



CHAKOLA

Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

230B Mount Scanzi Rd, Kangaroo Valley NSW 2577

VISITORS INFORMATION

Chakola has been a Gazetted Wildlife Refuge and Voluntary Conservation Area for many years. Wildlife is regularly seen but easily spooked so "quiet enjoyment" is more likely to be rewarded - particularly in the early morning and late afternoon. Ever since Chakola opened in 1965 it has operated on a few basic tenets...

"All activities will be safe"

Chakola is available for institutions, foundations, organisations, clubs and business, common-interest & private groups for "quiet enjoyment" or to undertake their choice of activity in a responsible and safe manner while respecting the environment, the flora and resident fauna. Entry into the Conservation Area is at your own risk. If you enter the Conservation Area stay on the tracks and do not walk alone. Always wear appropriate footwear (bare feet, thongs and open-toed sandals are NOT recommended).

"Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints".

It is not permitted to collect or remove or damage or hurt any flora or fauna at Chakola. No guns. No pets. A campfire is only permitted in the established location below the main building. If a campfire is desired please discuss with the owner in advance as a fire permit may be required (or a total fire ban may be in effect) and firewood may need to be arranged on your behalf.

If you use it, clean it. If you move it, put it back. If it breaks, please let us know...

Chakola has always encouraged guests to do their own dishes, put things back where they came from and at the end of their stay leave the facilities as they were found. Brooms & brushes, mops & buckets, cloths, sponges and cleaning agents are available. On the day of departure please allow sufficient time and organise teams to tidy up, replace, clean and return facilities to the condition they were found.

Additional notes for your safety and reference:

- Always wear appropriate footwear – bare feet, thongs & sandals are not recommended
- Ticks are common (leeches occasional). We recommend you bring a pump-spray insecticide such as Aerogard or Rid etc and apply liberally before entering the bush
- Mobile phone and mobile data network signals are reliable around the buildings (only)
- Chakola has a septic system. Only toilet paper is to be flushed. Use the bins provided
- Chakola relies entirely on rainwater - which is chlorinated and filtered. Please keep showers brief and do not leave taps running unnecessarily

- Food should not be left out overnight. Put it away (in cold room, fridge or pantry) and keep kitchen cupboards and doors closed overnight.
- Recyclable plastics, bottles & glass and metal & tins are to be sorted and placed separately in the three round black bins behind the kitchen.
- Paper & cardboard is to be placed in the large yellow & green bin.
- General waste is to be placed in the large black & red bin.

- Compostable food scraps (no bones) can be taken behind the water tank and left inside the tree line or bagged and put in the black & red bin.
 - The power point for the commercial dishwasher on the front deck is on the wall behind and below the unit. Pots and pans (etc) are washed in the kitchen sink.
 - There is a hot water urn on the front deck. Tea/coffee ingredients are not supplied.
 - An initial supply of toilet paper, hand wash and hand towels are supplied in bathrooms.
 - There is a broom and dustpan hanging on the western corner verandah post of each cabin. Please sweep the cabin floor, empty bins, close windows, doors and fly screen. Any linen supplied can be stripped and left on the beds for collection
- Brooms, dustpans and mop with bucket are outside the bathrooms. Please empty bins, sweep and mop bathroom floors, turn off lights and fans and close doors securely
- The fridge and cold room must be emptied and turned off, equipment cleaned and returned to its original location, benchtops wiped down, floor swept and mopped
- Note: for a peaceful night, and to allow the refrigeration coils to thaw overnight, we suggest the cold room be turned off each evening
- Tidy and sweep the main hall. Return tables and furniture to original locations. Ensure all windows and doors are closed
- Please return plastic chairs to their original stacked location in the 'Big Barn', ensure lights and fans are turned off, and (if raised) carefully lower the green vinyl roller blinds
- Note: At least two people should be used to raise and lower vinyl roller blinds to avoid jamming the string in pulleys. Blinds can stay open overnight in good weather but must be lowered in case of rain

Chakola Users Manual:

This document contains technical and operational guidelines for most of the facilities and can be referred to "in case of need". A printed copy is in the Main Hall in the bookcase under the stairs outside the kitchen. A soft copy can be made available on request.

The owners will usually be on site (or contactable on 0402 315 122) to answer questions.