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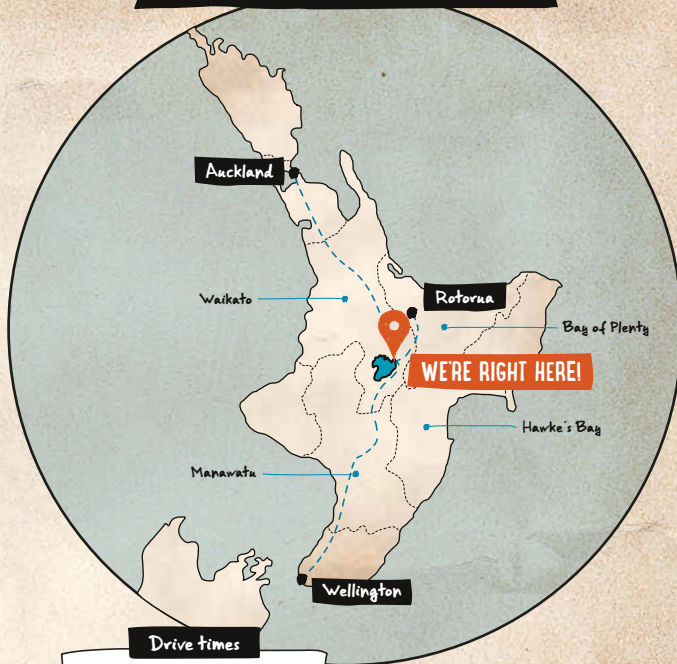
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TAUPŌ-WELLINGTON → 4.5hrs

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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ

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WHAT'S HOT IN TAUPŌ?

- ✓ Lake Cruises
- ✓ Jet Boating
- ✓ Biking/Cycling
- ✓ Scenic Flights
- ✓ Hot Pools
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ Skydiving
- ✓ Trout Fishing
- ✓ Bungy Jumping
- ✓ Watersports
- ✓ Golf
- ✓ Geothermal Park
- ✓ Dining & Shopping
- ✓ Walks/Hikes

DRIVING TIMES TO TAUPŌ

From Auckland (SH1): 3.5 hrs From Wellington (SH1): 4.5hrs
From Rotorua: 1hr From Napier: 1hr 45mins
From Whakapapa Ski Area: 1hr 15mins

WHAT'S HOT IN TURANGI TONGARIRO?

- ✓ Fly Fishing
- ✓ Climbing Wall
- ✓ Tongariro River
- ✓ Mountain Biking
- ✓ Mini-Golf
- ✓ Paintball
- ✓ River Rafting
- ✓ Tongariro National Park
- ✓ Trout Centre
- ✓ Hiking

DRIVING TIMES TO TURANGI

From Taupō (SH1): 45mins From Wellington (SH1): 3hr 45mins
From Whakapapa Ski Area: 40mins

WHAT'S HOT IN MANGAKINO?

- ✓ Wakeboarding
- ✓ Waterskiing
- ✓ Mountain Biking
- ✓ Camping
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ Golfing
- ✓ Stand-up Paddle Boarding

DRIVING TIMES TO MANGAKINO

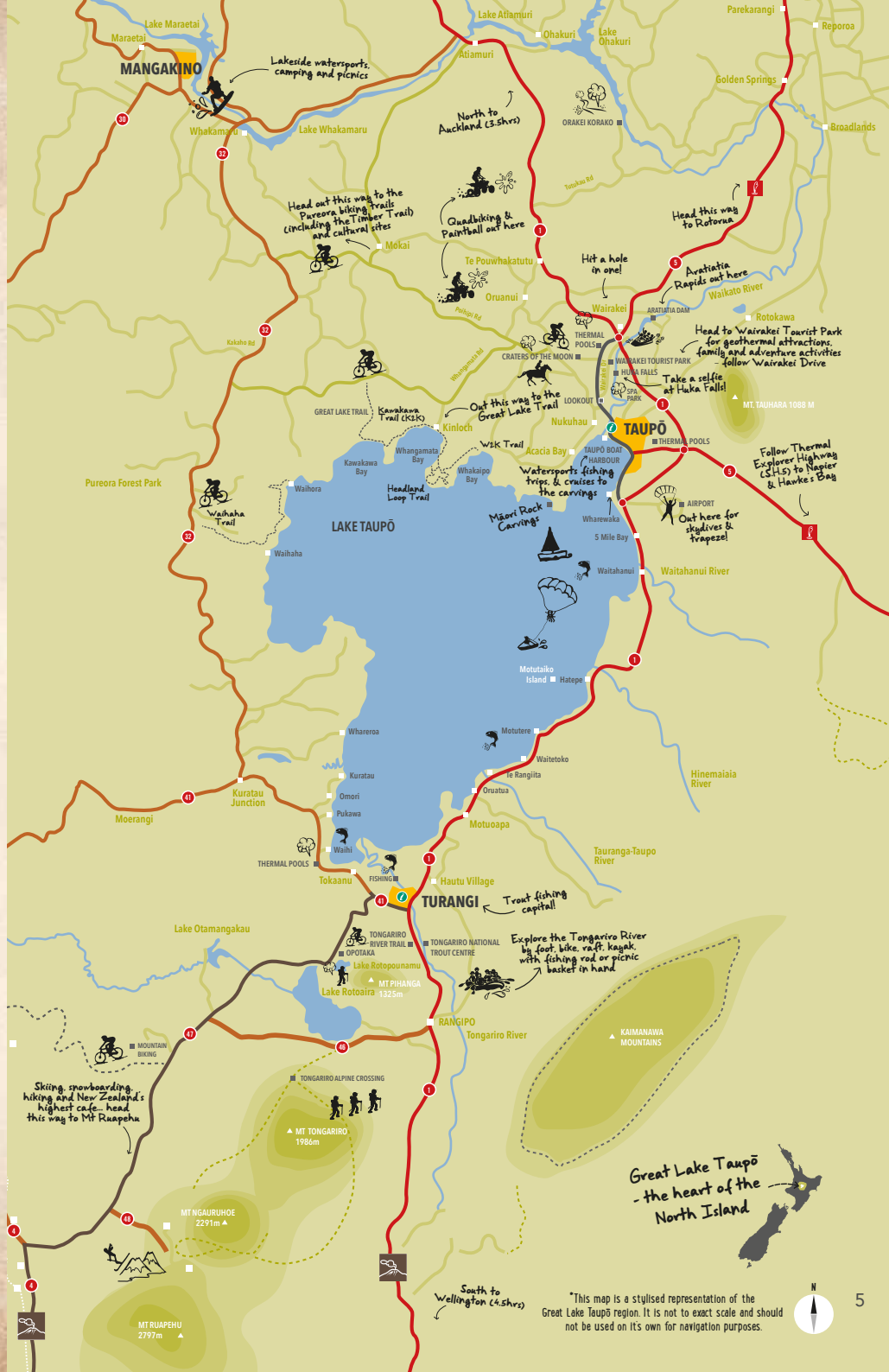
From Taupō: 45mins From Turangi: 1.5hrs
From Tokoroa: 30mins

WHAT'S HOT IN TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK?

- ✓ Snow Skiing
- ✓ Snowboarding
- ✓ Mountain Biking
- ✓ Tongariro Alpine Crossing
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Snow Play

DRIVING TIMES TO TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK (Whakapapa Ski Area)

From Taupō (SH1 onto SH47): 1hr 15mins
From Turangi (SH1 onto SH47): 40mins



*This map is a stylised representation of the Great Lake Taupō region. It is not to exact scale and should not be used on its own for navigation purposes.

GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ

Nature's Ultimate Playground

Nau mai Haere mai – Welcome to Great Lake Taupō – The heart of the North Island

The Great Lake Taupō region is one of the world's most unique and picturesque areas. It is defined geographically by an ancient volcanic landscape, the largest freshwater crater lake in Australasia, geothermal attractions, and the mountains and ski areas of Tongariro National Park, a dual World Heritage National Park.



Great Lake Taupō is a popular year-round tourist destination. Visitors come to discover the postcard-like scenery as well as the huge range of adventure and adrenalin activities on offer like bungy jumping, jet boating, skydiving, whitewater rafting and mountain biking. Many of the region's activities are centered on and around Lake Taupō and the Tongariro River, including scenic cruises, kayaking adventures, sailing trips, parasailing, jet skiing, trout fishing and boating.

The region is home to more of New Zealand's best visitor attractions than any other region. This list of must-see attractions includes:

- * Huka Falls, New Zealand's most visited natural attraction
- * Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings, one of New Zealand's most extraordinary contemporary Māori artworks
- * Tongariro Alpine Crossing, New Zealand's best one-day walk
- * Taupō Fishery, New Zealand's best trout fishery



The region is also known as the events capital of New Zealand, hosting many national and international sporting events throughout the year. Some of Taupō's iconic events include the Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN NZ, the Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge, the Taupō Summer Concert and Wanderlust. Great Lake Taupō's central location and accessibility makes it the ideal place for a whole host of events throughout the year.

Those looking for a relaxing experience while visiting this stunning region will love the many geothermal hot pools, spas and geothermal walks, the beautiful lakeside Great Lake Walkway, and the extensive range of boutique-style stores in Taupō town centre.

Whether you are traveling on your own, with friends, family or in a group, there is an itinerary to suit everyone in Great Lake Taupō. In fact, there is so much to do that you will wish you had longer to stay in the beautiful heart of the North Island.



māori legend



The Battle of the Mountains

A unique history, interwoven with legends and stories from a time past, have combined to form the identity of the remarkable Great Lake Taupō region.

The Battle of the Mountains is a famous local Māori legend about four warrior mountains called Taranaki, Putauaki, Tongariro and Tauhara who stood in the heart of Te Ika-a-Maui – the North Island. All four were deeply in love with the beautiful maiden mountain Pihanga that stands above Turangi at the southern end of Lake Taupō. Each declared their love for her, however Pihanga could not choose who she would marry so decided whoever was the mightiest of mountains would win her heart. A battle erupted between the four warrior mountains that went on for days. In the end, Tongariro prevailed.

Defeated, the other mountains decided to leave Tongariro's domain and called to the patupaiarehe (fairy people) to help the mountains on their magical journey. This journey could only be done in the hours of darkness and before sunrise. Taranaki fled west towards the setting sun and established himself there, his tears of grief forming the Whanganui River. Putauaki moved fast in the night, and decided to head for the sea. As the morning sun started to rise he was caught in his tracks and is now left standing at the northern end of the Kaingaroa Forest. Tauhara, sad and heavy hearted, traveled slowly, often glancing back towards the fair maiden he lost in the battle. Tauhara had not traveled far when daylight came. He had only reached the place he stands now, at the north-eastern shore of Lake Taupō, and looks broodingly across the lake at Pihanga and her proud husband Tongariro.

GreatLakeTaupo.com/Maorilegends



rock carvings



Extraordinary Artworks

The Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings on Lake Taupō have been hailed as one of New Zealand's most extraordinary artworks. Towering 14-metres above the deep water of Lake Taupō, the carvings have become one of the North Island's biggest tourist attractions.

When traditional marae-taught carver Matahi Whakataka-Brightwell paddled past a rock alcove on Lake Taupō in 1976, he had a vision of a tattooed face. His grandmother, Te Huatahi Susie Gilbert of Ngāti Rauhoto, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maiotaki and Ngāti Whakaue, had asked the young carver to create a likeness of her ancestor Ngātoroirangi on a tōtara tree to create a permanent connection for her family to the land. When Matahi arrived in Taupō there was no tōtara tree to carve so he journeyed onto the lake for inspiration.

