

The Mighty Waikato

New Zealand

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Sunset at Raglan

The Mighty Waikato

New Zealand

	Town/City		Gravel Road
	Road		Cycle Trails
	State Highway		Thermal Geyser
	Thermal Explorer Highway		Surf Beach
	Waikato River		Waterfall
	Hamilton Airport		Forest
	i-SITE Visitor Info Centre		Mountain Range
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Kia Ora

Welcome to the Mighty Waikato

A warm welcome awaits visitors in the Waikato – a place of natural beauty, powerful history, and out-of-this-world experiences.

The Waikato is situated in the central North Island, and its commercial and cultural hub, Hamilton, is the fourth largest in New Zealand.

Go underground to experience the wonders of the caves where a myriad of glowworms sparkle, stories of exploration are told and there is black water rafting, abseiling and ziplining to thrill. Movie buffs will delight in the 'real Middle-earth' at Hobbiton™ Movie Set, near Matamata, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies.

Many say the life force of the region is the mighty Waikato River, the longest in the country, and the perfect playground. On the water there is jetboating, kayaking, rowing and fishing, while along the river banks there are picturesque cycling and walking trails and picnic spots too.

A gourmet paradise, the Waikato has a wide array of foodie

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The rich natural environment of the Waikato is a dream come true for visitors who like to get out into the great outdoors, whether it is to take a gentle stroll, or go hiking or biking. The region is ribboned with trails including Te Awa River Ride and two Great Rides of New Zealand -the Timber Trail and Hauraki Rail Trail.

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experiences including award-winning eateries, microbreweries, artisan producers, markets, and berry farms where you can pick your own delicious treats.

Nourish the soul with a soak at Te Aroha Mineral Spas, or meander through the award-winning Hamilton Gardens where historically important garden styles from the farthest reaches of the world have been recreated.

The Waikato is host to outstanding events like the Hamilton Arts Festival Toi Ora ki Kirikiriroa, the New Zealand National Agricultural Fieldays and the spectacular Balloons over Waikato. For arts and culture there are a number of galleries and studios throughout the region, as well as performance art venues, museums and heritage centres.

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The home of Kīngitanga, the Māori King Movement, the Waikato has been a significant area for Māori since the great voyaging Tainui waka (canoe) made landfall in Kāwhia more than 800 years ago. Sites in Hamilton/Kirikiriroa and throughout the Waikato tell the stories of the region.

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The Waikato has become a major hub for high-performance sport with world-class cycling and rowing facilities and Olympic champions based in the region. Always far from the ordinary, the Waikato is a welcoming region where the people keep it real – and experiences become unreal.



Outdoor Adventures

The Waikato has plenty to appeal to people who like to get out into the great outdoors, above and below ground, with some of New Zealand's most well-loved trails and tracks threading through the region.

New Zealand's longest river, the mighty Waikato, provides excellent kayaking, boating and other water sports opportunities, while the quintessential seaside town of Raglan is a mecca for surfers, or those wanting to simply relax. The extensive Raglan Harbour is sought after for kayaking, paddle-boarding and sunset cruises.

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**See page 10-13
for cycling and
walking trails
in the region.**

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The region is also home to two of the nation's Great Rides, each offering different adventures. Walking trails range from family-friendly experiences to more challenging winding mountain tracks with the view at the summit the perfect reward.

Hamilton City

Hamilton is the Waikato's metropolitan hub on the banks of the mighty Waikato River. With a vibrant arts scene, great shopping, award-winning restaurants and a bustling nightlife, Hamilton City is the perfect hub for exploring the Waikato.

Check out the animals at Hamilton Zoo, visit Hamilton Gardens, indulge in gourmet experiences, or take a hot air balloon ride to admire the view from above.

With some of the best venues in the country, Hamilton is renowned for hosting world-class events, from international sporting fixtures to arts festivals and concerts.



Middle-earth Movie Magic

If the Shire is at the heart of Middle-earth, then the Waikato region is at the heart of the Shire. When renowned Kiwi film director, Sir Peter Jackson, went looking for the perfect setting for the Shire, the home of the hobbits, for his *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies he found it right here in the Waikato.

Subsequently the set was adapted to become the permanent attraction of Hobbiton™ Movie Set. Visitors to the set can just imagine the hobbits going about their everyday business with tours including iconic sites such as the Green Dragon™ Inn and The Millhouse™.

Tolkien-esque landscapes can also be found in other parts of the Waikato, such as the Waitomo area, where towering limestone bluffs give way to mysterious caverns.

Visit: waikatonz.com/middle-earth

Underground Wonders

Millions of years in the making, the Waitomo Caves are a must-do New Zealand attraction and have been enthralling visitors since the late 1800s.

