied. Solar/wetback water heating. Power from solar panels and battery bank, with generator back up. Room to camp up to 40 people outside the lodge. Staying at the EcoLodge is a great way to experience alternative technologies and to reduce your footprint on the Earth.

**Strawbale cabin:** Self-contained accommodation for up to five. Solar power. Fire bath

## SOUTH CANTERBURY

**Transpower Classroom:** Classroom/conference room for up to 30. Can be divided into two smaller spaces. Data/video projector, television, slide and OHP projectors, whiteboards, WiFi internet access. Kitchenette. Heated by wood fire. Transpower classroom is located at our base in Peel Forest Village.

### Activities

Rafting, kayaking (decked, sit on and inflatable), rock climbing, abseiling, tramping, bushcraft, orienteering, mountaineering, snowshoeing, adventure based learning, high rope course, low rope course, environmental education. We also run sustainable building courses in conjunction with Aroaki Polytechnic.

Easy access to Peel Forest Scenic Reserve, Rangitata and Orari Rivers, Te Kahui Kaupeka Conservation Park and the Upper Rangitata Valley.

Peel Forest Outdoor Centre staff hold New Zealand Outdoor Instructor Association (NZOIA) and NZ Rafting qualifications, as well as current first aid certificates. Our rafting operation is audited annually by Maritime NZ.

### Programmes

We provide customised programmes for primary and secondary schools, clubs, community groups, conferences and corporate groups, that meet **your** needs. Risk management documentation is available on request. We can provide transport, clothing for clients and all specialist equipment.

### Services

Milk, bread and general supplies available at the store in Peel Forest Village, five minutes away. Medical services are 15 minutes away in Geraldine.