The rock alcove at Mine Bay became the canvas for one of the most extraordinary contemporary artworks New Zealand has ever seen. Sculpted over the course of four years and completed in 1980, Matahi led a team of four artists, Jono Randell, Te Miringa Hohaia, Dave Hegglin and Steve Myhre, to create a spectacular carving of Ngātoroirangi on the rock face.

The Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings are accessible by boat only, and can be reached by taking a scenic cruise or sailing trip from Taupō Boat Harbour for under \$50. The team at the Taupō i-SITE take bookings and are open seven days a week.

GreatLakeTaupo.com/Maorirockcarvings



huka falls



NZ's Most Visited Natural Attraction

Located just a few minutes drive north of Taupō, this thundering 11-metre high waterfall is the most visited and photographed natural attraction in New Zealand. The sheer volume of water flowing over the falls amounts to 220,000 litres per second – enough to fill one Olympic sized swimming pool in 11 seconds!

Enjoy the walking tracks and mountain biking trails alongside the river and wander around the different viewing platforms, taking in the falls from all angles. Bring a picnic and spend the day here!

On a sunny day, the water is an amazing, crystal clear blue. If you want a different perspective and a taste of Taupō adventure take a boat to the base of the falls and get close enough to taste the spray!

MUST DO'S AROUND HUKA FALLS:

- * Explore walking tracks from five minutes to two hours in length
- * Mountain biking trails for all levels
- * Get up close and personal on a boat trip
- * Take a selfie from one of the spectacular viewing platforms

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great lake trail



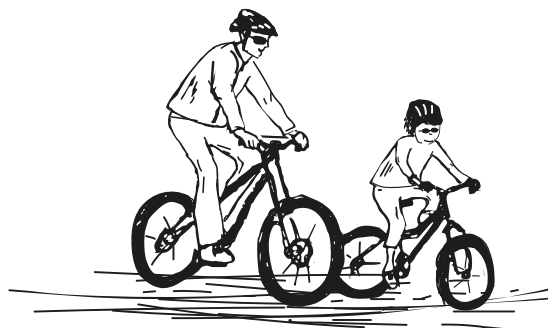
Epic Mountain Biking Adventure

The Great Lake Trail is the jewel in the crown of the Central North Island's mountain bike trails. The 71km of deep bush and lakefront trails offer iconic views of Lake Taupō and the Tongariro National Park, traversing the secluded and beautiful Western Bays of the lake. The trail has been described as the best grade three experience of Nga Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail network.

The Great Lake Trail can be ridden across two days or split into sections to suit fitness levels and the time you have available. The trail is made up of three sections:

1. Waihaha (30km)
2. Kawakawa (K2K) (19.5km)
3. W2K and Headland Loop (13 or 21km)

The Great Lake Trail can be ridden year round due to the region's free draining pumice soil. It is also open to walkers. Shuttle services and a water taxi are available on the trail. For maps, videos, trail info and service providers, go to GreatLakeTrail.com



biking



All-Season Riding

The Great Lake Taupō region has some of the best mountain biking in New Zealand, with internationally recognised, purpose-built trails to suit every type of rider. Taupō's free draining pumice soil means excellent riding conditions year round, making the region a popular hub for all types of riding.

While the Great Lake Trail is considered the jewel in the crown (see previous section), there is an incredible range of other quality trails to choose from.

- ✳ **Craters Mountain Bike Park, Taupō** in the Wairakei Forest is a bike park featuring over 50km of expertly built, flowing cross country and downhill trails ranging from grade two to grade six.
- ✳ **Tongariro River Trail, Turangi** – this gentle ride, starting in Turangi, is a great family trip and suitable for recreational riders. It follows the world famous trout river past rolling farmland, beech forests and fern glades with spectacular views at almost every bend.
- ✳ **The Great Lake Walkway/Lion's Walk, Taupō** – a flat, easy paved trail that follows the lakefront from Taupō Boat Harbour to Five Mile Bay (10 km). The ride takes approximately two and a half hours return, and there are plenty of places to stop for photos and refreshments along the way. Suitable for the whole family.
- ✳ **The Timber Trail, Pureora and Waikato River Trails, Mangakino** – these trails are part of Nga Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail network.

GreatLakeTaupo.com/Biking

walks & hikes



Explore Nature

The Great Lake Taupō region is home to some of the best walking and hiking trails in the world. With a backdrop of mountains, lakes and forests wrapped in rich cultural history, there are short and long walks to suit everyone, as well as overnight and multi-day options. Here are just a few of the best:

- ✳ **Spa Thermal Park to Huka Falls, Taupō** – this two hour, easy return walk follows the scenic Waikato River to the mighty Huka Falls. Stop, soak and relax at the riverside Spa Park thermal pools at the start or finish of your walk.
- ✳ **Lake Rotopounamu Walking Track, Turangi** – this two hour loop track circumnavigates the beautiful Lake Rotopounamu through beech forest below Mt Pihanga. A favourite amongst tree lovers, bird watchers, walkers and swimmers, and the perfect picnic spot!
- ✳ **The Great Lake Walkway/Lion's Walk, Taupō** – a picturesque path that winds its way along the lakeshore from Taupō Boat Harbour to Five Mile Bay (10km). Walk as far as you like then return the same way. This is an easy, flat walk for the whole family.
- ✳ **Mt Urchin, Kaimanawa Ranges** – this challenging walk takes approximately six hours and starts off the Desert Road, climbing steadily up through the forest to the Urchin Trig (1,392m), with magnificent views of Lake Taupō and the volcanoes of Tongariro National Park.
- ✳ **Pureora Forest Park, Pureora** – a hidden treasure of tall trees, clear rivers and rare wildlife. Explore a range of trails of varying length, through stunning ancient forest.

GreatLakeTaupo.com/Walks



golf



World-Renowned Fairways

If you're a golf lover, you'll be happy to know that the Great Lake Taupō region punches well above its weight in terms of quality golf courses. In fact, the Jack Nicklaus designed Kinloch Club, and Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary are consistently ranked in New Zealand's top 10 golf courses.

Come and enjoy a round of golf in this beautiful geothermal landscape, full of endless forests, rolling hills, mountains and mud pools. Our world-renowned fairways have been built in harmony with the natural contours of the central plateau and our free-draining soils mean great golf can be had year-round.

GOLF HOTSPOTS:

- * **The Kinloch Club** – as New Zealand's only signature Jack Nicklaus golf course, The Kinloch Club has become a must visit, ranking in the top 100 golf courses in the world outside the US.
- * **Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary** – a world-class championship course and beautiful ecological environment for plants, bird life and animals.
- * **Turangi Golf Club** – an attractive 18-hole course that is reasonably flat, with great water features.
- * **Taupo Golf Club** – New Zealand's only golf club offering two 18-hole golf courses. The two different courses provide an option to suit all levels of golfing experience.
- * Other popular courses include **Kinloch Golf Club 10-hole country course**, **Wairakei Resort's 9-hole**, and **Mangakino Golf Club**. If you're short on time, practise your swing at the **Lake Taupō Hole in One Challenge**, or hone your skills at **Shooters Golf Range**.

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trout fishing



Trout Fishing Capital of New Zealand

The Tongariro River has gained a reputation as a world-class river for prime rainbow and brown trout fishing. Nearby, where the Tongariro River meets Lake Taupō, is the township of Turangi (45 minutes south of Taupō town) known as the 'Trout Fishing Capital of New Zealand'. Turangi is a great place to base yourself to experience the best that New Zealand trout and fly fishing has to offer. Turangi is also home to the Tongariro National Trout Centre and hatchery – a great outing for the whole family.

Fishing on Lake Taupō is also fantastic. A private or group fishing charter from Taupō is an excellent way to try your luck. Catch your very own prime rainbow or brown trout, and most lake operators will prepare your catch sashimi style or cook onboard. Trout cannot be bought or sold commercially in New Zealand, however some restaurants in Taupō will happily cook your catch for you (we recommend booking in advance and they will need to sight your fishing licence).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- * Fishing for trout requires a licence – available online at www.doc.govt.nz or Taupō and Turangi i-SITE's.
- * There is a three fish limit per person per day with a minimum size of 40cms.
- * Fishing gear can be hired. Check at the local i-SITE for a list of retailers.

GreatLakeTaupo.com/Fishing



geothermal



Geothermal Wonderland

The Great Lake Taupō region is a geothermal wonderland. Home to boiling mud pools, steaming vents, beautifully coloured volcanic rock and natural thermal pools, it's a haven for those looking to explore something new.

Explore the vast thermal and volcanic landscape by foot, bike, horse-back, boat or for the thrill seeker, a scenic flight.

GEOTHERMAL HOTSPOTS:

- * **Craters of the Moon, Taupō** – a leisurely geothermal walkway suitable for all abilities.
- * **Orakei Korako, Reporoa** – a 25 minute drive north of Taupō, Orakei Korako has been named by Lonely Planet as 'possibly the best thermal area left in New Zealand and one of the finest in the world'.
- * **Volcanic Activity Centre, Taupō** – learn about the wonders and mysteries of the Taupō Volcanic Zone. Fun and educational experience for the kids, and a fantastic rainy day option.

THERMAL MINERAL HOT POOLS:

- * Soak up the peace and quiet at the adults-only **Wairakei Terraces Hot Pools** set in beautiful native bush.
- * **Taupō DeBretts Hot Springs** – a favourite with both adults and kids. You'll be spoilt for choice with pools, playgrounds and hydrosleds.
- * **Tokaanu Thermal Walk and Tokaanu Thermal Pools** at the southern end of the lake – a 15 to 20 minute geothermal bush walk, and a great swimming spot for the whole family.

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adrenalin



The North Island's Home of Adrenalin

The Great Lake Taupō region is the North Island's home of adrenalin! If you're looking for adventure then you've come to the right place. Jet boating, skiing and snowboarding, bungy jumping, skydiving, white water rafting, mountain biking, parasailing, high ropes, and for those that love the challenge of the outdoors, the best one-day hike in New Zealand – the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. There's no shortage of adventure activities in Taupō to get your blood pumping!

Taupō is the ideal place to base yourself for adventuring in the central North Island, and Turangi, at the southern end of the lake, is the perfect basecamp for exploring the Tongariro River and Tongariro National Park.

ADRENALIN HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Great Lake Taupō's Tongariro River is the home of New Zealand's best white water adventures and New Zealand's most awarded white water rafting operators. Available year-round with trips for all levels.
- * Ski or board New Zealand's largest ski area, Whakapapa Ski Area.
- * Take in the incredible lake, mountain and coast-to-coast views from 12,000 or 15,000 feet with a tandem skydive.
- * Lonely Planet rates the Tongariro Alpine Crossing as a life-changing experience not to be missed – we agree!
- * New Zealand's highest water touch bungy jump – located 47 metres above the crystal clear waters of the Waikato River.

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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ events



The Events Capital of New Zealand

The Great Lake Taupō region, home to a diverse range of sporting, cultural and artistic events, is heralded as the 'events capital of New Zealand,' and rightly so when you consider our annual calendar of events – there's always something going on!

From the international signature event of the Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IRONMAN New Zealand; the nation's biggest cycling event – the Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge; the regions largest single day music festival – the Taupō Summer Concert; forward-thinking events like Wanderlust – a yoga and wellbeing festival; through to our traditional off-road and on-road quarter, half, full and ultra marathons, we truly do cover off every sector with quality, sustainable events.

Great Lake Taupō's reputation as New Zealand's events capital has been further cemented after Taupō was named as a 2016 International Festivals and Events Association (IFEA) World Festival and Event City. The award recognises cities that provide an environment conducive to successful festivals and events and was presented to the Taupō District at the 2016 IFEA conference held in Tucson, Arizona in September 2016. This is the second time the district has claimed an award, previously taking out the honour in 2010.