This subterranean world of stalagmites, stalactites and underground waterfalls is full of geological and historical wonder. From families to thrill-seekers, visitors will love the options for exploring the caves. On one hand, there are guided tours of the caverns with their awe-inspiring limestone formations and gentle boat rides under galaxies of twinkling glowworms; on the other there are the blood-pumping adventures like black water rafting on underground streams, abseiling and ziplining in the depths.

Visit: waikatonz.com/underground



Top 10 Family Fun Activities

The Waikato region has plenty to appeal to the whole family.

- 1** Experience the magic of glowworms in the Waitomo Caves. Enjoy the world-famous boat ride, gliding on a subterranean stream under thousands of twinkling glowworms.
- 2** Visit Ōtorohanga Kiwi House and Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari to get up close to native birds or explore Hamilton Zoo, home to over 600 native and exotic animals.
- 3** Explore Hamilton Gardens: Download a free kids activity sheet, visit the traditional Māori or Surrealist garden, to name a few.
- 4** Get out on the water paddling a kayak or a stand-up paddle-board.
- 5** Visit Waikato Museum: Experience the fun interactive kids exhibitions.
- 6** Explore hundreds of kilometres of local cycling and walking tracks.
- 7** Relax at Kāwhia Ocean Beach where you can dig your own natural hot water spa at low tide.
- 8** Take the family along to experience Middle-earth at the spectacular Hobbiton™ Movie Set.
- 9** Check out some of Hamilton City's indoor family-friendly activities including escape rooms, mini golf, trampoline parks and Bowl and Social at SkyCity Hamilton.
- 10** Visit the destination playgrounds dotted around the region such as the playground at Hamilton Gardens, Hare Puke Park, or Jim Barker Memorial Playground in Ōtorohanga. For more ideas visit: waikatonz.com/family-fun



Gourmet Delights

The Waikato is a foodie's paradise with delicious restaurants, eateries, markets and artisan producers around every corner.

Local cheesemakers are highly regarded as some of the best in the country, while the region's ice cream makers are acclaimed for their creamy creations and imaginative flavour combinations.

The Waikato is one of the top growing regions of summertime berries in the country. Visit one of many farms and orchards where you can pick your own delicious, sun-ripened strawberries, blueberries and raspberries. Hamilton City is renowned for its café culture with a range of local coffee roasters to choose from, while restaurants, microbreweries, cocktail bars and live music haunts bring the city to life at night.

Visit: waikatonz.com/eat-and-drink

Shopping, Arts & Culture

Whether you are searching for a special treasure to take home, or just browsing, the Waikato has a range of shopping experiences to suit.

In Hamilton City there are boutiques awaiting discovery in laneways, as well as fashion stores and large modern malls. In their charming rural settings, towns like Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha, and Matamata are home to top antique shops, unique homewares and gift stores.

For history buffs, Waikato Museum, smaller museums and self-guided driving tours such as Te Ara Wai Journeys all tell stories of the region's heritage. Local artists take inspiration from the rich landscapes of the region, and many galleries profile original artworks, impressive collections and local pieces to take home.



Your Business Events Destination

Waikato venues and accommodation are as diverse as the landscape. From inner-city chic to rural charm and relaxation, experience business events with time to breathe. Meetings in the Waikato give you the chance to connect with each other and the land.

The Waikato warmly welcomes all visitors, be that at the superb venues of Claudelands Conference & Exhibition Centre, the award winning Hamilton Gardens, or at the home of High Performance Sport New Zealand. There is then the opportunity to unwind.

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The accessibility and variety the Waikato region offer provide endless options for any business event. Meet overlooking New Zealand's longest river - the mighty Waikato - or surrounded by rolling green hills and protected native forest.

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Delegates are invited to explore underground in Waitomo's awe-inspiring wonderland, head to NZ's only organic tea plantation or enjoy a feast fit for a Hobbit at Hobbiton™ Movie Set.

For more information and support for an upcoming conference or business event in the mighty Waikato, contact the team at businessevents@waikatonz.com

meetwaikato.com





Where to Stay in the Waikato

Visitors to the region can choose from a variety of accommodation options - from high-end city hotels to ecostyle glamping or family breaks in beachside holiday parks. Enjoy a touch of luxury in a boutique lodge, or if a self-contained option is preferred, the region's motels and serviced apartments are a great choice.

Getting Around

The region's central location means it's simple and easy to get around, with most attractions within one and a half hours' drive of Hamilton City and expressway links with Auckland. Domestic flights operate from Hamilton Airport, the passenger rail service, Te Huia, connects Waikato to Auckland, and the Northern Explorer rail service includes the Waikato on its Auckland to Wellington journey.

Thermal Explorer Highway Touring Route

The Waikato region features on the Thermal Explorer Highway. This touring route exits Auckland and takes in some of the top spots in the central North Island, from Hamilton and the wider Waikato region, through to Rotorua, Taupō and Ruapehu. Working in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Highway, these touring routes provide the perfect way to explore the central North Island.

