

Ambury Farm Birthday Parties

Information Pack



Ambury Farm party packages

There are 4 different packages for birthday parties at Ambury Farm.

All parties are in the “Felt room” which is part of the shearing shed.

All prices include GST.

The barn is not bookable for birthday parties.

Strict number limits are in place. Parties are limited to 20 children and a maximum of 30 people in total so that our animals do not get stressed.

Parties can be booked Saturday, Sunday and some public holidays (surcharge applies) at 10am and 1.30pm (party booking is subject to availability).

Timeslots

		Saturday	Sunday	Public Holiday's
AM	Set Up / Start*	10am	10am	10am
	Finish / Depart*	12pm	12pm	12pm
PM	Set Up / Start*	1:30pm	1.30pm	1:30pm
	Finish / Depart*	3:30pm	3:30pm	3:30pm

*** These times will be strictly enforced.**

The farm animals visitors interact with may vary during the year.

The health and welfare of the parks animals is very important. Any abuse of the animals will not be tolerated.

Whilst the animals are trained to experience people, they will defend themselves if they are frightened or being harmed.

It is strongly suggested that the customer plan their party time frames to include the following:

- Arrival, greet party host & site induction (5 minutes)
- Set up party
- Guest arrival
- Animals briefing (adults)
 - Undertaken 5mins before children are taken to the animal area.
- Animals briefing (children)
 - Undertaken before children are taken to the animal area. No access prior to this being undertaken.
- Animals activity / walk (depending on package booked)
- Cake celebration
- Clean up party
- Departure – must be by specified time above.

Packages description and cost

Room only hire: \$150

- Exclusive use of felt room for 1 ½ hours.
- Tables and seating provided.
- Self-guided access to farm animals for the duration of your visit.

Basic party: \$300

This party is directed at younger children, under two years.

Same as room only hire, plus:

- 20 minutes with a 'farmer' to hold and pat rabbits, guinea pigs, lambs or visit other farm animals nearby*.
- Feed the animals - food supplied in small paper bags.

Tour party: \$350

This party is directed at children three years and older, younger children can follow on the tour but some of the activities are not suited for children under three years.

Same as room only hire, plus:

- 30-minute guided farm tour that will include some of the following: chicken and kid goat feeding, rabbit or guinea pig holding and hay feeding the sheep and goats*.

Tour party deluxe: \$400

This party is directed at children three years and older.

Younger children can follow on the tour but some of the activities are not suited for children under three years.

Same as room only hire, plus:

- 40-minute guided farm tour that will include some of the following: chicken and kid goat feeding, rabbit or guinea pig holding and hay feeding the sheep and goats*.

* Ambury Farm is a working farm. Some animals may not be present due to seasonal or operational factors.

Terms and conditions of party package and hireage

Restrictions

Ambury Regional Park is a family-oriented public venue. The following restrictions apply:

- Numbers will be strictly monitored as large groups will stress farm animals
- Dogs are prohibited
- Parties are alcohol-free
- No loud music
- No ball games allowed inside
- No decorations (party popper, balloons, confetti or streamers) which create waste and can blow into the paddocks and make animals sick if eaten.
- Acceptable decorations include: paper birthday banners for wrapping round tables, themed paper plates, table clothes, cups and napkins and party hats.
- Cruelty to animals, either by accident or on purpose will not be tolerated and may lead to the party being terminated.

Food and beverage

- You must provide all your own food. There are no facilities to buy food on premises.
- There are no facilities to store or heat food.
- Provide your own plates, utensils, knives, napkins and decorations.
- Use reusable food storage containers where possible as we are a zero waste farm.
- Use compostable materials and ensure minimal waste.
- Take home any party waste or rubbish.
- Ensure that children do not feed party food to the animals.

Room hireage

- Includes the following facilities:
 - 3 rectangular tables with 25 stools,
 - sinks and bench top space for food and party preparation.
- Tables have been modified to suit young children's height.

Supervision

- Children must be supervised at all times.
- Ensure you have enough adults for supervision. We recommend a ratio of 5 children to 1 adult.

Payment

- Full payment is required at time of booking, with no tentative holds.

