

THE EDIBLE FOREST ESTATE

Welcome Guide

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This publication forms part of the Official Publication Library of THE EDIBLE FOREST ESTATE LIMITED.

It provides practical guidance for landowners visiting and enjoying an Edible Forest Estate.

This publication should be read alongside the Landowner Information Pack (TEFE-IN-001), Constitution (TEFE-CO-001), Estate Standards Manual (TEFE-ES-001), and other applicable Estate publications.

Publication Purpose

Congratulations and welcome to The Edible Forest Estate.

This publication has been prepared to help you make the most of your ownership from your very first visit.

It explains what to expect, how the Estate operates and how every landowner can help preserve the Estate for future generations.

Whilst other Estate publications describe governance, standards and legal arrangements, this guide focuses on practical information for everyday use.

1. Welcome

Before visiting your plot we recommend that you;

- Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear;
- Check the weather forecast;
- Carrying drinking water during warm weather;
- Remember that farmland can become muddy and uneven;
- Keep a charged mobile telephone with you where possible;
- Inform someone if you are visiting alone.

Every Estate is different.

Conditions may vary depending upon weather, season and agricultural activity.

2. Before Your First Visit

Unless the context requires otherwise:

- Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- References to persons include individuals, companies, partnerships and other legal entities;
- Headings are provided for convenience only and do not affect interpretation;
- “including” means “including without limitation” ;
- References to publications include any approved revision of that publication;
- References to legislation include any amendment or replacement legislation;
- Measurements are approximate unless expressly stated otherwise;
- References to written communication include electronic communication unless expressly excluded.

3. Finding Your Plot

Following your purchase you will receive documentation identifying your plot.

This normally includes:

- Plot Plan;
- Estate Master Plan;
- Estate location information;
- access guidance; and
- any relevant Estate notices.

Please rely upon approved Estate drawings when identifying your land.

If you are uncertain about boundaries, contact the Estate before making assumptions.

4. Arriving at the Estate

Please remember that you are entering a working agricultural environment.

During your visit you may encounter:

- tractors;
- agricultural machinery;
- livestock;
- contractors;
- maintenance works;
- tree planting activities.

Please remain aware of your surroundings at all times.

5. Main Estate Ways

Access throughout the Estate is provided principally by the Main Estate Ways.

These routes are designed to provide safe and reliable access for:

- landowners;
- visitors;
- maintenance vehicles;
- agricultural machinery;
- emergency services.

Please:

- drive slowly;
- give way to agricultural vehicles where appropriate;
- avoid unnecessary obstruction;
- park responsibly.

Do not drive across fields or leave the designated access routes unless expressly authorised.

6. Parking

Where parking areas are provided, please use them.

Avoid parking:

- across gateways;
- on Main Estate Ways;
- where access may be required by emergency services;
- on neighbouring land.

If temporary parking arrangements are introduced during Estate activities, please follow any guidance provided.

7. Respecting Your Plot

Your plot belongs to you.

Please enjoy it responsibly.

We encourage landowners to:

- improve the land;
- maintain healthy soils;
- encourage biodiversity;
- preserve mature trees where reasonably practicable;
- leave the land in better condition than they found it.

Please avoid activities that may adversely affect neighbouring plots or shared Estate facilities.

8. The Food Forest

One of the defining features of The Edible Forest Estate is the shared Food Forest.

The Food Forest provides:

- long-term food production;
- biodiversity enhancement;
- habitat creation;
- carbon storage;

- environmental resilience.

Where landowners own multiple qualifying plots, Food Forest Areas may be combined into one larger continuous planting area in accordance with the approved Estate Master Plan.

This arrangement improves both ecological and management outcomes.

Further information can be found in TEFE-FL-001.

9. Wildlife

The Estate has been designed to encourage wildlife.

Many species benefit from:

- mature trees;
- hedgerows;
- ponds;
- wildflower areas;
- woodland habitats.

Please respect wildlife at all times.