Itinerary Suggestions

For suggestions on how to plan a trip and make the most of the Waikato region, check out: waikatonz.com/itineraries

Cycle Trails

Home to two of New Zealand's Great Rides, the Waikato gives riders an up-close look at the picturesque scenery and fascinating history. From riverside trails to ancient forests, or purpose-built mountain bike parks, there is something to suit all levels of cyclists.

Trail Grades:

Easiest      Hardest



1


Hauraki Rail Trail, Te Aroha:

One of the easier rides in the region's cycle trail network, showcasing the rich pioneering history of the area.

- Matamata to Te Aroha 37km
- Te Aroha to Paeroa 23km
- Paeroa to Waihi 24km
- Paeroa to Thames 34km
- Thames to Kaiaua 55km



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The Timber Trail, Waitomo District:

A spectacular, two-day backcountry ride through the Pureora Forest Park, steeped in Māori narratives and logging history.

- Pureora Village to Pureora Mountain 8km
- Pureora to Ongarue, full trail - 85km



2


Te Awa - The Great New Zealand River Ride, Ngāruawāhia to Lake Karapiro:

65km of easy cycling and walking tracks along the banks of New Zealand's longest river.

- Ngāruawāhia to Hamilton 26km
- Hamilton Gardens to Cambridge 31km
- Cambridge to Lake Karapiro 8km



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Hamilton City River Rides:

This shared walkway and cycleway runs through central Hamilton along the mighty Waikato River and under the many iconic bridges that Hamilton is known for.

- City section 10km

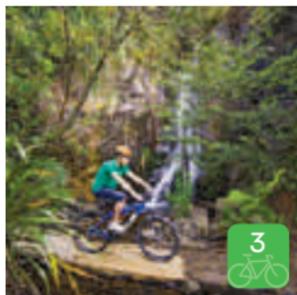


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Mt Pirongia Mountain Bike Trails:

Around 12km of off-road trails wind through the forest at Sainsbury Road Reserve west of Pirongia. A kids track and pump track provide great off road children's cycling, with other options to suit intermediate to advanced riders.



3



Mt Te Aroha Mountain Bike Trails:

Nestled in the foothills of Mount Te Aroha, the 10km track starts and ends in Te Aroha Hot Springs Domain by the Mokena Geyser offering something for all abilities, including challenging ascents and exhilarating downhill sections for more daring riders.



3



Raglan Cycle Trails, Raglan:

Ride the Mount Karioi Loop trail or get close to the giant wind turbines at Te Uku Windfarm.

- Mount Karioi Loop: 45km loop
- Pipiwharauoa Trail/Te Uku Windfarm: 18km return
- Te Ara Kakariki: 6km total distance



Velodrome, Cambridge:

Features a world-class 250m velodrome track, which is open to the community for a range of programmes and track cycling lessons. Links to the Gallagher Bike Skills Park, Te Awa River Ride and nearby BMX, road and trail facilities.



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Te Miro Mountain Bike Park, Cambridge:

Situated 20 minutes northeast of Cambridge and popular with a wide cross section of riders. Access via Waterworks Road, Te Miro. Grade depends on the track cycled.

- Track lengths vary from 500m to 3km
- Total track network of over 20km



3-5



Hamilton Mountain Bike Track:

Located within Hamilton's northern city limits and suitable for beginners and families as well as more advanced riders. Access via Maui Street, Hamilton.

- Compact single track
- 10km in length



For more information on cycle trails in the Waikato scan the QR code or visit: waikatoz.com/cycling

Walking and Hiking Trails

The region's natural environment provides great scenery for walking and hiking trails of all levels and lengths. Ancient volcanic bush-clad mountains and wildlife reserves give way to the stunning Waikato River and fertile rolling hills. Te Araroa, 'The Long Pathway', also passes through the region.



Walking Track



Shared Trail



Stay the Night



Hākarimata Scenic Reserve, Ngāruawāhia:

Featuring ancient native Kauri trees, spectacular views and the infamous stair climb.

- Kauri Loop track 2hrs return
- Summit track 3hrs return
- Waterworks track 1hr return



Mt Pirongia, Pirongia:

Take a stroll along the Mangakara Nature Walk, or opt for an overnight excursion on the Tirohanga – Mahaukura round trip. Access via Grey Road.

- Mangakara Nature Walk 1hr return
- Bell Track 6-10hrs one way
- Mahaukura Lookout 2-3hrs one way



Wairere Falls, Matamata:

Follow well-formed tracks and climb stairs to the base of the impressive 153m falls, the highest in the North Island, or continue on to reach the lookout at the top. Access via Goodwin Road off Te Aroha-Okauia Road.

- Wairere Falls track 3-4hrs return



Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton:

Over 20 themed gardens including Te Parapara Māori Garden, Egyptian Garden and much more.