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Great Lake Taupō EVENTS CALENDAR

☆☆ 2017 ☆☆
HIGHLIGHTS

28-29 JAN

Taupō Historic GP
MOTORSPORT
Taupō

28 JAN

Taupō Summer
Concert
CONCERT
Taupō

2-5 FEB

Wanderlust
Great Lake Taupō
YOGA/WELLNESS/MUSIC
Wairakei Resort

4 MARCH

Kellogg's
Nutri-Grain
IRONMAN
TRIATHLON
Great Lake Taupō

12-16 APRIL

EasterFest
CULTURAL
Taupō

13-16 JULY

Taupō Winter
Festival
FAMILY
Taupō

30 SEP-1 OCT

Sika Show
HUNTING &
FISHING SHOW
Taupō

21-22 OCT

Graffiato
STREET ART
Taupō

25-26 NOV

Lake Taupō
Cycle Challenge
CYCLING
Great Lake Taupō

9 DEC

Kellogg's
Nutri-Grain
IRONMAN 70.3
Taupō
TRIATHLON
Great Lake Taupō

More events than
you can shake a
stick at!





Taupo
Tongariro

backpacking



Backpacker Heaven

OUR BACKYARD

The Great Lake Taupō (tow-pour) region is filled with backpacking awesomeness! Not only do we have a MASSIVE lake, there are heaps of choice activities and sweet places to hang out and see! So come check it out!

Come over to our place!

REST YOUR HEAD

- Base** 7 Tuwharetoa Street, Taupō 0800 BASE NZ or +64 7 377 4464 www.stayatbase.com
- Bradshaw's Lodge** 130 Heuheu Street, Taupō +64 7 378 8288 www.bradshawslodge.com
- Finlay Jacks** 20 Taniwha Street, Taupō +64 7 378 9292 www.finlayjacks.co.nz
- Haka Lodge** 56 Kaimanawa Street, Taupō +64 7 377 0068 www.hakalodge.com
- Rainbow Lodge** 99 Titiraupenga Street, Taupō 0508 724 629 or +64 7 378 5754 www.rainbowlodge.co.nz
- Turaco** 65 Heuheu Street, Taupō 0800 872 261 or +64 7 378 6124 www.tur.co.nz
- Tiki Lodge** 104 Tuwharetoa Street, Taupō 0800 845 456 or +64 7 377 4545 www.tikilodge.co.nz
- The Crossing Backpackers** Erua Road (Off SH4), Tongariro National Park +64 7 892 2894 www.thecrossingbackpackers.co.nz



COOL STUFF! #NZMustDo

While you're here, make sure you tick these off!

TONGARIRO ALPINE CROSSING




This world famous one day hike takes between six and eight hours and treks across active volcanoes, past emerald lakes and back down through stunning native bush.



BUNGY JUMP

Peak adrenalin!

Why live on the edge when you can jump off it? Our bungee has been throwing people off the ledge since 1991.



SKYDIVE

Taupō has the most skydives per year in the world and it's easy to see why... incredible scenery and the cheapest prices in the country!



THERMAL POOLS

There are awesome hot pools all around our region.

Take a spin in a jet boat on the Waikato River, or raft your way down the mighty Tongariro River in Turangi!

MĀORI ROCK CARVINGS



These epic 14-metre high carvings are hidden around the side of Lake Taupō at Mine Bay, and are only accessible by water.

GET WET



Raft the Rapids!



Great Lake Taupō: Winners of the 2014 & 2015 GOLDEN BACKPACK AWARDS

Best New Zealand Destination



welcome to
TAUPŌ



Boutique Resort Town

The beautiful resort town of Taupō is the hub of the central North Island, lying within an easy commute of the main centres. Taupō is a tourist hotspot and is defined by its incredible lake and mountain vistas and its perfect blend of both exhilarating and relaxing activities on offer. It is home to 23,000 people who are lucky enough to be living the dream on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake.



Taupō is known for its adrenalin activities like bungy jumping, sky diving and jet boating, but equally for its fishing, boating, walking and natural attractions such as geothermal hot pools, waterfalls, forests and volcanoes. These attractions are all within relative close proximity to the Taupō town centre, making it the ideal base for your holiday and a great location for taking perfect photographs. Take a stroll along the picturesque lakefront and you will see the incredible photo opportunities first-hand.

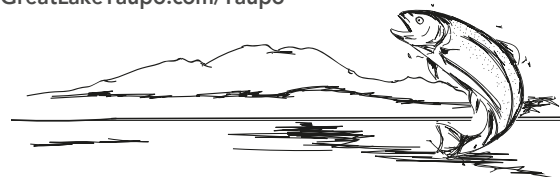
Not only is Taupō a great place for outdoor enthusiasts, but it is also a popular urban getaway with plenty of top class cafés and restaurants to discover, a huge range of accommodation options, numerous art and craft galleries,



wineries and boutique-style shopping that rivals that of the big cities. There is also a thriving nightlife and a busy events calendar that adds to the exciting buzz in Taupō all year round.

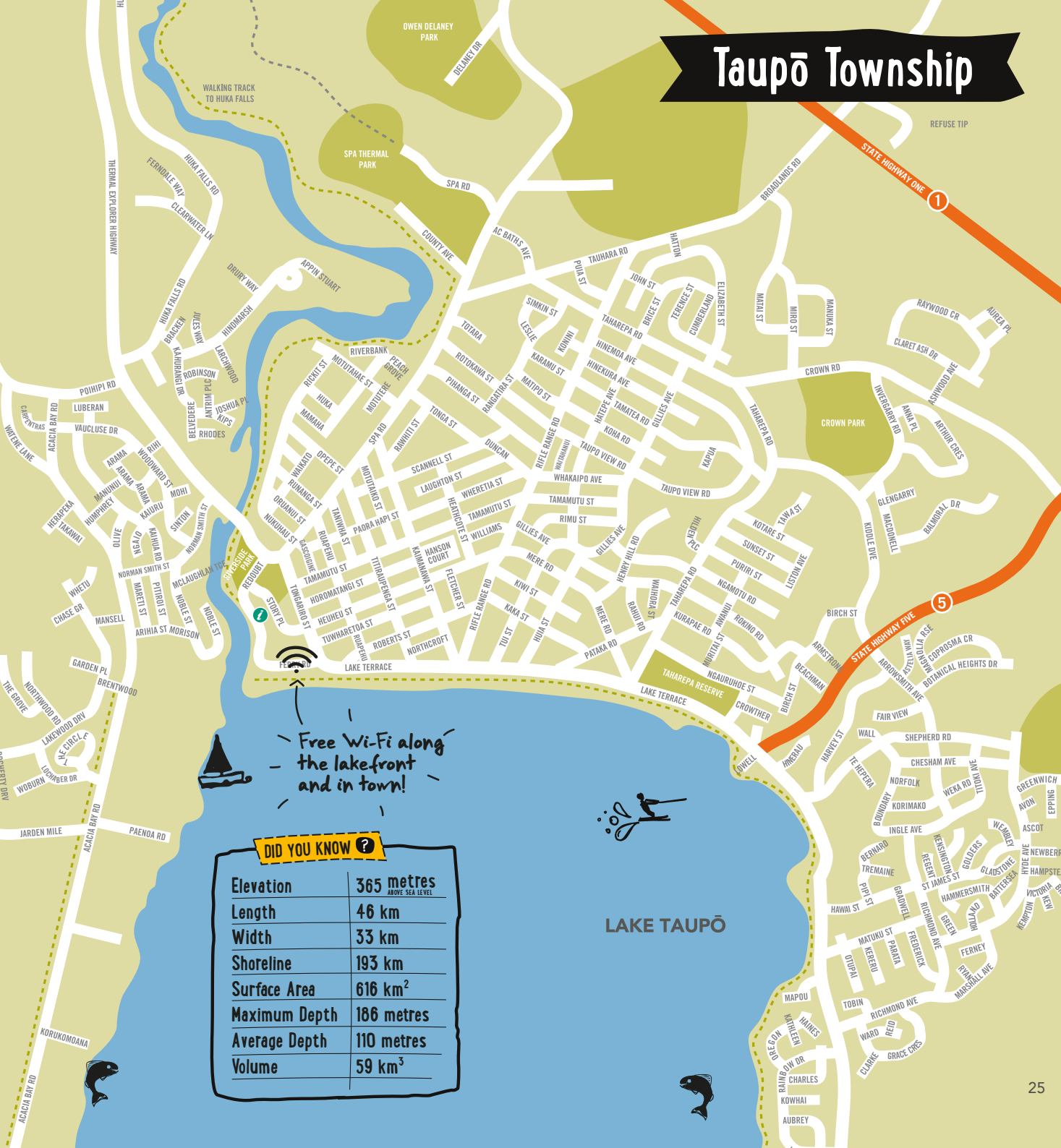
Taupō owes its name to the great chief and explorer – Tia. Tia arrived on the eastern side of Lake Taupō at Halletts Bay and noted a cliff formation resembling his heavy feathered cloak (known as a Taupō). He then set up an altar and claimed the place as Taupō-nui-a-tia – the great shoulder cloak of Tia. This was eventually abbreviated to Taupō (pronounced 'tow-pour'). Visit the Heritage page on GreatLakeTaupo.com/Heritage for the full story.

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Taupō Township

REFUSE TIP



Free Wi-Fi along
the lakefront
and in town!

DID YOU KNOW ?

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Elevation | 365 metres <small>ABOVE SEA LEVEL</small> |
| Length | 46 km |
| Width | 33 km |
| Shoreline | 193 km |
| Surface Area | 616 km ² |
| Maximum Depth | 186 metres |
| Average Depth | 110 metres |
| Volume | 59 km ³ |

LAKE TAUPŌ

TAUPŌ – Hotels



Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels Taupo

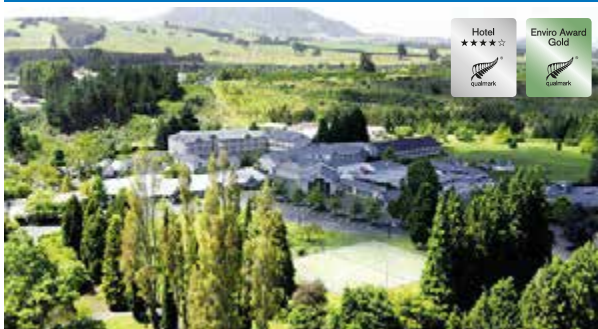
Luxurious lakefront accommodation, dining and conference facilities with stunning views and magnificent location. Rooms include elegant suites with spa baths. Facilities include award winning Edgewater Restaurant and Beach243 for absolute lakefront dining.

Location: Absolute lakefront **Room facilities:** Air conditioning, mini bar, tea & coffee facilities **Extra facilities:** Suites have spa baths. Free Wifi, heated pool, sauna, gym, tennis court.

243 Lake Terrace, Taupō
+64 7 378 5110
info@manuel.co.nz
www.manuels.co.nz



TAUPŌ – Hotels



Wairakei Resort Taupō

Wairakei Resort Taupo believes in providing visitors with a one-of-a-kind geothermal experience. Wairakei Resort provides modern hotel and villa accommodation, abundant indoor and outdoor leisure facilities and exquisite New Zealand focused dining options.

Type of accommodation: Hotel and Villa Accommodation **Room Facilities:** Large rooms with fibre Wi-Fi, fridge, fluffy towels, hairdryer and iron/ironing boards **Extra Facilities:** Two outdoor geothermal heated swimming pools. Six spas, day spa, gym, squash courts, 9-hole golf course, tennis courts.

