

Food & Fibre: Taratahi Residential Stay Information



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The Food & Fibre courses are free two, three or six week training courses based at the Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre, 529 Cornwall Road, on the outskirts of Masterton. Please see the map overleaf for details.

These courses run to the following schedule:

- The taster camp's first week starts at 9.30am Monday, and finishes 5.00pm Thursday. The following weeks of the programme will be Monday to Friday, with hours varying depending on which module you are involved in. Please confirm your hours with your trainer.
- The agriculture contracting course runs 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, over 6 weeks
- The fencing course runs 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, over 3 weeks
- The shearing course runs 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, over 2 weeks

The courses, including accommodation for the full duration, are completely free, and there are also free meals provided during course days. On the weekends participants can either return home or you are welcome to stay on site for free. If you choose to stay during the weekends, please be aware that meals will not be provided and you will need to self-cater.

How do I get there? You are expected to make your own way at your own cost to Taratahi. Come through as if you are going to Carterton/Wellington. After leaving the outskirts of Masterton you will go over a long concrete bridge. Take the first road on the left (Cornwall Road), proceed approximately 5km. Taratahi will be sign-posted on your left, after the sharp right and then left hand turns.

If you are using GPS please be aware there is a Cornwall Street in Masterton.

Should you need to be picked up from the Masterton Station, please arrange this beforehand via the Taratahi Office on 06 222 4030.

There are two taxi services available: First Choice Cabs – 027 930 2678 and Masterton Radio Taxis – 06 378 2555.



What is provided? Accommodation, meals and training are provided free Monday to Thursday (or to Friday, if your course runs on this day). Weekend accommodation is free if you'd like to stay, however meals will not be provided on these days.

You need to notify us if you have any special dietary requirements. Laundry facilities are provided. Please bring your own laundry powder. Transport to/from local farm and industry visits is provided.

What do I need to bring? Sleeping bag or bed linen, toiletries, towels, drink bottle, any snacks for between meals, clothes/changes of clothes, sturdy shoes, wet weather gear, gumboots. If you are intending to stay at Taratahi during the weekends you'll need to bring your own food/meals for the weekend period

Accommodation All students are accommodated in one of six pods. Each pod offers the following:

- Your own furnished room with a bed, desk, chair and dresser (there are 8 bedrooms per pod)
- Heating and power
- Wifi access
- Small kitchenette and lounge, with fridge, microwave, toaster, sandwich maker, hot drink making facilities and a television
- Shared showers and toilets (cleaned daily)
- Washing machine and dryer

Other facilities include	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreation room (table tennis, darts, pool table)• Library and television room• Gym and basketball court• Swimming pool
Is parking provided?	Car parking is provided
Food	Taratahi provides three fully catered meals, 5 days a week, with self-catering if staying on campus during the weekend. Most dietary requirements are catered for whether they are based on health, religious or ethnic reasons.
Pastoral Care	Staff are on hand 24/7 in management and residential roles to make sure your stay is safe, secure and happy. They also provide support for you if you need practical or emotional help.
Important Note	Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre is a drug, alcohol and smoke free campus.
