



# Tagari Garden Farm

## Student Volunteer & WWOOFing

### Program Description

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#### Live with us in awesome Tasmania

**Garden, design, study, expand your intellectual horizons and thrive on fresh wholesome food**

1st of September through to 1st June is our season Spring, Summer, Autumn

The situation here is "best" suited to individuals who already have a measure of experience with animal husbandry, horticulture/agriculture work and/or country living.

*If you don't fit that description but feel you can get into the rhythm of rural life **Please do Apply***

We usually host three people at a time and prefer people who can stay a minimum of three months- longer stays are by arrangement - Some people have stayed as long as two years and others stay for many months, then leave for travel and return for more months. We work to manage the property and take time to enjoy the beautiful Tasmanian nature.

Usually - once most of the crops are in the ground - we work in the morning and in the late afternoon/ early evening.

Meaning we can spend up to four hours in the middle of the day - doing what we like such as:

- Swimming, surfing, fishing and paddle boarding in the clean clear waters of: Boat Harbour Beach (be sure to google this magical beach) - Sisters Beach - Stanley – Marawah (excellent surfing) - Detention River - Rocky Cape - Lake Llewellyn....etc.....
- Hiking, walking, and cycling
- Reading, cooking, crafting, studying, yoga and visiting friends

When what we harvest is more than we can eat we preserve and preserve and preserve some more.

#### **The sort of tasks you might be involved in include:**

- Expansion and care of vegetable growing beds
- Hot house and nursery work
- Plant propagation
- Compost making
- Tree (fruit and other) maintenance
- Brush cutting, bush-fire readiness tasks, blackberry and bracken fern removal, snake habitat reduction around buildings, hemlock and other plan removal.
- Material depot re-organisation and de-clutter
- Small construction projects
- Fencing etc etc etc..... :-)
- Small time tractor work
- Animal husbandry
- Soil analysis
- Moisture monitoring
- Detailed planning

If these experiences appeal to you, please read on, download our application, and send it in to [svw@tagari.com](mailto:svw@tagari.com)

***We look forward to hearing from you!***

### Basic Information

- You will be engaged in tasks, each morning often un-supervised and some afternoons as well. You are expected to follow the instructions provided.
- **Accommodation: On-site un-heated & un-powered caravans.** If you would like to utilise one of these, a security BOND of \$215.00 will be paid by you, on arrival. This BOND money will be refunded to you when you leave the caravan clean and ready for the next occupant without extra cleaning required.
- **Camping** – totally BYO (please bring your own tents and equipment)
- **Bedding:** Bedding is not available. PLEASE bring your own sleeping bag. Tasmania is cold *even* in summer, \* **please \* please \* please** come prepared. Twenty years and hundreds of people coming here, only one girl from Brazil came prepared- all other participants have arrived unprepared for the cold nights with inadequate sleeping bags and equipment. Please recognise our recommendation. **You will be cold at times**
- **Children:** It is possible - we can talk about it - dangers are plenty on any farm
- **Food and cooking:** Staff and participants have the use of a covered, outdoor, gravel floor, wood fire heated kitchen and dining area with food available for self-catering three meals a day. There are no pre-made cakes, biscuits, chips, soda or other such items provided. Attendants are free to cook what they like after working times. The kitchen is stocked with meat from a butcher or hunted and farm killed meat/fish, fresh produce, dry and tinned goods are also part of the pantry
- **Garden Produce:** Things growing here have been planted and nurtured by hands other than yours, so when harvesting time finally arrives and the long awaited and planned for products are ready, it is critical business. We have waited for up to 9 months, in some cases, for this food. We have invested our time, resources, and energy into it, **so when you are new you are not allowed to harvest.** Do not despair, later during your time with us, you will harvest up to twice daily - (if you can do it to our standard!).
- **Hands-on practical work timeframe:** Generally, the timeframe will vary according to the weather.
- **Internet:** Free Wireless.
- **Laundry:** Washing machine and outdoor clothesline.
- **Location:** 18 km west of Wynyard.
- **Maximum stay:** Twelve months or by arrangement.
- **Minimum stay:** Three months.
- **Telephone service:** Telstra has the best coverage in this area.
- **Toilets:** Outdoor drop toilets.
- **Showers:** Outdoor hot showers. LPG.

### Covid-19 Do's and Don'ts

Each State in Australia has different levels of restriction at different times, many state borders are closed. Farms are essential businesses and farmers are essential workers.

Non-essential travel is not allowed in areas under lockdown restrictions, so it is important to keep up with the latest information on which areas are under lockdown, the specific level of restrictions in the area you are in or plan to go to. Tasmania currently has closed borders to ALL non-essential travellers.