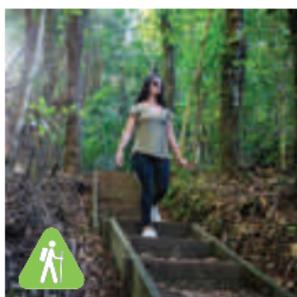
- Themed gardens open 9am to 5pm daily
- Wider parkland areas always open



Mt Te Aroha, Te Aroha:

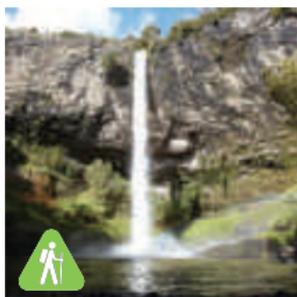
Climb to the summit for spectacular views. Visit Waiorongomai Valley for great walks with gold mining history.

- Te Aroha Mountain track 3hrs
- Domain Loop track 20min
- Waiorongomai Valley low-level loop 2hrs return



Maungakawa Scenic Reserve, Cambridge:

This scenic reserve boasts regenerating native forest with a scattering of exotic trees. Spot some native birdlife on an easy 30 minute loop walk. Access via Gudex Road, off Maungakawa Road.



Wairēinga/Bridal Veil Falls, Raglan:

An easy 10-minute walk to the top of the 55m Bridal Veil Falls, followed by a set of steps to the bottom viewing platform. Access via Kawhia Road off State Highway 23.

- 20min return to top of the falls
- 40min return to the bottom



Waikato River Walks, Hamilton:

Stroll along the banks of the Waikato River in Hamilton for a tranquil escape from city life. Popular with runners for an early morning workout, the tracks are also suitable for cyclists.

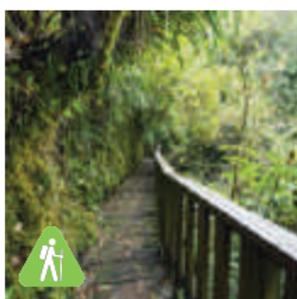
- Various lengths and access points



Ōtorohanga Kiwiana Walk, Ōtorohanga:

Celebrating all things New Zealand, the Ōtorohanga Kiwiana Walk is great for families. Access via main street, Ōtorohanga.

- Featuring kiwiana from No.8 Wire to the pavlova and more



Ruakuri Walk, Waitomo:

This loop walk includes limestone outcrops, native forest and small caves. The highlight is the viewing platform into the Ruakuri Natural Tunnel, a high-ceiling cave where you can view large stalactites and stalagmites.

- 45min return



Taitua Arboretum, Hamilton:

Featuring lakes, woodland gardens, birdlife all linked by a network of walking tracks, the arboretum is perfect for a leisurely weekend stroll, family picnic or a more active outing.

For more information on walking and hiking trails in the Waikato, scan the QR code or visit: waikatoz.com/walking



Scan to learn more



What's On - Events

The Waikato region has established itself as a leading events destination and this year's line-up shows just why. Check out some of the top events on in the Waikato.

All events are correct at the time of publication, please contact event organisers for up to date information.

14-20
JAN



34th Annual Waka Ama National Sprint Championships

Seven days of competition at Lake Karapiro showcasing the top paddlers and teams in Aotearoa.

📍 Lake Karapiro

19-21
JAN



Soundsplash

With over 40 acts, plus sun, sand and surf on the agenda, Soundsplash is the epitome of a summer festival.

📍 Wainui Reserve, Raglan

28
JAN



Summer Concert Tour 2024

Set to be one of the biggest concerts of the summer with four amazing headline acts.

📍 Hamilton

JAN-
APR



International Cricket

Get ready to witness thrilling matches and unforgettable moments at international cricket this summer.

📍 Seddon Park, Hamilton

3
FEB



Move Your Tinana Kāwhia Festival

Free music and movement through fun activities plus a variety of stalls from kai to products and services.

📍 Kāwhia

23 FEB -
3 MAR



Hamilton Arts Festival Toi Ora ki Kirikiriroa

See Hamilton Gardens and Hamilton CBD come to life at this iconic performing arts festival.

📍 Hamilton Gardens & Hamilton CBD

24-25
FEB



Meatstock

New Zealand's biggest barbecue festival is back - Meatstock is two full days of live music and barbecue.

📍 Mystery Creek

MAR-
MAY



Gallagher Chiefs Home Games

Take in the action when the Gallagher Chiefs take on visiting teams in the Super Rugby Pacific Championship.

📍 FMG Stadium Waikato, Hamilton

3
MAR



Mopars in Morrinsville

There will be something for everyone at this event, from original cars, modified cars, muscle cars, winged cars, drag cars and more.

📍 Morrinsville Recreation Ground

10
MAR



A Day at the Domain

The annual Te Aroha Day in the Domain brings entertainment, food and music together for a free family day out.

