



International Polo and Riding Centre – Wallingford, Hawke’s Bay, New Zealand

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If you are looking for the best in Polo Training, riding treks on the beach or over farms, and riding tuition then come to Wallingford at the centre of Hawke’s Bay Wine Country in New Zealand. We take care of everything for you once you arrive - riding, accommodation, local activities and sightseeing - so that your time with us is memorable – so come, relax and enjoy.

We are located

In Central Hawke's Bay among the coastal hill country typical of the North Island's East Coast and six miles inland from the unspoilt long sandy beaches of Porangahau, with it's genuine nine hole golf links, and Blackhead known for it's outstanding rock and sea fishing.

To our north within a twenty-minute drive are vineyards and golf courses in abundance, and trout fishing in the well known Tukituki River. A further twenty minutes takes you to the heart of Hawke's Bay Wine Country.

Close by the Wallingford Homestead where you stay are: -

- Witchwood Farm, with its own private polo field, where the horses are trained and groomed under the watchful eye of your riding trainer Brett Hamer
- The Wanstead Polo Club, the second largest club in New Zealand
- Woodmallets world leaders in the manufacture of polo sticks, croquet mallets and sets
- The Duke of Edinburgh Hotel at Porangahau produces some of the finest sea food you can find
- The Dannevirke Hunt covers much of the local area farmland

Your riding - Brett & Sammy Hamer and their facility, Witchwood

Witchwood Farm Polo
483 Ugly Hill Road
Wanstead
+64 6 855 4969
witchwoodpolo@xtra.co.nz

Brett has played Polo professionally in England for 10 years off 2 goals. He spends his time between the UK and Witchwood playing and teaching Polo. Witchwood has a range of riding activities to offer, which include farm, beach and polo. He offers group packages, specialised single and couple tuition. For those who would rather go for a ride on the beach or the farm he has a wide range of horses to suit all standards ranging from hacks through to the exciting polo pony. Polo packages include; stick and ball, club chukkas, tournaments and individual tuition.

Your accommodation - the Wallingford Homestead – Jen & Johnny Ormond

2914 Porangahau Road
Waipukurau
+64 6 855 4701
info@wallingford.co.nz

Riders and their partners stay at Wallingford one of New Zealand’s historic homesteads built and owned by the Ormond family



and purported to be the largest single storey dwelling in the southern hemisphere.

Close by is the Wanstead Polo ground and Brett Hamer's riding facility. Wallingford will be your base for the course, set in grand and luxurious surroundings it is the ideal secluded getaway fully licensed with Cordon Bleu chef, solar heated pool and pavilion complex, 55" plasma screen, Sky TV, Broadband Internet, double grass tennis courts, croquet lawns, golf and shooting platforms and native bush walks.

Surrounding the homestead is Wallingford Station a 3,000 acres sheep and beef cattle breeding property with historic links to the New Zealand horse racing, hunting and polo communities, the riding courses include treks across the Station.

Group Sizes

Polo Training and playing groups are limited to six riders.

Riding treks on the beach or over farms and riding tuition groups are limited to a maximum of 12 riders.

And for those partners not interested in riding there is an unlimited range of interesting and fun activities available in the area that we can organise for you.

The Season

Runs during New Zealand summers from the 2nd weekend in November to the end of March.

Meal and Accommodation rates

The reservation page of this website has the indicative accommodation tariff and current meal and beverage rates. While NZ public holidays attract a premium, groups and long stays are discounted.

Contact Jen & Johnny Ormond for a quote via email info@wallingford.co.nz or phone +64 6 855 4701.

Polo – Beach - Farm riding

Hard hats and riding boots can be provided, advisable to bring your own for maximum comfort and safety. Participants will receive a certificate of achievement and grade at the end of the course. Polo players who achieve –2 goal standards will be invited to join the Wanstead polo club and play live polo at the end of the Course, a membership fee is payable of \$250.

Contact Brett Hamer for a quote via email witchwoodpolo@xtra.co.nz or phone +64 6 855 4969.

Inquiries, Contact and travel times

Travel time from Palmerston North, or Napier, airports is 90 minutes by car.

For further enquiries or bookings please contact either Brett Hamer at his e-mail address above, or Johnny Ormond whose address and contact details are below, or visit the Wallingford website.

Best wishes

Sammy & Brett Hamer
Jen & Johnny Ormond