There are large fines for crossing closed borders without a permit, or for breaching lockdown conditions. **Please do not leave a lockdown area to travel to us without first self- isolating for 14 days and taking all necessary precautions on route.**

With travel restrictions changing daily, it is advisable to keep updated regarding the situation in Australia by referring to the <https://www.australia.gov.au/> page and we ask that you stay in compliance with all local, state and federal rules.

Each farm is unique and participants should assess the best way to stay safe given those circumstances. Below are some examples of the recommended health and safety precautions to safely visit hosts currently. More information will be supplied to you when we receive your application:

- Participants should not travel if feeling symptomatic or ill.
- Participants should bring their own hand sanitiser, gloves and masks.
- It remains compulsory to maintain good hygiene practices and social distancing.
- Participants should practice physical distancing/self-isolation for two weeks prior to their arrival to the farm **and** while on route to the host property,
- Upon arrival at the farm, participants should stay in separate accommodation and make their own meals for two weeks to practice physical distancing/self-isolation.

- Only engage with Hosts outdoors on the farm while practicing physical distancing for the first two weeks of their stay.
- After the first 2 weeks participants can resume as normal, while continuing to exercise good hygiene and social distancing practices.

#### **Our Requirements - Please Read - This is Important**

- Usually you must arrive on a Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of noon and 5.00 pm. No Monday, Friday or weekend arrivals **Please**
- All forms need to be completed, received, and approved. **Before your arrival.**
- You need to possess a good attitude, be easy going **and willing to work according to instructions**
- **You must be willing and happy – (complaining people are just no fun) - to work outdoors in the weather – rain, hail or shine.**
- Must have current tetanus immunisation. **Please do not come here without a tetanus shot – the virus is present and a confirmed danger - you cannot stay here without the immunisation**
- Stamina and endurance.
- Telephone interview will be conducted prior to acceptance into the program.
- Written or verbal acceptance into program for the specified time. **Before your arrival.**

#### **What YOU *MUST* Bring**

- Gloves: Good quality, rugged gloves - rubberised combined with cloth style are recommended and we suggest you have a **minimum of two pairs** to use. **Due to health reasons and the transmission of skin problems we do not provide or share gloves.**
- Headlamp with batteries.
- Current passport with valid Australian visa (or printout if electronic). Which you allow us to scan
- Driver's license. which you allow us to scan
- Personal toiletries. Your waste remains here. All products need to be grey water safe, poison free and biodegradable
- Pillow (if required).
- **Sleeping bag rated for zero degrees C or colder**
- Specialised dietary requirements and foods. (if you require these)
- Sturdy, fully enclosed work shoes which are comfortable and weatherproof.
- Sturdy, durable, protective clothing.
- Rugged farm attire (we recommend long sleeve shirt and long trousers in all seasons).
- Sun hat and rain hat.
- Towel.
- Warm woollen hat, gloves and clothes for cold weather.
- Wet weather gear for working in the rain

#### **What you need to know**

- Animals and poultry are killed on site for food or vermin control.
- Cats which show up here are trapped and shot to protect native fauna.
- Food is from mixed sources. Not all food is from the property and not all of it is organic.
- Redline Bus Service does stop 300m away.
- Telstra is the mobile service that works reliably in this area.
- There are safety and other inductions which will be presented upon arrival. The contents of which you must agree with and adhere to.
- There is no trip to town provided, but feel free to get there on your own.
- Please realise that should you be accepted, you will live where people have worked in the past to establish everything here because it is how we like it and often it is established as a stepping stone in the development. We did not do these things to please others- If you do not or can-not respect the property, people, rules and what we ask of you, then you will **not** be welcome. You will be asked to leave immediately and without prior notice.

#### **Training topics may include the following:**

*Presentation schedule is provided at the instructor's discretion but will coincide with the seasonal requirements of the property as well as catering to student's needs and level of knowledge. Currently, Lisa is the instructor. She will help you where-ever she can.*

**Permaculture Design**

- Permaculture Design Course topics.

**Vegetable Production and Gardening for Domestic Food Security**

- Compost and soil biology
- Fertilisation calculations and recommendations
- Harvesting for plant health and animal / human health
- Hot House use and maintenance
- Irrigation: micro spray, drip and automated
- Nursery
- Planning of crops and yields
- Propagation - seeds and cuttings
- Season extension
- Seeds and seed saving
- Soil analysis
- Soil preparation

**Gardening Methods**

- Bio Intensive
- Key-hole
- No-Dig
- Perennial Vegetables
- Sheet Mulch
- Nutritional Farming

**Fruit Trees**

- Maintenance and Pruning
- Harvesting
- Planting

**Earthworks**

- Surveying
- Running Key Line
- Swale construction

**Fencing**

- Always fencing

That about wraps it up - We'd love to see your application and perhaps spend the "season" with you!!

Stay Safe.

Kind regards

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