640 Wairakei Drive, Wairakei Tourist Park, Taupō
+64 7 374 9004
stay@wairakei.co.nz
www.wairakei.co.nz



TAUPŌ – Hotels

Suncourt Hotel and Conference Centre

14 Northcroft Street, Taupō
+64 7 378 8265
stay@suncourt.co.nz
www.suncourt.co.nz



Park up and leave your worries behind. Taupō's only 4 star hotel within three minutes walk from the town centre and boasting stunning views of the lake and mountains. Accommodation ranging from studios through to three bedroom apartments.

TAUPŌ – Hotels

Wellesley Hotel on the Lake, Taupo

100 Lake Terrace, Taupō
+64 7 376 0116
stay@wellesleytaupo.co.nz
www.wellesleyhoteltaupo.co.nz



Fantastic location, fantastic comfort, fantastic value. 41 well appointed unique and comfortable rooms, swimming pool and hot tub. Spectacular lake views, The Lazy Trout Fish Shack and Café, function centre and conference room, FREE Wi-Fi.

TAUPŌ – Motels

Absolute Lakeview Motel

58 Lake Terrace, Taupō
+64 7 378 4440
stay@absolutelakeview.co.nz
www.absolutelakeview.co.nz



We have modern clean rooms in a fantastic location: across from the lake 2 minutes walk to the entertainment area. We are pet friendly, multi-lingual (Māori, Japanese) barbeque, pool, spa, sauna, cycling, step machine, free wifi, airport pick up service.

TAUPŌ – Motels

Asure Chelmswood Motel Taupō

P: 0800 238 238 or +64 7 378 2715 W: www.chelmswood.co.nz

With a long and proud history of hosting visitors from all corners of the world, the Great Lake Taupō region has developed a magnificent selection of places to stay catering to all budgets. Whether you're a backpacking adventurer, a movie star angler or a family of five here for holiday fun, you will find a suitable place to rest your head.

TAUPŌ – Motels

Acapulco Motor Inn

19 Rifle Range Road Taupō
+64 7 378 7174
stay@acapulcotaupo.co.nz
www.acapulcotaupo.co.nz



Just minutes walk from Lake Taupō and town centre, Acapulco Motor Inn offers a large selection of air-conditioned rooms with free Wi-Fi, LCD TV and a DVD player. It features a hot tub and a barbecue area with outdoor seating.

TAUPŌ – Motels

Courtney Motel

15 Tui Street, Taupō
+64 7 378 8398
0800 100 398
host@courtneymotel.co.nz
www.courtneymotel.co.nz



Courtney Motel offers studio, 1, 2, 3 bedroom motel units. Located 50m from the lake and 1km from the town centre. All rooms have oversized beds, SKY TV, free Wi-Fi internet, free car parking and guest laundry and kitchens. Heated swimming pool, and hot plunge pool.

TAUPŌ – Motels

Phoenix Resort

212 Lake Terrace, Taupō
+64 7 378 7216
info@phoenixresort.co.nz
www.phoenixresort.co.nz



Perfect holiday escape in a glorious rose garden setting, just across from the lake. All rooms accommodate your own private thermal pool, Free Wifi, Kitchen facilities and more.

TAUPŌ – Apartments

Voyager Apartments

9 Tui Street, Taupō
+64 7 378 7487
or 0800 350 005
host@voyagerapartments.co.nz
www.voyagerapartments.co.nz



Voyager Apartments offers 1, 2, 3 bedroom fully self contained apartments located 50m from the lake and 1km from the town centre. Apartments have king beds, A/C, spa baths, full kitchens, laundry, free WiFi, SKY TV, free carparking.

TAUPŌ – Holiday Resorts and Camp Grounds

Great Lake Taupo Holiday Park

406 Acacia Bay Road, Taupō
+64 7 378 5159
or 0800 473 280
info@greatlake.co.nz
www.greatlake.co.nz



Great choice of quality affordable self-contained accommodation and cabins, and sites for campervans, caravans and tents. Only three kilometres from town in a landscaped setting. Playground, BBQ, gamesroom, spa. FREE showers and 30 minutes WIFI.

TAUPŌ – Holiday Resorts and Camp Grounds



Lake Taupo TOP 10 Holiday Resort

At our place you'll find a great range of motels, cabins and sites. Our new thermally heated swimming pool complex complete with swim up bar, café and giant screen, two jumping pillows, playground, trampolines, two tennis courts, volleyball, NEOS, Petanque, basketball, SKY, WIFI, Shop and conference centre are just some of our great facilities.

Location: 2km from Lake & Town, opp Taupo Golf club, AC Baths & Events Centre, 700m to Owen Delany Park, 4km to car racing track.

41 Centennial Drive, Taupō
+64 7 378 6860 or Free phone 0800 332 121
office@taupotop10.co.nz
www.taupotop10.co.nz



TAUPŌ – Backpacker Hostel

Base Taupo

7 Tuwharetoa Street, Taupō
0800 BASE NZ
taupo@stayatbase.com
www.stayatbase.com



Base Taupo is a luxury budget hostel with an ideal central location and stunning Lake Taupō and mountain views. Check out our onsite Element Bar to meet other backpackers, locals and party the night away. Free Wifi.



TAUPŌ – Adrenalin



Taupo Tandem Skydiving



Skydive from 15,000 feet above spectacular Lake Taupō with one minute in freefall, reaching speeds over 200 kilometres per hour! With the largest range of camera options available and multi-lingual staff, your skydive will be unforgettable. Experience the adventure with New Zealand's original tandem skydiving company, operating since 1992. As a Qualmark endorsed activity, your safety is our number one priority. **Free Hummer pick ups within Taupō!**

Prices: \$299 for 12,000 ft, \$389 for 15,000 ft, camera \$25-\$300

Duration: Allow 2 hours **Departures:** Every day, weather permitting, from Taupō Airport **Restrictions:** 100kg weight limit

Yellow Hangar, Taupō Airport
0800 826 336
skydive@tts.net.nz
www.taupotandemskydiving.com



TAUPŌ – Adrenalin



Skydive Taupo



With our expert tandem skydive instructors, you'll jump out of our aircraft from up to 15,000ft and into an incredible free-fall over the worlds most stunning drop zone, surrounded by snow tipped peaks and the fresh blue of Lake Taupō. If you are looking for the ultimate heart-pounding thrill ride, you definitely need to book the amazing Skydive Taupo experience!

Product: Tandem Skydive! Freefall video, handycam video & photos all in HD and offered on a unique USB **Transport:** FREE Limo pick-up and drop-off within Taupō **Duration:** Allow 2-3 Hours **Departures:** Everyday, weather permitting **Restrictions:** 100kg weight limit

Anzac Memorial Drive, Taupō Airport
0800 375 057
info@skydivetaupo.co.nz
www.skydivetaupo.co.nz





TAUPŌ – Adrenalin



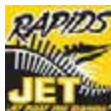
Visitor
Activity

Rapids Jet

If you want a real ride then “Jet Boat the Rapids” in a 500 h/p V8 jet boat. Shoot the narrowest canyon and the biggest rapids on the Waikato River. Surfing pressure waves, muscling up rapids, jet spins. Fun, Safe and Exhilarating. Locally owned & operated. No.1 Taupo activity on Trip advisor.

Product: Jet Boat Rides **Duration:** 35 Mins **Departures:** Daily, ph for times
Prices: \$110 Adults \$60 Child 5-15yrs **Restrictions:** Unsuitable for under 5 year olds **We provide:** Spray jacket, life jacket, heated hand rails
What to bring: Warm jackets, woolly hat & gloves for winter

Nga Awa Purua Road, off Rapids Road, Araratia, Taupo
0800 727 437 or +64 7 374 8066
info@rapidsjet.com
www.rapidsjet.com



TAUPŌ – Adrenalin



Endorsed
Visitor
Activity

Taupo Bungy & Cliffhanger

Home of NZ's highest water touch bungee jump and cliff face extreme swing. Located above the crystal clear Waikato River with stunning scenery, what better place to get your adrenalin fix. Spectators welcome. Free Wi-Fi available.

Prices: Bungy \$169 pp, Swing \$119 Adult \$89 Child (10-15); Combo \$238pp
Transport: Free Shuttle within Taupo **Restrictions:** Min Weight 45 kgs (Bungy), 30 kgs (Swing) Min age 10 years **Operating Hours:** 9:30am-4:00pm Winter, 9:30am-5:00pm Summer

202 Spa Road, Taupo
0800 888 408
jump@taupobungy.co.nz
www.taupobungy.co.nz



TAUPŌ – Adventure



New Zealand River Jet

“The Squeeze” – Thrilling Jet Boat ride down the Waikato River. Guided canyon walk up a thermal stream, to a breath taking, heated waterfall. The ultimate NZ adventure. 2.5 hours.

“Thermal Safari” – Guided Jet Boat Tour to the mystical, geothermal wonderland of Orakei Korako. Explore the world famous silica terraces, mud pools and geysers. 2.5 hours.

Product: “The Squeeze” and “Thermal Safari” **Departures:** Daily at 11am and 2pm (except Christmas Day) **Duration:** 2.5 hours **Season:** All Seasons
Prices: \$159.00 Adult & Child \$89.00 **What to Bring:** “The Squeeze” – Swimming Costume, Towel, Sunnies “Thermal Safari” – Camera and comfy footwear **What We provide:** Life Jacket, Spray Jacket, Wetsuits (The Squeeze) + Sunnies. Check our website for further details.

Cnr SH5 & Tutukau Road, Reporoa
+64 7 333 7111
sales@riverjet.co.nz
www.riverjet.co.nz





TAUPŌ – Adventure



Visitor
Activity
Hukafalls
JET

Hukafalls Jet

The exhilarating power of the Hukafalls Jet is an experience you will never forget. Get ready for our trademark 360° spins, leaving you with a heart pumping with adrenalin, all the way to the mighty Huka Falls.

Operating Hours: 9am-5pm **Restrictions:** Children must be at least 1 metre tall to ride Hukafalls Jet. **Season:** All year round, except Christmas Day **Price:** \$125 per Adult, \$79 per child (up to 15 years) **What to bring:** Small camera, sunglasses & warm clothing if you coming in the cooler months.

200 Karetoto Rd, Wairakei Tourist Park, Taupō
+64 7 374 8572
info@hukafallsjet.com
www.hukafallsjet.com



TAUPŌ – Adventure



Taupo Kayaking & Mt Bike Adventures

Spectacular scenic tours around the Great Lake Taupō region incorporating kayaking, kayak fishing, mountain biking, walking and overnight experiences. Standard tours of guided adventure packages tailored specially for you. Discover our lake, rivers and streams, breathtaking scenery, geothermal activity, natural hotpools, Māori rock carvings rich in cultural history.

Operate: All year round **Departures:** Summer and winter times—normal operating times or tailorised departures available **Tours include:** Refreshments with quality muffins or quiches **Transport:** On request only—within Taupō CBD

Unit 2 876, Acacia Bay Rd, Acacia Bay, Taupō
0800 852 583 or +64 274 801 231
info@tka.co.nz www.tka.co.nz



TAUPŌ – Adventure/Family



Rafting New Zealand Adventure Centre

Rafting New Zealand (RNZ) Adventure Centre (Taupō)—Home of the 6D Adventure Cinema, Rafting New Zealand (NZ's most awarded rafting company) & Taupō's Best Adventure Activities—we only promote and sell the very best operators, which enables us to organise amazing holiday adventures. RNZ Adventure Centre—"Your Holiday Adventure starts here."

