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Welcome to Hamilton, New Zealand. This is the official home of Hamilton information for visitors and meeting planners. You can access all your local and regional tourism information right here - including events, attractions, accommodation, dining, travel packages, sports, shopping and more. You can also find a range of information about the Waikato region which lies beyond Hamilton. From cool cafes, art galleries, nightlife and shopping, through to hot pools, caving, bush walks and an ever changing calendar of high profile national and international events. For advice and information our helpful and friendly i-SITE staff with their wealth of knowledge about HamiltonThings to do in Hamilton

You're spoilt for choice with things to do in Hamilton with a wide range of attractions and activities.

Events

Hamilton is NZ's premier events city with local, national and international events staged throughout the year - from the V8 streetrace and world rally car champs, balloons festival, theatre festival through to an ethnic soccer festival, craft & quilt fair and summer arts festival. Check out what events are happening through our what's on website.

The most popular tourist destination in the Waikato with over a million visitors a year, Hamilton Gardens' unique experience offers the chance to experience gardens from around the world.

Enjoy the living Persian carpet in the Indian Char Bagh garden, the tranquility of the Japanese and Chinese gardens, the romantic English garden, the artful American Modernist garden and the grand Italian renaissance garden.Waikato Museum

Visit the city's acclaimed Waikato Museum which showcases arts and culture from the region - also take the time to visit the cafe, restuarant, ArtsPost galleries and museum shop.Visit Riff Raff

Located at the south end of Hamilton's main Victoria Street is a statue of the iconic Riff Raff character from the cult status movie The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

The statue commemorates the development of the idea and the writing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show by Richard O'Brien - who lived in Hamilton and worked next door to the site of the now demolished Embassy Theatre where the statue is.

Visit Hamilton Zoo - home to 450 exotic and endangered animals and birds from around the world. Cheeky chimps, white rhino, tigers and the largest walk in free flight aviary in the southern hemisphere are all there - and more.

Unique education programmes are also on offer.

Visit and find out more about the city's rich history and heritage buildings by taking yourself on a tour.

Hamilton East Heritage Trail leaflets are available from the i-SITE, Hamilton City Council, Waikato Museum, all libraries and The Cook Cafe & Bar in Hamilton East.Experience the arts

Hamilton has a growing collection of public art, numerous art galleries, as well as an eclectic range of talented local artists.

The city has a wide range of theatres which cater for large shows to the more intimate, as well as being home to large cinema complexes and smaller independent art house cinemas. Film and theatre festivals run at different times in the year.

Take your seat at Hamilton's world class sporting venues - or take part yourself. The city hosts international, national and local sporting events at its premier facilities and sports fever is a big part of Hamilton life.

Hamilton city is well supplied with libraries with one in the centre of the city in Garden Place and 5 community libraries. They offer free membership to people living in the city and provide access to books, DVDs, CDs, archives, magazines, and more.Our region

The Waikato - with Hamilton at its heart - is a region of lush, green hills, bush and farmland, with exceptional surf on the West coast. The beautiful Waikato River carves its journey through the landscapes, intersecting Hamilton.

Discover bush-clad mountains, stunning waterfalls, hot mineral pools, beaches and, of course, the magical limestone glowworm caves in Waitomo. Travel off the beaten track for more memorable views and experiences. Charming small towns are dotted throughout the region, each one with its own speciality.

Centrally located approximately 90 minutes from Auckland, Tauranga and Rotorua, Hamilton and the region are a great base for any holiday in the Central North Island. Camjet, Cambridge Jet Boat Tours

Jet boat tours on the awesome Waikato River - trips daily on the hour. Fantastic scenery - pristine waterfalls with native bush, through narrow rock faced gorges, over small rapids and up to the wall of the mighty Karapiro Dam.

Tailored trips for the thrill seekers with the legendary 360 spin, to the more sedate scenic rides. Bookings essential.

Phone: 0800 CAMJET

Address: Riverside Drive Dominion Avenue, CambridgeLocal transport

The Transport Centre, located on the corner of Bryce and Anglesea Streets is the central hub for passenger services in Hamilton city. All regional bus services use this centre. It is also the stopping point for national coach services. Also located at the Transport Centre you will find a taxi stand and the airport shuttle.