



# WWOOF<sup>TM</sup> Australia

## World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms

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### Guidelines for WWOOFers

A WWOOFer must:

- Ensure they have Travel Insurance - WWOOFers are responsible for their own travel, accident, and medical insurance.
- Be a willing volunteer, happy to volunteer 4-6 hours daily for food and accommodation.
- Be an ambassador for your country of origin.
- Treat hosts with consideration and respect.
- Complete their WWOOFer Profile honestly and in full.

1. WWOOFers have access to WWOOF hosts. Host contact details are only to be used for arranging WWOOF visits. Any other use is in breach of Australian Privacy Laws.
2. On arrival: Provide proof of Membership - username and photo ID. (Your WWOOFer profile on the WWOOF website is proof of membership) and record their details in Host Guestbook.
  - If required by host, the [WWOOFer agreement](#) should also be signed.
  - Hosts will arrange membership for non-members.
  - Memberships are not transferable. One person per single membership, 2 persons per Dual membership.
3. Minimum stay is 2 nights, longer as agreed with hosts. If host profile is inaccurate, please advise WWOOF. WWOOFers may leave if conditions are unacceptable but must tell host if they are leaving.
4. WWOOFing involves volunteering for 4 to 6 hours daily in exchange for learning practical skills, food and accommodation. Maximum of 38 hours in 7 days. This is flexible & should be discussed with hosts prior to your visit.
5. WWOOFing is a voluntary, non-monetary exchange. If a WWOOFer accepts [any form of payment](#) it is not considered WWOOFing and they must be paid the award wage, with Superannuation, Income Tax deductions and any required allowances as per the Government requirements with correct record keeping. WWOOF Australia is not responsible for any outside agreements made between the two parties.
6. Volunteering varies from host to host, it may include weeding, making compost, gardening, planting, harvesting, building, fencing, environmental work, feeding and caring for animals.
  - Hosts must not involve WWOOFers in the use of chemicals.
  - Hospitality work, waitressing and child-care are not acceptable WWOOFing work.
7. WWOOFers require average physical and mental fitness, maturity, and independence. WWOOF is generally unsuitable for persons suffering from physical, psychiatric, or psychological conditions. Please contact WWOOF and your Medical practitioner to discuss if in doubt.
8. Contacting hosts:
  - Hosts welcome WWOOFers into their homes, they are not backpacker hostels.
  - Phone hosts around noon or before 9pm, local (hosts) time.
  - Most hosts do not respond to bulk emails or text messages.
9. Always book ahead. Inform hosts immediately if plans change, or you are late. Exchange mobile phone numbers when arranging to meet. WWOOF t-shirts help you to identify each other.
10. Children and pets are only accepted on host properties by arrangement.
11. WWOOFer etiquette: Each Host will have their own House Rules which must be followed.
  - Treat hosts and their families with consideration and respect.
  - Keep the living area tidy, clean up yourself and help with meals or washing up.
  - Water is precious! Farms rely on rainwater tanks & drought is common in Australia.
  - Do not raid refrigerator or pantry, use telephone or internet without asking permission.
  - Food is provided by hosts. You may need to bring your own special dietary food.
  - Offer to cook your favourite meal for your host.
  - Alcohol and drugs should remain at home.
12. What to bring?
  - Confirm with your Host if you need to bring bedding etc
  - Hats, sunglasses, boots, gloves and torch.
  - Mobile phone & internet. Telstra has the best mobile coverage in rural areas, but coverage is not guaranteed.
13. WWOOFers not following these guidelines and/or host House Rules may be asked to leave.
14. Abusive language, inappropriate behaviour and sexual harassment of any kind will not be tolerated and WWOOF membership will be cancelled immediately. Our Hosts will be notified immediately that you have been Blocked or Suspended. If required WWOOF Australia will notify Police immediately and put in a report.
15. Hosts offering opportunities for WWOOFers who are Working remotely or Studying online & WWOOFers taking up these placements must also follow these additional [Guidelines](#)
16. WWOOF Pty Ltd may cancel a WWOOF membership if the WWOOF guidelines are not followed.

WWOOF reserves the right to amend/update these guidelines as required.

NOTE: WWOOF does not condone the breaking of Australian laws. WWOOF will cancel a WWOOF membership immediately if the member's actions may bring the WWOOF program into disrepute.