📍 Te Aroha Domain, Te Aroha

19-23
MAR



Balloons over Waikato

Hamilton's annual hot air balloon festival is a must do - over five days, you can enjoy sunrise ascents, evening events and the iconic Nightglow event.

📍 Innes Common, Hamilton

23
MAR



The Middle-earth™ Halfling™ Marathon

An enchanting off-road trail running journey through the bucolic landscape of the Shire™, Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Trilogies.

📍 Hobbiton Movie Set, Matamata

5-6
APR



2024 NZ Dragon Boat National Championships

The National Dragon Boat Championships are back - head to Lake Karapiro to check out the action on the water.

📍 Lake Karapiro

6
APR



NZ Shears Running of the Sheep and Great NZ Muster

Te Kuiti's main street is set to be transformed with sheep themed decorations and activities in this unique street festival.

📍 Te Kuiti

12-14
APR



Long Course Weekend

Over three days, athletes can choose to swim, bike, or run across multiple distances to create a weekend course for their ability.

📍 Mighty River Domain, Karapiro

19
MAY



Huntly Half Marathon

Grab your running shoes for one of New Zealand's premier half marathon events. With four categories this event is suitable for all fitness levels.

📍 Huntly

12-15
JUN



Fieldays

The largest agricultural event in the Southern Hemisphere, with more than 1,000 exhibitors across 40 hectares.

📍 Mystery Creek

2-4
AUG



Prowear Chrome Expression Session 2024

Different sessions throughout the weekend offer opportunities to cruise around Hampton Downs.

📍 Hampton Downs Motorsport Park

22
SEP



International Hobbit Day

Enjoy an evening to remember celebrating International Hobbit™ Day, the birthday of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins on 22 September.

📍 Hobbiton Movie Set, Matamata

27-29
SEP



NZMCA Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure Show

See all the latest products, talk to the experts and be in to win fantastic prizes over the three-day show.

📍 Mystery Creek

26-28
OCT



Raglan Arts Weekend

Over three days, artists will be showcasing an impressive range of painting, ceramics, photography, jewellery and wearable art.

Raglan

NOV



The Great Kiwi Summer Festival

Packed with everything for a great Kiwi summer. This event will be a non-stop weekend of boats, bikes, BBQs and so much more!

Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro

1-3
NOV



Waikato A&P Show

From animal showing and judging to industry food and craft competitors, the Waikato A&P Show offers unique entertainment for the whole family.

Claudelands, Hamilton

9
NOV



Te Awamutu Annual Craft Fair

Head to Te Awamutu for the Annual Craft Fair where there are over 100 stalls selling New Zealand made products.

Te Awamutu

NOV



Round the Bridges

Great for all ages and levels of fitness, this annual run is set to hit the pavement with entertainment, spot prizes, medals and trophies.

Hamilton

DEC



Christmas Events

Christmas events across the region include parades, craft festivals and the lighting of New Zealand's largest Christmas Tree in Hamilton.

Waikato Wide

The events in this guide are just a selection of the wide array on offer. To view all the upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit:
waikatonz.com/events





North Waikato

Must Do...

- Tackle the Hākarimata Summit track in Ngāruawāhia: Over a thousand steps lead to spectacular panoramic views over the stunning landscape
- Learn about New Zealand's historic land wars: Visit the site of Rangiriri and learn about the cultural significance of the area
- Feed the need for speed: From V8 supercars and go-karting at Hampton Downs, to watching the drag races at Meremere and the stockcars at the speedway in Huntly
- Order an ice cream as big as your face in Pokeno: Renowned for its enormous ice creams and delicious local bacon



Steeped in cultural history, the North Waikato area and town of Ngāruawāhia is home to the Māori King and the Kīngitanga movement, with significant historical New Zealand Wars sites throughout the area.

Learn about the area's history and visit the sites of the influential land wars by exploring the towns between Tūākau to Ngāruawāhia, all

with cultural and historical significance.

In the North Waikato, small towns and villages dot the landscape with an eclectic lineup of shops and cafés while bush-clad mountains make way for rugged coastlines and the mighty Waikato River meets the Tasman Sea at Port Waikato. This somewhat untouched slice of Kiwi paradise is



popular with surfers, keen fishermen and holiday makers alike; offering a secluded escape, fresh seafood and a number of great fishing spots.

Those looking for gourmet delights will not be disappointed, with artisan producers of cheese, bacon and whiskey all calling the North Waikato area home, not to mention the local markets and huge ice creams found at Pokeno.

While those looking for some adrenaline and the roar of engines can find it at the key motorsport facilities located in the area - ranging from speedways and drag racing tracks to the world-class Hampton Downs Motorsport Park, with its on-track

experiences and events.

The North Waikato area also boasts many popular walking trails, from easy lakeside tracks to challenging full day hikes.

The picturesque Lake Hakanoa in Huntly is a popular and easy family friendly walking trail, while the Hākarikata Ranges provide many options such as the Kauri Loop track and the Hākarimata Summit track with its popular stair climb.