Product: 6D Adventure Cinema, Rafting Adventures, Friendly Adventure information & bookings, FREE Wi-Fi, Espresso Coffee. **Operating Hours:** Summer Season: 9am-7pm (7 Days) Winter Season: 10am-5pm (7 Days) **Season:** All year **Departures:** Multiple Departures **Prices:** From \$9 pp **Transport:** Pick ups Daily
47 Ruapehu Street, Taupō
+64 7 378 8482 or 0508 Adventure
bookings@raftingnewzealand.com
www.raftingnewzealand.com



TAUPŌ – Adventure/Leisure



Taupo's Floatplane

Enjoy spectacular scenic flights in a high wing Cessna 206 Floatplane and enjoy unrestricted views looking down on beautiful Lake Taupō and the snow-capped mountains (volcanoes!) of Tongariro National Park. The sensation of taking off from and landing on the water is a memory you will never forget.

Operating hours: 8:30am until sunset, weather permitting **Prices:** Start from \$105 per adult **Duration:** From 10mins **Season:** All year round **Departures:** On demand **Capacity:** 5 passengers per plane x 2 planes **What to bring:** Camera **We provide:** Enthusiastic pilots

Ferry Road, Taupō Boat Harbour, Taupō
+64 7 378 7500
info@tauposfloatplane.co.nz
www.tauposfloatplane.co.nz





TAUPŌ ACTIVITIES

TAUPŌ – Adventure/Leisure

Heli Adventure Flights

415 Huka Falls Road, Taupō
+64 7 374 8680
adventure@helicoptertours.co.nz
www.helicoptertours.co.nz



We can take you to all of Taupō's scenic highlights; the powerful Huka Falls to the great Lake, the Rock Carvings to the majestic mountains and everything in between! We have the knowledge and experience to make your flight the highlight of your visit.

TAUPŌ – Adventure/Leisure

INFLITE Charters

33 Anzac Memorial Drive,
Taupō
0800 435 488
or +64 7 377 8805
taupo@inflite.nz
www.inflitetaupo.co.nz



INFLITE helicopter tours feature the best of Lake Taupō and Central Plateau. Aerial views of Huka Falls, Māori Rock Carvings and majestic volcanoes of the Tongariro National Park are just a snapshot of our stunning landscape and tours we offer.

TAUPŌ – Family



Mind Junction

Discovery Centre opening early 2017. Come and experience Taupō's friendliest attraction. With seven different activities plus puzzles, food, coffee. The most unique puzzle shop full of exclusive puzzles and games. With activities inside and out there is something to suit all ages.

Product: Maze, Mini Golf, LEGO Cave, Shooting Sim, Flight Sim, Puzzle Shop and heaps more **Operating Hours:** 10am-4pm, 7 days. Pick and mix as you go or try one of our package deals. Heaps to keep everyone entertained in all weathers.

Junction of SH5 and Palmer
Mill Road, Wairakei, Taupō
+64 7 377 6555
trish@mindjunction.co.nz
www.mindjunction.co.nz



TAUPŌ ACTIVITIES



TAUPŌ – Family

Crafty TROUT Brewing Co.

135 Tongariro Street
(By Roundabout), Taupō
+64 7 929 8570
info@craftytrout.co.nz
www.craftytrout.co.nz



It doesn't get fresher or more local than this! Crafted on-site: Beer, Cider and non-alcoholic gingerbeer. Brewery Tours daily, Liquor outlet, Trout gift shop and Austrian Alpine Bier Kafe serving great food & drinks.

TAUPŌ – Family/Leisure



Huka Honey Hive

Visit Huka Honey Hive to understand the vital role that bees play in the health of our planet, while tasting and experiencing the wonderful products their honey produces.

Product: Honey, Honey ice cream, honey skincare and much much more
Price: Free Entry **Season:** All year **Operating Hours:** Oct 1-Easter 9am-5pm
Winter 10am-5pm

Karetoto Road (off Huka Falls Road)
Wairakei Tourist Park
+64 7 374 8553
info@hukahoneyhive.com
www.hukahoneyhive.com



TAUPŌ – Fishing

Central Plateau Fishing

21 Glen Mohr
Acacia Bay, Taupō
+64 27 681 4134
brett@cpf.net.nz
www.cpf.net.nz



Central Plateau Fishing specialises in professionally guided fly fishing. Trips range from half to multi-days. Wilderness summer dry fly, quadbike adventure fishing, heli-fishing & boat fishing are only a phone call away. All gear & refreshments supplied.



TAUPŌ ACTIVITIES

TAUPŌ – Fishing

Fish Taupo

Berth 1, Taupō Boat Harbour
Taupō
0800 FISHTAUPO (347 482)
+64 27 478 8509
martystaines@xtra.co.nz
www.fishtaupo.co.nz



Stratus, a Rayglass 850 designed for fishing & cruising in comfort in all weather conditions. Free light refreshments, BYO other stuff! From \$110 per hour for the boat & quality gear (not per person). Go with the local professional who owns the boat and has your interest at heart.

TAUPŌ – Golf

Wairakei Public 9-Hole Golf Course

Wairakei Road, Taupō
+64 7 374 9652
stay@wairakei.co.nz
www.wairakei.co.nz



Wairakei Public 9-Hole Golf Course is open 364 days a year. Offering a relaxing golfing experience. Golf club hire, golf balls and food and beverage is available. Car parking behind Fairways Cafe, Wairakei Resort entrance. Course opens from 7:30am.

TAUPŌ – Geothermal

Craters of the Moon

Karapiti Road,
Wairakei, Taupō
+64 27 656 4684
cratershuka@xtra.co.nz
www.cratersofthemoon.co.nz



A unique walk through an ever changing geothermal landscape featuring bubbling craters, steam vents and colourful soils. Open every day except Christmas Day, the walk is suited to all ages and fitness levels.

KEEPING OUR WATERS CLEAN

OUR PLAYGROUND. OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Coming to jump in our great lakes and rivers? Please make sure you know how to protect the awesome quality of Taupō's lakes and rivers from invasive weeds, algae and pest fish! Follow these simple instructions whenever you move between waterways within this awesome district, and when traveling around our amazing country:

CHECK: Your equipment and remove any visible matter such as weed or algae.

CLEAN: If your gear has not been dry for at least 48hrs then clean with a 5% detergent solution and soak for at least one minute.

DRY: An acceptable alternative method, provided that all components are completely dry to the touch, inside and out, and then left to dry for at least another 48 hours.

For more information visit www.biosecurity.govt.nz/cleaning



TAUPŌ ACTIVITIES



TAUPŌ – Leisure



Taupō Museum

Taupō Museum has something for everyone. Visual history displays, art galleries, Māori art and culture. Chelsea Flower Show gold medal winning garden, Ora – Garden of Wellbeing and museum shop. A must do visitor experience for everyone.

Operating Hours: Open 7 days – 10am to 4:30pm. Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day **Prices:** Adults \$5 Senior Citizens and Students \$3, Taupō residents FREE with ID, Children (School age and under) FREE.

Story Place, Taupō
+64 7 376 0414
taupomuseum@taupo.govt.nz
www.facebook.com/TaupoMuseum



TAUPŌ – Leisure

Lava Glass

165 SH 5, Wairakei, Taupō
07 374 8400
lavaglass1@gmail.com
www.lavaglass.co.nz



View the spectacular art of glassblowing at Lava Glass, studio of renowned glass artist Lynden Over. Browse the gallery of unique glass pieces and wander through the sculpture garden. Enjoy an espresso coffee and delectable food in our cafe.





TAUPŌ – Geothermal/Volcanic



Orakei Korako Cave & Thermal Park



Situated just 25 minutes north of Taupō “The Hidden Valley” of Orakei Korako Cave & Thermal Park. Wander through a valley of unbelievable colour, of bubbling hot springs, gushing geysers and unimaginable natural beauty. Lonely Planet Travellers Guide writes...“**Orakei Korako is arguably the best thermal area left in New Zealand and one of the finest in the world**” Trip Advisor Winner of Excellence 2011-2015.

Operating hours: Summer 8am-4:30pm; Winter 8am-4pm Open Xmas Day

Departures: Ferry runs on demand every day **Duration:** 1-1.5hrs

Product: Thermal attraction. New Zealand's Best Geothermal Area. **Season:** Summer: Oct-Apr; Winter: May-Sept **GPS:** Lat 38 deg 28.429 S / Long 176 deg 8.582 E | -38 28.429, 176 8.582 | 38°28'25.7"S 176°08'34.9"E

494 Orakei Korako Road, RD 2, Reporoa. 38kms North of Taupō (25mins drive) towards Hamilton on SH1.

+64 7 378 3131

admin@orakeikorako.co.nz

www.orakeikorako.co.nz



TAUPŌ – Geothermal/Volcanic



Waimangu Volcanic Valley



The world's newest geothermal system offering walking tours and boat cruises. Awesome geothermal experiences including 'Frying Pan Lake', the worlds largest hot spring; huge 'Inferno Crater' following a mysterious rhythmic cycle of filling, overflowing and emptying; fractured 'Cathedral Rocks' vent beautiful billows of steam; unique thermal plants. The winner of many ecotourism awards.

Product: Walking tours, boat cruises, café & shopping

Operating hours: Open daily 8:30am; last admission 3:45pm (4:45pm January)

Duration: Valley Walk – allow 1.5-2 hours; Valley Walk with Boat Cruise – allow 2.5-3 hours

587 Waimangu Road, Rotorua

+64 7 366 6137

nature@waimangu.co.nz

www.waimangu.co.nz





TAUPŌ – Lake Activities



Fearless Scenic Sailing Cruise

Be fearless on Taupō's original pirate ship and embark on a scenic cruise to the famous Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings that tower 14 metres above Great Lake Taupō. Learn about the cultural stories and history of the region and that make this one of NZ's most extraordinary artworks.

Product: Daily scenic sail to the Māori rock carvings **Duration:** 2.5 Hours
We provide: BYO Food and Beverages **Operating Hours:** Daily Departures from Taupō Harbour, just look for the Pirate Flag 10:30am, 1:30pm and 4:30pm, summer only trip at 7:00pm. **Prices:** Start from \$29

Taupō Boat Marina Berth #31, Taupō
Mobile: +64 22 189 1847
sailfearless@hotmail.co.nz
www.sailfearless.co.nz



TAUPŌ – Lake Activities



Ernest Kemp Cruises

DAILY MĀORI ROCK CARVINGS CRUISE Sit back relax & enjoy the pristine waters of Great Lake Taupō. Visit the Māori Rock Carvings, Mine Bay, Hot Water Beach & Cruise along the lakefront. Comfortable seating both inside & out. Live informative commentary. Complimentary Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Cookies.

WE CRUISE EVERYDAY 10:30am & 2pm year round. 5pm Summer Cocktail Cruise, includes Wine, Beer & Pizza. 12:30pm School Holiday Special Cruises
Prices from \$15 per child \$40 for adults

65 Redoubt Street, Berth 2, Taupō Marina
+64 7 378 3444 or +64 7 378 9222 or +64 (0)21669 139
adiwalker@reap.org.nz www.ernestkemp.co.nz



TAUPŌ – Lake Activities/Fishing



Sail Barbary

A 'must do' Taupō activity. We offer two unique electric boats Barbary and Barbary II. Your fun and experienced guides will explain the 800 year cultural significance of the extraordinary 14-metre high Māori Rock Carvings, the lake and surrounding areas while you sail along on a beautiful white eco-sailing yacht with no fumes, noise or pollution.