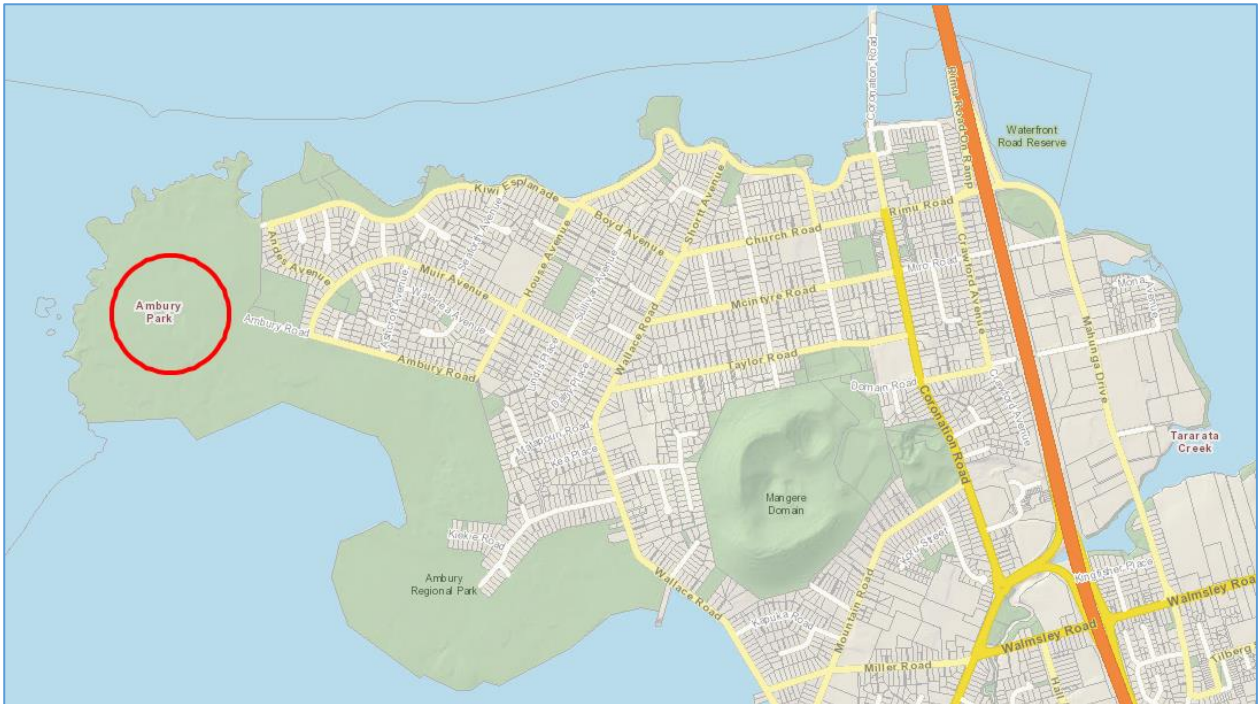
Refunds and cancellations

- Cancellations due to Metservice/Civil Defence official warning or operational farm requirements only are entitled to a full refund. Cancellations made 21 days prior to your party will receive a full refund.

- Cancellations within 20 days or less do not qualify for any refund and will require full payment. Wet weather conditions do not provide reason for cancellation unless there is an accompanying Metservice or Civil Defence official warning.
- Cancellations may occur due to operational requirements, if this occurs all bookings charges will be refunded.

Park Location

Ambury Regional Park is located in Mangere Bridge and is accessed via Ambury Road.



- There is no vehicle access to the park via Kiwi Esplanade, Wellesley Road or Wallace Road.



Site map



- The site map above shows the location of the felt room, toilets and general location of the animals.
- Rabbits and guinea pigs will be inside the wool shed, which is adjoined to the felt room and accessed via an internal door only.

Ambury Birthday Parties Checklist

Restrictions

Customer is informed, understands and agrees:

- The space is available for a maximum of 20 children (30 guests in total inc adults). If numbers exceeded this, the booking may be immediately cancelled, with no refund at the sole discretion of Council.
- Numbers will be strictly monitored. Please abide by the limits as large groups will stress the animals.
- Dogs are prohibited
- No alcohol
- No loud music
- No ball games allowed inside
- No decorations (party popper, balloons, confetti or streamers) which create waste and can blow into the paddocks and make animals sick if eaten.
- Cruelty to animals, either by accident or on purpose will not be tolerated and may lead to the party being terminated.

Food

Customer is informed, understands and agrees:

- There are no facilities to store or heat food
- Provide your own food, cake, plates, utensils, knives and candles
- Use reusable food storage containers where possible
- Use recyclable materials and have minimal waste
- Ensure that children DO NOT feed party food to the animals.
- Take home any waste or rubbish from the party to sort and recycle.

On the day

Customer is informed, understands and agrees:

- To arrive at the specified time so that the party host can greet, induct and confirm that booking rules are understood by a staff member on duty who has sole discretion on managing the booking.
- Packages cannot be changed or times extended on the day.

Supervision of guests

Customer is informed, understands and agrees that:

- The customer making the booking is responsible for the groups' behaviour, cleaning and any damage to infrastructure.

- ☒ Should any animals be harmed, and its deemed by the party host hat they require veterinary attention, the cost will be paid by the party organiser.
- ☒ All children must be supervised at all times, so please ensure you have enough adults for supervision.

Payment

Customer has been informed, understands and agrees:

- ☒ Payment at time of booking.
- ☒ No tentative holds.

Refunds / Cancellations

Customer has been informed, understands and agrees:

- ☒ As Ambury is a working farm, it is expected that all customers making a booking understand the cancellation conditions.
- ☒ Refunds / Cancellations will only occur due to Metservice / Civil Defence warning criteria only.
- ☒ Cancellations may occur due to operational requirements, if this occurs all bookings charges will be refunded.

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