Te Awa, the Great NZ River Ride cycleway stretches along the Waikato River, from Ngāruawāhia in the north to Lake Karapiro in the south. Be sure to ride across the Perry Bridge, an iconic 130m bridge, at Horotiu.



Hampton Downs

Activities



Hampton Downs Motorsport Park

📍 SH1, Te Kauwhata

📞 09 280 6593 📄 hamptondowns.com

Hampton Downs Voucher Redemption Day is a day everyone can enjoy! Enjoy a Supercar Fast Dash experience in our Lamborghini Huracan and experience speeds of up to 230km/h!

Or get the adrenaline pumping with our TA2 Hot Lap experience. Feel the thrill of getting behind the wheel in a genuine V8 Mustang or Camaro race car!

You could take the family for a ride in our GR Hot Lap experience or get them out on the 4WD course in our Jeep Wrangler 4WD experience!

Or why not experience the thrill of a lifetime and get behind the wheel of our Radical SR3 in our Radical U-Drive experience.

Cornerstone Alpaca Farm Tours, Shop & Café

📍 49 Peach Road, Gordonton

📞 027 555 7887

📄 cornerstonestud.co.nz

Come enjoy your one stop Alpaca Farm, Café and Gift Shop. Learn more about alpacas and llamas and feed our friendly herd. Take gorgeous photos and visit our unique shop for a wide variety of products, souvenirs and lovely gifts. Enjoy authentic handmade meals at our funky licensed farm café.

A must visit for all alpaca lovers.



Nikau Cave & Cafe

📍 1770 Waikaretu Valley Rd, Waikaretu

📞 09 233 3199 📄 nikaucave.co.nz

A perfect day out off the beaten track. Underground wonders, a homestyle cafe, extensive grounds and a bush walk to a waterfall. Bookings essential for cave tours.



Woodlands Estate (Est. 1872)

📍 42 Whitikahu Rd, Gordonton

☎ 07 824 3687

📄 woodlands.co.nz

Explore our historic homestead and beautiful gardens, relax at the licensed café. Open 7 days.

**River Riders Ngāruawāhia**

📍 Ngāruawāhia Squash Club, Lower Waikato Esplanade

☎ 027 655 504 📄 riverriders.co.nz

Te Awa The Great NZ River Ride, 65kms, Grade 1&2 E-bike & bike hire, accom, shuttles, packages & tours. Must prebook!



Accommodation

Te Karaka Lodge

📍 1833 Port Waikato Waikaretu Road, Waikato 2695

☎ 09 949 9929

📄 tekarakalodge.co.nz

Te Karaka Lodge, is a brand new luxurious rural escape, surrounded by breathtaking landscape in the heart of Waikato farmland. Experience the quintessential beauty of rural New Zealand in relaxed comfort at our contemporary farmstay. Features 10 suites, a convivial guest lounge, bar and dining area, spacious outdoor areas, and a heated swim spa.

**Castaways Resort**

📍 685 Karioitahi Road, Karioitahi Beach, Waiuku

☎ 09 236 5041

📄 castaways.co.nz

Situated on the wild coastal cliff tops of Karioitahi Beach, Castaways Resort is perfect for an effortless escape, a unique wedding or conference venue. All within 60 minutes of Auckland CBD or 90 minutes from Hamilton City, this is a true escape from the ordinary. Whether you are staying as a guest or visiting for the day, we invite you to experience the beauty of the west coast.



Perry Bridge, Horotiu



Hamilton Kirikiriroa

Must Do...

- Wander through the stunning Hamilton Gardens: Internationally renowned, the gardens are a 'must do' and the perfect place to spend a day
- Visit an art gallery or museum: The Waikato's intriguing arts and culture are on display in the Waikato Museum, many boutique galleries and street art, installations and murals
- Gourmet delights: Award-winning chefs, artisan producers and craft breweries tempt with something to appeal to all tastes
- Do the Time Warp: Check out the life-size statue of Rocky Horror Picture Show creator and Hamilton local Richard O'Brien dressed as the iconic character Riff Raff
- Kid-friendly biking and walking: Great views and picturesque picnic spots are aplenty along the mighty Waikato River pathways



Also known by its Māori name Kirikiriroa, Hamilton is the metropolitan centre for the Waikato.

Just an hour and a half drive south of Auckland, it is New Zealand's fourth largest city and known as one of the most beautiful.

Award-winning eateries, markets and artisan producers are putting Hamilton on the map as a foodie hotspot with a tantalising range of gourmet experiences.

Shopaholics are also spoilt for choice with quirky



laneways offering the latest in homewares, gifts, art and fashion. Shopping complexes include The Base, one of the largest in New Zealand and Centre Place in the CBD.