Product: 2.5 hour Barbary Sailing Cruise to the Māori Rock Carvings
Departures: Daily 10:30am & 2:00pm (also 5:00pm in summer)
We Provide: A free beverage & postcard on all scheduled sailings and we are BYO **Price:** Adult from \$44; Child from \$25. Private Charter quote for Barbary yacht(s) and/or sister boat 'Ranui' available on request.

Berths 9 & 10, Taupō Boat Harbour, Taupō
+64 7 378 5879
www.sailbarbary.com
www.laketaupodayout.com



TAUPŌ – Lake Activities/Fishing/Biking



Chris Jolly Outdoors

A scenic cruise to the Māori rock carvings on Cruise Cat is the smoothest and most comfortable way to enjoy time on the great lake. The friendly crew will ensure you receive an informative commentary on the volcanic and Māori history of the Lake and its surrounds. Chris Jolly Outdoors also offers fishing, hiking, and biking excursions.

Departures: Daily 10:30am & 1:30pm (additional 5pm cruise during summer). Sunday Brunch Scenic Cruise 10:30am **We provide:** Free coffee/tea & hot muffin on 10:30am & 1:30pm cruises, plus trout fishing demo on 1:30pm cruise. Free wine/beer on 5pm cruise & antipasto platters available on request. **Prices:** Scenic Cruises: Adult \$46, Child 5-16yrs \$18, Under 5 free.

Berth 4, Ferry Road, Taupō Boat Harbour, Taupō
+64 7 378 0623 or 0800 252 628
bookings@chrisjolly.co.nz www.chrisjolly.co.nz





TAUPŌ ACTIVITIES

TAUPŌ – Leisure/Family



Huka Prawn Park

See prawns! Hug prawns! Fish for prawns! Eat prawns! New Zealand's only prawn fishing park is packed full of fun activities for the whole family, including pedal boats, an aqua trike, trout feeding, guided tours and so much more! The restaurant serves delicious meals with a stunning view of the Waikato River.

Operating hours: From 9:30am daily **What we provide:** All equipment provided **Duration:** All day if you like! **Prices:** Family passes from just \$69 for 2 adults and up to 5 Children! **Season:** All year

201 Karetoto Road, Wairakei Park, Taupō
+64 7 374 84 74
info@hukaprawnpark.co.nz
www.hukaprawnpark.co.nz



TAUPŌ – River



Huka Falls River Cruise

This is the only way you can stand above the turbulent white water and experience the awesome power of Huka Falls. Great photography and video with so much to see and everything being close. Highlights – Huka Falls, Birdlife, Natural hot springs, Native bush, Geothermal Power, Aratiatia Dam, Trout and more...

Operating Hours: Daily 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm plus 4:30pm in Summer
Duration: 1.5 hours **Prices:** \$39 Adults, Child \$15, Family package 2A 2C \$93
What to bring: Camera and Jacket **We provide:** Tea and Coffee

Aratiatia Dam Carpark Taupō
0800 278 336
info@hukafallscruise.co.nz
www.hukafallscruise.co.nz



TAUPŌ ACTIVITIES



TAUPŌ – Māori Culture/Guided Walks

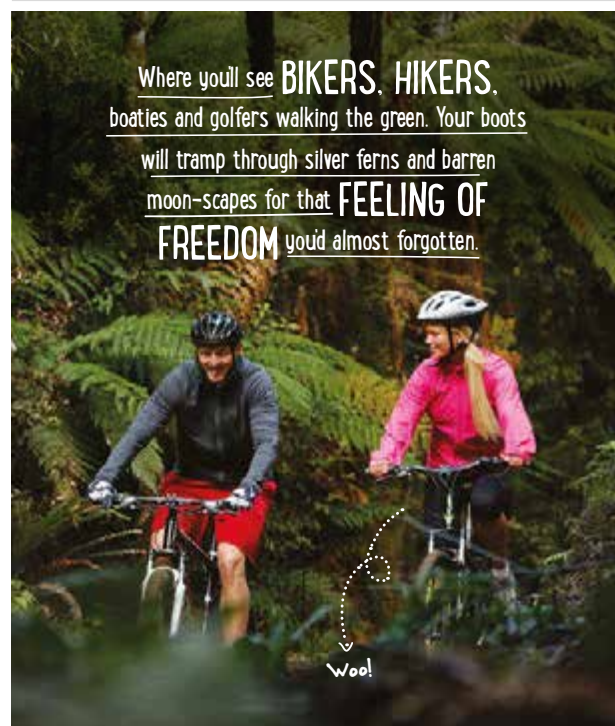


The Haka Shop

Experience the essence of our culture through powerful, vibrant haka and enticing emotional songs of our mountains, lakes, rivers and people. Our performances will touch your senses and stir your soul. Be welcomed, entertained and educated in some of the traditions of our Māori culture we call this whanaungatanga (sharing the love).

Product: Traditional Māori experiences including Marae Welcome, cultural performances, guided walks and weaving **Prices:** Start from \$25pp
Operating Hours: Weekly Marae experience – Wed 6pm, guided walks and Māori weaving workshops – please enquire, **bookings essential.**

Te Ahi Kaa Whare, Watene Lane, Taupō
+64 27 768 5616
thehakashop@extra.co.nz
www.thehakashop.co.nz



Where you'll see **BIKERS. HIKERS.**
boaties and golfers walking the green. Your boots
will tramp through silver ferns and barren
moon-scapes for that **FEELING OF**
FREEDOM you'd almost forgotten.

Wool!



shop, eat, drink
& TAUPŌ



No Ordinary Town!

Taupō is a place on the move. From the moment you arrive in the town centre, perched right on the shores of Lake Taupō, you can't help but feel the buzz of a town on the rise.

Wake up to Taupō's most defining vista – a beautiful large lake framed by snowy volcanic peaks, and stroll into the town centre to discover what this central North Island town is all about. Taupō is big enough to have all the comfort and convenience of city life, but small enough to have that relaxing holiday vibe. Everything you need is within walking distance and conveniently, the town centre is literally a block away from the lakefront.



Taupō is known for its boutique-style shopping that rivals that of the cities. You will find stores selling New Zealand and overseas designer labels and a whole host of independent stores with a unique character. There are also numerous specialist sporting goods stores catering for hiking, camping, cycling, snow sports, water sports and angling, fitting you out for any adventure. Galleries and home design stores are plentiful, and there is free parking, and a pedestrian-friendly



town centre. The shopping precinct is bordered by alleyways and shop walls adorning extraordinary artworks that were painted during Taupō's annual Graffiti Street Art Festival. It is also interesting to note that the town's streets are named after the region's mountains and famous Māori ancestors.

Taupō's restaurants, cafes and bars thrive on creating a memorable experience with quality food and impeccable service. You'll find fine dining, contemporary New Zealand cuisine, kiwi-style fish 'n chips and culinary delights from cultures worldwide. You're sure to find a classy or casual dining experience to suit any taste. Try the local-farmed organic beef, local craft beers or volcanic wines on offer – they're taking the town by storm! The Saturday morning Riverside Market is also well worth checking out for its variety of arts, crafts, local food and coffee to sample and purchase.

Taupō really is no ordinary destination!

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TAUPŌ SHOP. EAT. DRINK

TAUPŌ ACTIVITIES



TAUPŌ – Restaurant

Lazy Trout Fish Shack & Café

100 Lake Terrace, Taupō
+64 7 376 0116
stay@wellesleytaupo.co.nz
www.wellesleyhoteltaupo.co.nz



Stunning lake views with food, drink and service to match. Taupō's iconic restaurant with fresh, flavoursome and expertly prepared cuisine at great prices. We look forward to welcoming you for an outstanding dining experience.

TAUPŌ – Restaurant

Rose on Roberts

92 Roberts Street, Taupō
+64 7 376 8030
www.roseonroberts.co.nz



Rose on Roberts is an award-winning restaurant and craft beer venue in Taupō that has received acclaim since we opened our doors in 2014. Open for dinner 7 days a week from 5:30pm, bar open from 5pm.

TAUPŌ – Restaurant

The Bistro

17 Tamamutu Street, Taupō
+64 7 377 3111
info@thebistro.nz
www.thebistro.nz



At The Bistro our menus are created out of an appreciation for the ever-changing seasons. We pair our integrity in the kitchen with relaxed, non-pretentious service to provide our guests with moments that last a life time. Keeping it simple but nice.

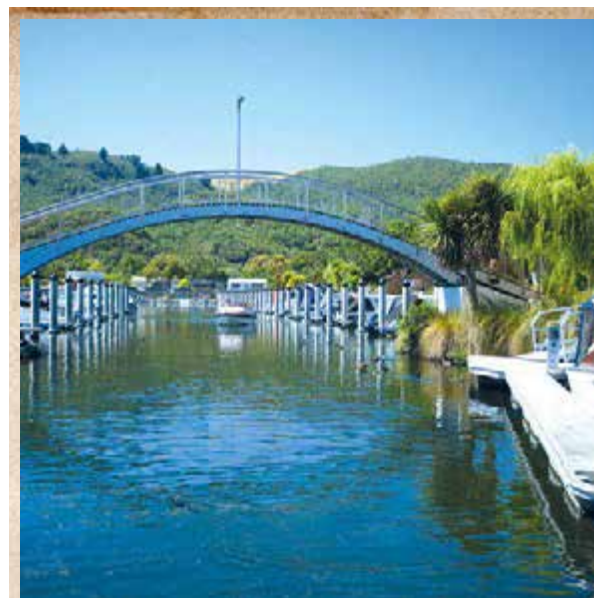
TAUPŌ – Fishing, Hunting, Camping Gear

Fly & Gun Hunting & Fishing Taupo

27 Gascoigne Street, Taupō
+64 7 378 4449
www.huntingandfishing.co.nz



One of the largest Hunting & Fishing stores in the country! We also have a huge range of hiking gear, footwear and casual clothing on display. Tramping, fishing, camping, hunting, diving... we have what you need!



HIDDEN TRANQUILITY

Kinloch is a stunning little settlement on the western shores of Lake Taupō, just one of the small towns dotted around Lake Taupō, nestled in Whangamata Bay. Home to 300 residents, it has stunning views of the lake and mountains. Kinloch is a popular holiday hangout for locals and tourists to enjoy. Only a 20 minute drive from the Taupō town centre, this charming community is the perfect picturesque spot for a lakeside picnic lunch, a dip in the fresh lake water, a spot of trout fishing or a meander around the Kinloch Marina. Be sure to grab a coffee and a bite to eat from the popular local café, across from the lake's edge.

Kinloch is the link between the Kawakawa and W2K sections of the Great Lake Trail – one of the 18 Great Rides which make up Nga Haerenga – the New Zealand Cycle Trail network. If you like to cycle and walk then try out the W2K section, a scenic 13km (one way) trail from Kinloch to Whakaipo Bay with sweeping views of the lake and surrounding areas. For the avid mountain biker, try the challenging 9km Kawakawa section that heads off from Kinloch in the other direction towards Kawakawa Bay, a picturesque and secluded bay surrounded by bush.

History tells us that Kinloch's name comes from the Scottish Gaelic name Ceann Loch meaning 'head of the lake'. Originally a sheep station, Kinloch later developed into a holiday destination with kiwi baches being built next to the lake. The town owes its inception to the 1962 Prime Minister of New Zealand – the late Sir Keith Holyoake.

Visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com/Kinloch for more info

welcome to
**TURANGI
TONGARIRO**

Place of Hidden Gems

While Turangi first became known for some of the best trout fishing in the world, it has since carved out a well-deserved reputation as a basecamp for adventure with hidden gems around every corner. Turangi is now synonymous with the great kiwi adventure holiday.



