Iris Lodge Alpacas

Information for Visitors with Access Needs

# About

Iris Lodge Alpacas is an eco-friendly hinterland sanctuary on the Central Coast. The working farm is home to 140 alpacas, 12 llamas and a variety of other animals, all freely roaming across 93 picturesque acres.

The hosts actively welcome all visitors and accommodate a range of needs as required.

# Overview

From petting and hand-feeding the animals to relaxing outdoors in the serene Central Coast Hinterland, every visit to Iris Lodge is an opportunity to create unforgettable memories.

These immersive agri-tourism experiences are educational, family-friendly, and accessible, making Iris Lodge Alpacas a unique and essential stop on any New South Wales drive itinerary north of Sydney.

Experiences include:

* Brunch with alpacas
* Alpaca meet and greets
* Alpaca farm visits, including babydoll and wiltipoll sheep.

Welcoming and appropriate for:

* Manual and Motorised Wheelchairs
* Visitors with Reduced Mobility
* Non-English
Speaking Visitors
* D/deaf and Hard of Hearing Visitors
* Blind or Sight-Impaired Visitors
* Neurodiverse Visitors
* Intergenerational Visitors
* School Groups

# Getting there

Iris Lodge Alpacas, 33 Dunks Lane, Jilliby NSW 2259

## Distances

Wyong 9-minute drive approx. (8km)

Gosford 27-minute drive approx. (26km)

Sydney 1hr 15 min drive approx.

Newcastle 1hr drive approx. (72km) (104km)

## Nearby

The Art House 7-minute drive approx. (5km)

Wyong Milk Factory 5-minute drive approx. (4km)

Central Coast Wetlands 12-minute drive approx. (8km)

Pioneer Dairy 12-minute drive approx. (8km)

# Getting around

Iris Lodge is a working farm with all the equipment and considerations to make it a functional farmgate experience for visitors.

The accessible car park is 10 metres from the farmgate on a solid surface.

When you arrive, you’ll be briefed by the hosts about your day on the farm. Depending on the experience booked, you’ll be led to different parts of the farm.

Alpacas and Llamas are fed in different paddocks and on the pathways.

From the main entrance, the closest paddock is about 30 metres away and the larger, covered feeding area with seating is about 100 metres.

Access has been considered though some visitors with reduced mobility should be aware the surfaces are small stones and grass.

A ramp is available for access into the outdoor kitchen area and the hosts are very willing to assist in any way to enable guest requirements.

Please be aware dogs are not permitted on our farm as we have sheep guard dogs, sheep and alpacas.

# Accessibility

Accessible Parking Yes (Informal)

Accessible Toilet Yes (RH transfer)

Ambulant Toilet Yes (x3)

Step- Free 90% Areas step-free

Surface Grass and gravel

Sounds Alpacas, llamas, sheep & birds

Smells Dried grass, animal droppings

Light Natural daylight

Temperature Varies (daytime 10-28°C)

## Surfaces

Some are stony, other are grass, all are flat. These are effected by weather.

## Gates & doorways

Gates are ‘easy open’ spring closing and a minimum 1.2-metres wide.

## Paths and roads

Main pathways are shared roads approximately 2.5 metres wide.

## Seating in Brunch area

Seating near the outdoor kitchen has backrests and arm rests.

## Smells

The smell from animals and the dried grass animal feed can be present. Smells from food cooking.

## Accessible Parking

The allocated parking is on a hard surface. No ground markings are in place.

## Brunch Area

This covered brunch area is accessible via four steps.

## Ramp Access

A portable ramp is used to access the outdoor picnic area and brunch area.

## Seating at Paddock

There is seating at the main feeding paddock (stone blocks).

## Weather/Temperature

Check the local weather and dress suitably for the occasion.

# Your hosts

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