Hamilton's cultural and creative diversity is showcased in a thriving arts scene that includes street art installations and local, national and international events. These range from comedy, theatre, dance and music - including large-scale concerts - the annual iconic Balloons over Waikato hot air balloon festival and the Hamilton Arts Festival Toi Ora ki Kirikiriroa. Hamilton's event calendar is bursting with reasons to stay and play.

Outdoors in the city there's plenty to enjoy too. Parks and gardens, including the celebrated Hamilton Gardens, abound while the mighty Waikato River that threads through Hamilton is a focal point with pathways along both sides of the awa (river) inviting walkers

and cyclists.

Check out Victoria on the River, Hamilton's amphitheatre-style park in the heart of the city, with its fantastic views of the Waikato River and stunning artworks including a giant mural depicting a karearea, native falcon and Te Tatau ki Kirikiriroa, the door to Kirikiriroa sculpture.

Families will find plenty to do too, with everything from destination playgrounds to tenpin bowling and top attractions, such as Hamilton Zoo, Hamilton Gardens and interactive exhibitions at Waikato Museum.

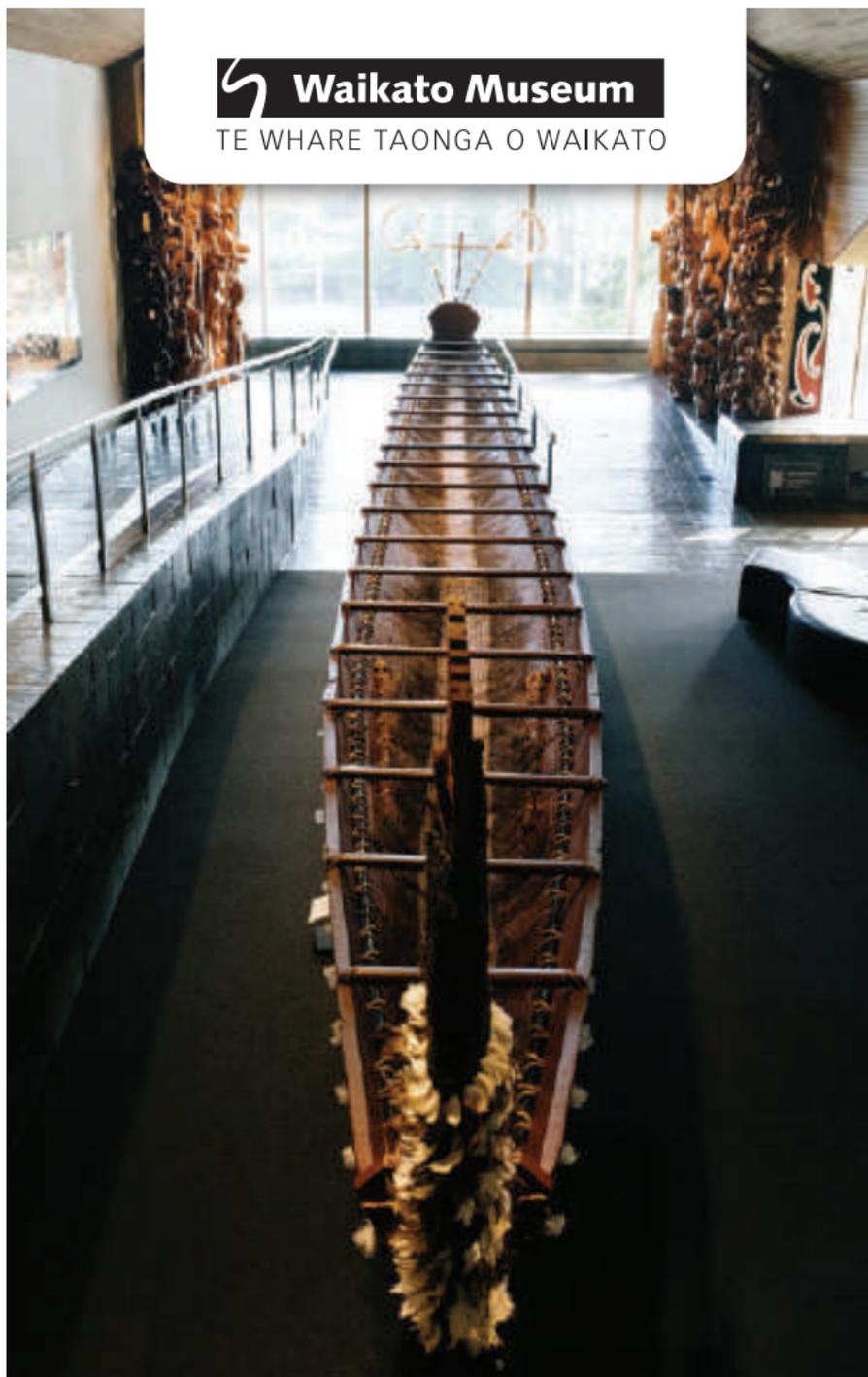


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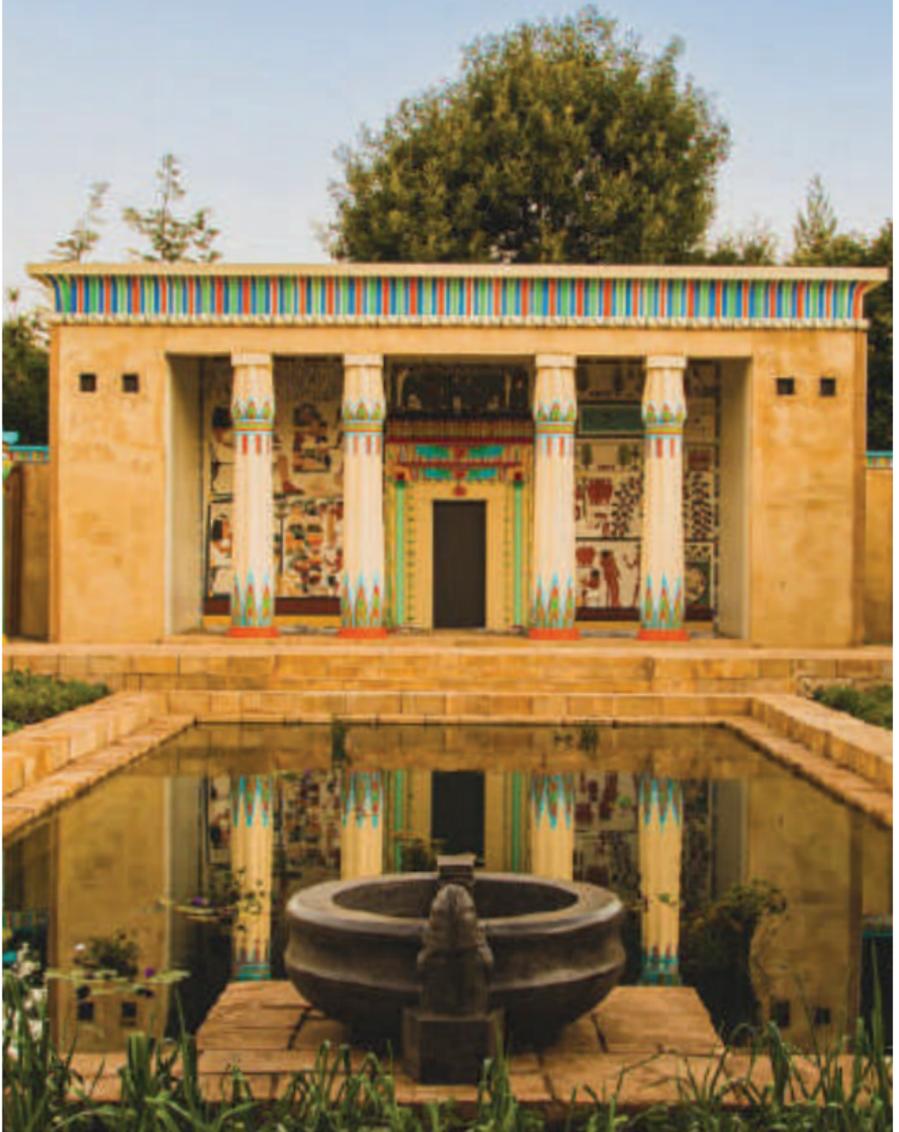
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☎ 07 957 2230 | 07 846 2260