The town's real gems are hidden in stunning pockets of nature, sometimes just metres from the main road. Turangi is located at the southern end of Lake Taupō, on the banks of the Tongariro River. Its accommodation is characterised by fishing lodges and motels tucked away in exclusive and private locations surrounded by mature trees. There are a number of premium accommodation options in the area as well as several backpacker lodges.

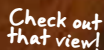
Turangi is the gateway to the world-renowned Tongariro National Park and the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, New Zealand's best (and most popular) one day walk. It is also close to Whakapapa Ski Area on Mt Ruapehu. The area offers a diverse range of activities ranging from active pursuits like white water rafting, kayaking, mountain biking, bush walking and indoor and outdoor rock climbing to

guided cultural walks, golf, thermal pools at Tokaanu and a gentle walking track along the banks of the Tongariro River. Some of the more hidden gems include the peaceful Tokaanu Thermal Walk, the stunning Lake Rotopounamu Walk and the summer wineries of the southern lakeshore settlements of Kuratau and Omori.



Turangi Tongariro takes its name from a Māori leader called Turangitukua. This great leader was an important figure in the early history of the southern end of Lake Taupō. After numerous battles Turangitukua and his followers came in and occupied the land near the Tongariro River, falling under the protection of their ancestor Mount Tongariro. His name was then adopted for the major hapu (sub-tribe) of the area – Ngāti Turangitukua.

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Great Lake Taupō - Nature's Ultimate Playground

TURANGI ACTIVITIES

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TURANGI – Adrenalin/Family



Rafting New Zealand

Rafting New Zealand (RNZ)—Experience the BEST Rafting Adventures in NZ with Rafting New Zealand—NZ's most awarded rafting company. A family run business, established in 1991, RNZ prides itself on its fun, friendly award winning service and impeccable safety record. Rafting daily, with trips suitable for everyone, come and experience the thrill of rafting, with NZ's best!

Product: Award winning Rafting Adventures & Adventure Information & Bookings, Espresso Coffee, Free Wi-Fi. **What to Bring:** Swim Suit & Towel **What we provide:** All river apparel **Operating Hours:** Summer Season 8am-6pm Winter Season: 10am-5pm (7 Days) **Departures:** Multiple Departures **Duration:** From 1.5 Hours **Transport:** Complimentary Transport Available **Restrictions:** 3+ Years

41 Ngawaka Place, Turangi 0800 VOLCANO (865 226)
bookings@raftingnewzealand.com
www.raftingnewzealand.com



TURANGI – Adrenalin/Family



Tongariro River Rafting

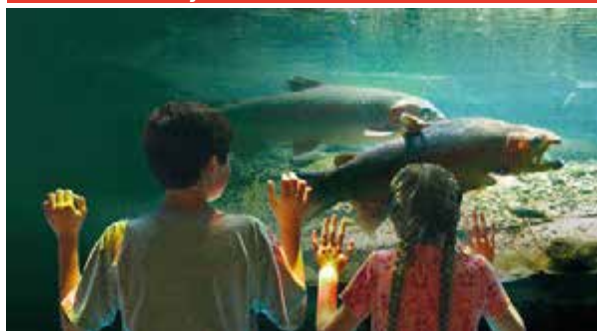
We are the Tongariro's most experienced rafting operator—we know this river like the back of our paddles so you couldn't be in safer hands. Whether you want to go fast with friends, or float with the family, our friendly guides will take you on a white-water journey you won't soon forget. We also offer mountain biking, raft fishing & adventure kayaking.

Product: White water rafting trips **Departures:** Summer: 9am & 2pm. Winter: 12pm. Trip times are flexible for groups **What to bring:** Swim wear and towel **We provide:** All rafting equipment including wet-suits. Plus a delicious, wholesome meal after your trip! **Transport:** Available

The Rafting Centre, Atirau Road, Turangi
0800 10 10 24 info@trr.co.nz
www.trr.co.nz



TURANGI – Family/Leisure



Tongariro National Trout Centre

Discover NZ's freshwater world at the Genesis Energy Fresh Water Aquarium, Visitor Centre, Museum and historic Trout Hatchery. Enjoy the bird life & native bush walk along the Tongariro River. Picnic by the children's fishing pond and feed the trout or see wild trout in the stream at the underwater viewing chamber.

Opening Hours: 10am-3pm: 1 May-30 Nov 10am-4pm: 1 Dec-30 Apr. Closed Christmas Day, ANZAC Day & Good Friday **Prices:** Charge for adults but accompanied children are free to enter the Trout Centre and Genesis Energy Aquarium **Additional Info:** Children can learn how to catch their first trout

SH1, 4kms south of Turangi
+64 7 386 8085
admin@troutcentre.com
www.troutcentre.com



TURANGI – Biking

Tongariro Mountain Biking

The Rafting Centre,
Atirau Road, Turangi
0800 10 10 24
info@trr.co.nz
www.trr.co.nz



We're Southern Lake Taupō's most experienced mountain bike operators. We've been doing this since retro helmets were just helmets! We know trails that ride through ancient beech forests, alongside magnificent trout rivers and past huge volcanoes. This is NZ's best mountain biking. Rafting combos available. Hire bikes or take a guide.

TURANGI – Shuttles to Tongariro Alpine Crossing

Mountain Shuttles

One way shuttle Ketetahi to Mangatepopo. Free security day car park (for clients only)
0800 11 76 86
mountainman989@hotmail.com
www.tongarirocrossing.com



Book your Mountain Shuttle service to the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. We will share with you our Māori culture and the stories that connect us to the area. We operate a free security day car park service for the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. **Discounts:** child/senior citizen/group and specials.



TURANGI SHOP, EAT, DRINK

TURANGI – Café



Cadillac Café

The iconic Cadillac Café – the Central North Island's very own retro themed café is the home of our famous signature 'Cruffin' – a mouth-watering treat so good you'll be an instant fan! We offer 'High Tea' service for those looking for something just a little more special. Come and experience Kiwi hospitality at its best.

Product: Retro themed café full of charm and intrigue, great food, beverages, games, High Tea (48 hours prior bookings essential).

Opening hours: 8:30am-3pm, 7 days

35 Ohuanga Road, Turangi
+64 7 386 0552
+64 211 630 508
cadillac.cafe@actrix.co.nz

OTHER HOLIDAY SPOTS NEAR TURANGI



HOT SPOTS IN THE AREA

If you're planning on being in the neighbourhood, why not check out our towns near Turangi. With picturesque views weaving around Lake Taupō – you will find small settlements tucked away set in stunning land to lake scenery that only postcards are made of.

Pukawa

Just off SH41, is at the western edge of Lake Taupō looking directly back to Taupō and Mount Tauhara. It is a north-facing lakeside settlement of houses and holiday homes nestled amongst beautiful native trees and shrubs. If you're wondering what to do in the area, Pukawa's sandy beach is ideal for picnics and barbeques and the swimming is very safe for children. There are also many stunning bush walks through Pukawa.

Omori & Kuratau

Omori & Kuratau settlements are more spread out. There are no motels in these settlements although some people do rent their homes out as these places are popular in summer for swimming, kayaking, boating and fishing, and in winter for skiing and snowboarding at the nearby Whakapapa Ski Area.

Other great little settlements are Little Waihi, Motutere and Motuoapa.

Visit www.GreatLakeTaupo.com/Turangi-Surrounds for more info

welcome to TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK & MT. RUAPEHU

World Heritage Area

Being one of a few sites in the world with dual World Heritage status in recognition of both its natural beauty and cultural significance, Tongariro National Park is home to the North Island's great mountains, Tongariro (1,968m), Ruapehu (2,797m) and Ngauruhoe (2,290m).

Using Turangi as an accommodation base you can easily access the Tongariro National Park off SH47. This part of the region is just spectacular in its awe-inspiring scenery guaranteed to steal your heart. The Tongariro National Park covers 79,598 hectares with native bush bustling with bird life, waterfalls, lakes, adventure activities and active volcanoes. You can even get right up close to an active volcano on the famous one day walk – the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is a 19.4km alpine trek covering some of the most dramatic landscapes you'll ever see. It is often heralded as New Zealand's best one day hike.



Ruapehu is the largest active volcano in New Zealand ('Rua' means 'pit' and 'Pehu' means 'to explode'). It forms the southern tip of the Taupō Volcanic Zone, which



stretches from Ruapehu to just past White Island, off the East Coast of the North Island. You can ski or snowboard New Zealand's largest ski areas on Mt Ruapehu – Whakapapa and Turoa, or in summer you can take a chair lift ride up Mt Ruapehu and hike to the crater or enjoy lunch at the highest café in New Zealand.

The names are derived from a culture rich in history, when the mountains themselves lived in a time of their own stories of love and war. The local Māori are the keepers of these stories. These mountains are kaitiaki (guardians) of the local Māori, where the elders of the tribe have been known to korero (converse) and look to these magnificent guardians for guidance.



TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK



Snow activities



Skiing, Snowboarding & Snow Play

Mount Ruapehu, the North Island's highest mountain, is home to three different ski areas all within an hours drive of each other. There is an excellent variety of terrain to suit all levels of skiers and snowboarders, as well as a dedicated area for tobogganing and tubing.

Whakapapa Ski Area is the largest of the three areas (in fact it's the largest ski area in the Southern Hemisphere) and offers incredible alpine terrain. Further south, Turoa Ski Area is home to some of the best natural halfpipes, chutes and bowls around. Whakapapa and Turoa have a combined area of 1,050 hectares! You can also try Tukino Ski Field, Mount Ruapehu's lesser-known gem, located on the eastern side of the mountain. Tukino is a club field, operated and maintained by club members, offering the rare combination of adventure minus the crowds.

Turangi and Taupō are the perfect places to base yourself if you are planning to ski or snowboard during your holiday. In Turangi you are only a 40 minute drive from Whakapapa or 1 hour 20 minutes from Turoa. In Taupō you are a 1 hour 15 minute drive from Whakapapa or 2 hours from Turoa. Plus, everything you need to have a great day up on the mountain is available in Turangi or Taupō, including ski and snowboard rentals and tuning services; shops for ski clothing and winter weather gear; and ski packages including lessons, transport to the mountain and of course a wide range of accommodation options.

GreatLakeTaupo.com/Winter





tongariro alpine crossing



Simply Breathtaking

Often described as New Zealand's best one day alpine trek, this 19.4km tramp is simply breath-taking and covers some of the most dramatic landscapes you'll ever see. Passing over varied and spectacular volcanic terrain, in the presence of active volcanoes, you'll experience some of Tongariro National Park's special gifts. A cold mountain spring, lava flow, an active crater, steam vents, emerald-coloured lakes and magnificent views combine to make this an enjoyable and memorable day experience.

The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is often subject to severe weather conditions that can change very quickly. We strongly advise that you are fully prepared when planning your trip. The region has expert operators who provide transportation to and from the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, guides, hire gear and weather information. They know this terrain better than anyone and their information and advice should be followed.

Visit GreatLakeTaupo.com/Crossing, or visit the Taupō or Turangi i-SITE for more information and bookings.



TONGARIRO ALPINE CROSSING



TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Transport

Tongariro Alpine Crossing Base Camp

Cnr S.H 46 & 47, at the Tongariro Holiday Park
+64 7 377 0435



The closest transport base to and from each end of the track, offering secure car parking. Transport to the track with multiple pick up times and information available. Hire equipment on hand.

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Transport/Guiding

Adventure HQ

Taupō, Turangi & Ketetahi
Carpark
0800 247 800
info@adventurehq.co.nz
www.adventurehq.co.nz



We at Adventure HQ believe that doing the Tongariro Alpine Crossing will be the best activity you do whilst in New Zealand and we are here to make that happen. Locally owned, shuttles from Taupō, Turangi and Ketetahi Carpark. Rental equipment, Maps.