Where nests, dens or protected species are encountered, please avoid disturbance and notify the Estate if appropriate.

10. Dogs & Other Animals

Dogs & other animals are welcome provided they remain under proper control.

Please remember:

- to enclose your land.
- clean up after your dog;
- prevent disturbance to wildlife;
- keep dogs away from livestock;
- follow any temporary restrictions during sensitive periods.

Responsible dog ownership helps everyone enjoy the Estate.

11. Children

Families are encouraged to enjoy the Estate together.

However, agricultural land naturally presents hazards.

Parents and guardians remain responsible for supervising children at all times.

Please ensure children:

- remain within safe areas;
 - avoid machinery;
 - respect livestock;
 - do not climb unstable structures.
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12. Fires

Fire presents a significant risk within rural environments.

Open fires should only be lit where expressly permitted.

Particular care should be taken during dry weather.

Never leave a fire unattended.

Ensure every fire is fully extinguished before leaving the site.

13. Waste

Please help keep the Estate clean.

Take litter home whenever possible.

Do not:

- dump waste;
- abandon materials;
- dispose of chemicals;
- leave plastics or other rubbish within the Estate.

Good stewardship begins with simple actions.

14. Planting

Landowners are encouraged to improve their land through thoughtful planting.

Where planting forms part of wider Estate objectives, guidance should be sought before significant works commence.

The Estate Planting Guide (TEFE-PG-001) provides detailed recommendations regarding:

- tree selection;
 - planting methods;
 - heritage varieties;
 - biodiversity;
 - soil improvement.
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15. Volunteering

Community involvement is welcomed.

Participation in Estate projects is entirely voluntary.

Many landowners enjoy helping with:

- tree planting;
- habitat creation;
- educational events;
- maintenance days;
- community activities.

Every contribution is appreciated, regardless of size.

16. Speaking on Behalf of the Estate

Landowners are encouraged to share their own experiences.

However, no individual should represent themselves as speaking on behalf of THE EDIBLE FOREST ESTATE LIMITED unless authorised to do so.

Please refer to TEFE-CO-001 for further guidance.

17. Written Communications

Where important matters arise, written communication is encouraged.

Important discussions relating to ownership, governance, permissions or legal matters should ordinarily be confirmed in writing.

Email is normally the preferred method of communication.

18. Frequently Asked Questions

Can I visit my plot whenever I wish?

Generally yes, subject to any temporary restrictions required for safety or Estate operations.

Can my family visit?

Yes.

Please ensure visitors respect the Estate and follow this guide.

Can I plant trees?

Usually yes.

Please consult the relevant Estate publications where planting may affect neighbouring land, shared facilities or the approved Estate Master Plan.

Can I install fencing?

Please refer to the Estate Standards Manual before undertaking fencing works.

Can I collect produce from the Food Forest?

Harvest arrangements operate in accordance with the Rule of Thirds and the Food Forest Management Lease.

Can I volunteer?

Absolutely.

Volunteers are always welcome, although participation is entirely voluntary.

Who should I contact if I am unsure?

Please contact the Estate before making assumptions.

We are always happy to help.

19. Contacting the Estate

For most enquiries, please contact us by email.

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20. Thank You

Thank you for becoming part of The Edible Forest Estate.

Every tree planted, every habitat restored and every acre cared for contributes to something much larger than any one individual.

Together we are creating landscapes that will continue to provide food, biodiversity and opportunity for generations to come.

We hope that you, your family and those who follow after you enjoy your land for many years, and that together we leave the Estate in better condition than we found it.

Related Publications

This publication should be read alongside:

- TEFE-CH-001 — Founding Charter
- TEFE-CO-001 — Constitution
- TEFE-IN-001 — Landowner Information Pack
- TEFE-ES-001 — Estate Standards Manual
- TEFE-MP-001 — Estate Master Planning Standard
- TEFE-FL-001 — Food Forest Management Lease
- TEFE-DE-001 — Definitions

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