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Transport/Guiding

Tongariro Expeditions

Taupō, Turangi
& Ketetahi Carpark
0800 828 763
+64 7 377 0435
info@tongariroexpeditions.com
www.tongariroexpeditions.com



Locally owned, setup by hikers. Get to the mountain up to 1.5hrs before the main crowds. Extra time to ascend the summits of Tongariro or Ngauruhoe. Do the difficult climbs before the heat of the day. Early or late bus home. Hire equipment available. Express services.

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Transport/Guiding

Adrift Tongariro

Taupō, Turangi, Whakapapa
and National Park pick ups
+64 7 8922 751
info@adriftnz.co.nz
www.adriftnz.co.nz



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TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Adventure/Leisure



Whakapapa Unlimited – Mt Ruapehu

Enjoy stunning vistas of Tongariro National Park on a scenic chairlift ride to NZ's highest café (2,020m above sea level). Explore free short walks or journey to Mt Ruapehu's pristine Crater Lake on a guided hike. Don't miss an easy walk through cinematic history to Meads Wall—LOTR filming site.

Product: Scenic chairlift ride to the highest café in NZ, Guided Crater Lake Hike (one day hike), volcanic walks. **Season:** Scenic chairlift rides year round. Hiking December-May

Whakapapa Ski Area, Bruce Road, Mt Ruapehu
+64 7 892 4000
Free Phone: 0508 RUAPEHU (782 7348)
info@mtruapehu.com
www.mtruapehu.com



TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Adventure/Leisure



Mt Ruapehu, Whakapapa & Turoa Ski Areas

There's something for everyone: Fantastic learners' facilities, exceptional terrain for skiing and riding, and terrain parks for free-skiers and snowboarders of all abilities. Not on skis? There's a free tobogganing area, great coffee and sightseeing chairlift rides for stunning views across the Central North Island.

Product: Skiing, Snowboarding, Sightseeing & Snowplay. **Season:** Skiing and Snowboarding July-October. Sightseeing – year round **Facilities and services available:** Café's, rentals, snowsports centre & childcare facility (Turoa only) available.

Whakapapa Ski Area, Bruce Road, Mt Ruapehu
Turoa Ski Area, Ohakune Mtn Rd, Mt Ruapehu
Whakapapa: +64 7 892 4000 Turoa: +64 6 385 8456
info@mtruapehu.com www.mtruapehu.com



TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Adventure



Mountain Air Volcanic Flights

Take a scenic flight adventure over the spectacular volcanoes and lakes of the Tongariro National Park and Lake Taupō. Be inspired by these majestic volcanoes and sacred peaks and be impressed with the beauty of New Zealand from the air.

Product: Volcanic scenic flights **Prices:** \$120-\$365 per person
Season: All year **Operating hours:** 8am-5pm winter, 8am-dark summer
Capacity: 2-8 passengers per flight **Duration:** 15-65 minutes

Cnr SH47 & SH48, Mt Ruapehu
+64 7 892 2812
info@mountainair.co.nz
www.mountainair.co.nz

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TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Leisure



National Army Museum

Our people, our history, our legacy. Stories of honour, courage and sacrifice. Discover our history. Facilities include Home Fires Café, Gift Shop, Kids Headquarters & treasure hunts, Conference & Meeting facilities, Research Library and Guided Tours.

Operating hours: Open daily 9am-4:30pm (except Christmas Day)
Duration: Allow 1-2 hours **Prices:** Adults \$15, Child \$5, under 5 free, Student/Senior \$10, Family \$30 (2 adults plus children under 16)

State Highway 1, Waiouru
+64 6 387 6911
armymuseum@nzdf.mil.nz
www.armymuseum.co.nz





ACCOMMODATION

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Hotel



Chateau Tongariro Hotel

Chateau Tongariro Hotel believes in providing visitors with a timeless elegance and preserving history and tradition. Chateau Tongariro provides accommodation, restaurants, bars, conference facilities and is a popular wedding destination throughout the year.

Type of accommodation: Hotel accommodation **Location:** Tongariro National Park **Room Facilities:** Rooms contain Wi-Fi, fridges, hair dryers and iron/ironing boards **Extra Facilities:** Indoor heated plunge pool, billiards table, cinema **Food and Beverage:** 2 restaurants, High Tea, Sunday roast lunch carvery and 2 bars

State Highway 48, Whakapapa Village,
Tongariro National Park
+64 7 892 3809 stay@chateau.co.nz
www.chateau.co.nz



TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK – Motel/Backpackers

The Crossing Backpackers

4 Erua Road East (off SH4),
Erua, Tongariro National Park
+64 7 892 2894
thecrossingbackpackers.co.nz



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30 Tongariro Street, Taupō
+64 7 376 0027
Freephone within NZ
0800 525 382

Turangi i-SITE
Ngawaka Place, Turangi
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Freephone within NZ
0800 288 726



welcome to
**MANGAKINO
WHAKAMARU**

Heart of the Dam Country

Discover tranquility in Mangakino (meaning 'still waters') beside the beautiful Lake Maraetai. The stunning scenery includes lakes, hydro dams, hiking and biking trails, forests, hidden valleys, secret trout streams and farmland. Mangakino is a wonderful, but largely undiscovered holiday destination and suits both those who seek relaxation or people looking for an active escape in the great outdoors.



A variety of travelers, from backpackers touring the country by campervan or families looking for a family-bach style holiday, will find plenty to enjoy in Mangakino. On offer are outdoor pursuits and water activities such as boating and fishing; as well as hiking, biking and camping. If you forget to pack the essentials, there's plenty of food and drink on offer at the local cafés and eateries.

Mangakino and Whakamaru offer dramatic scenery as a result of the amazing hydro dams in the area. The lakes are popular for a range of watersports including jet boating,

wakeboarding and waterskiing as well as other water activities such as kayaking and swimming. Popular events like the Powerboat Championships, Waka Ama, raft races, rowing and fly fishing competitions are plentiful.



Rods and reels are sure to be seen around Arapuni, Maraetai and Whakamaru Lakes as they are home to plenty of Brown and Rainbow Trout. So dust off the fishing rod and go in for the tackle.

So why not visit and come see a place where bikes follow rivers and a day at the dam ends with dinner at the local. You'll find coffees and kayaks with wildlife and golf greens. Row your boat or jump the wake. This is Nature's Ultimate Playground.



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Mangakino Civic Centre, Rangatira Drive,
Mangakino. Phone +64 882 8191



USEFUL INFORMATION

VISITOR INFORMATION

Taupō **site**

30 Tongariro Street, Taupō
phone +64 7 376 0027
or 0800 525 382,
Open daily (except Christmas Day)
taupovc@GreatLakeTaupo.com



Turangi **site**

Ngawaka Place, Turangi,
phone +64 7 386 8999
or 0800 288 726
Open daily (except Christmas Day)
turangivc@GreatLakeTaupo.com



Department of Conservation Visitor Centre

Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu, phone +64 7 892 3729
Open daily 8am-5pm (winter), 8am-6pm (summer)
email tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz

MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

TNP Weather MetPhone, phone 0900 999 15
Mt Ruapehu, Whakapapa snow reports and ski/board
ing facilities information: www.mtruapehu.com
Metservice: www.metservice.com

EMERGENCIES

Police, Fire and Ambulance, phone 111

Taupō Police Station is located at 21 Story Place (behind the
Taupō i-SITE), phone +64 7 378 6060

Turangi Police Station is located at 4 Ohuanga Road,
phone +64 7 386 7709

Mangakino Police Station is located at Rimu Street,
phone +64 7 882 9070

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY MEDICAL

Taupō Hospital, (24 hour emergency department),
32 Kotare Street, phone +64 7 376 1000

BANKS & ATMS

Trading banks in Taupō and Turangi are open Monday-Friday
(except for public holidays), 9am to 4:30pm. ATMs are outside
most banks and several other locations throughout the region,
including Whakamaru (near Mangakino) and National Park
(near Mt Ruapehu).

TAXIS

Great Lake Taxis, phone +64 7 377 8990
Blue Bubble Taxis, phone +64 7 378 5100

USEFUL INFORMATION

TAUPŌ AIRPORT

Domestic flights depart daily from Taupō Airport. International flights
are just a 3.5 hour drive away at Auckland International Airport.
www.airnewzealand.co.nz

VEHICLE RENTALS

There are a range of rental cars and campervans available
from several Taupō-based companies. Drivers must be 21
years or over and have a current driver's licence to hire a
rental vehicle.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NZ Post will convert foreign cash to NZ\$ without any
commission at any PostShop. Banks will also convert
foreign cash.

GOODS & SERVICES TAX (GST)

A GST of 15% is included in the cost of all goods and services
in New Zealand, except for purchases at duty-free shops.

PHONE SERVICES

When phoning Great Lake Taupō numbers from out of town,
dial 07 first. Local calls from a Spark payphone cost \$1.00
for the first 15 minutes, then \$0.20 per minute. It is easy to
pick up a New Zealand SIM card and the main networks are
2degrees, Vodafone NZ, Spark and Skinny.

USEFUL NUMBERS

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| National directory | 018 | National tolls | 010 |
| International directory | 0172 | International tolls | 0170 |

POSTAL SERVICES

Taupō PostShop, 46 Horomatangi Street,
phone +64 7 378 9093
Turangi Postshop, 2 Ohuanga Road, phone +64 7 386 7769

SHUTTLES AND TRANSPORT

Transport

Backyard Tours

P: +64 7 386 5322 or +64 22 314 2656 W: www.backyardtours.com

Mountain Shuttles

P: 0800 247 800 W: www.adventurehq.co.nz

Adventure HQ

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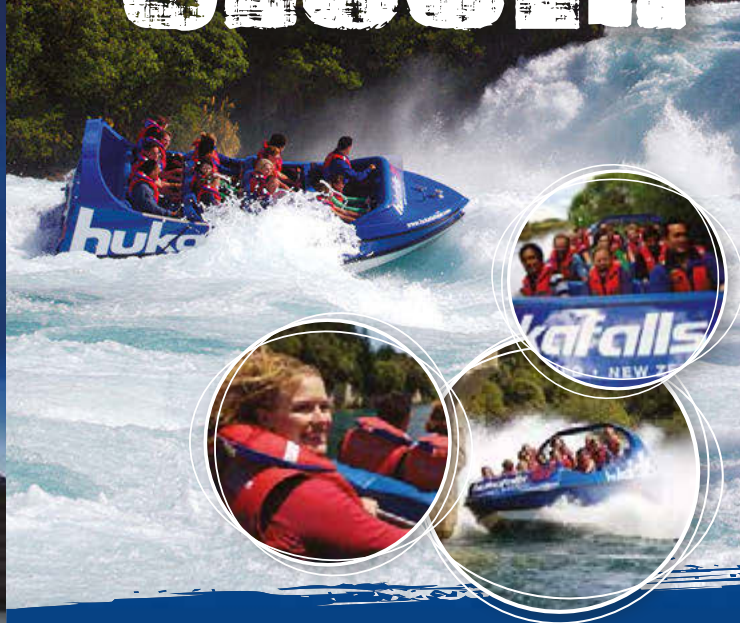
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A group of cyclists is riding away from the viewer on a dirt trail through a forest. The trail leads towards a bright, sunlit lake in the distance. The cyclists are wearing various gear, including helmets and jerseys. The forest is composed of tall, thin trees, and the ground is covered in fallen leaves and pine needles. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

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