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Boon Arts Festivals and Tours

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Hamilton Farmers' Market

📄 waikatofarmersmarkets.co.nz

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🌐 madehamilton.co.nz

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Enjoy a bite to eat, indulge in a sweet treat, pick up a coffee or restock the pantry. Check out the latest seasonal fashion and homewares on the mezzanine or simply wander and discover the hidden gems of Made.

With over 40 vendors the space boasts an enticing mix of market stalls, Mess Hall eateries, Mezzanine floor retail and an active creative zone called The Sheds where you'll find coffee roasting, ceramics on display, chef's table restaurant and our onsite artist in her workshop, Ranger Studio. Stay for an hour or for the day, at Made there's something for everyone.



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📍 ANZ Building, Ground Floor, 17 Grantham Street, Hamilton

📞 07 834 3562 🌐 gothenburg.co.nz

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- 📞 07 838 9975 Cafe - Open 7 Days
- 📞 07 838 0692 For event enquiries
- 📄 theverandah.co.nz

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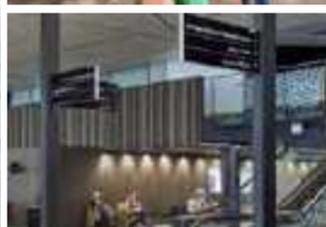
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🌐 ywca.org.nz/hamilton/hostel/

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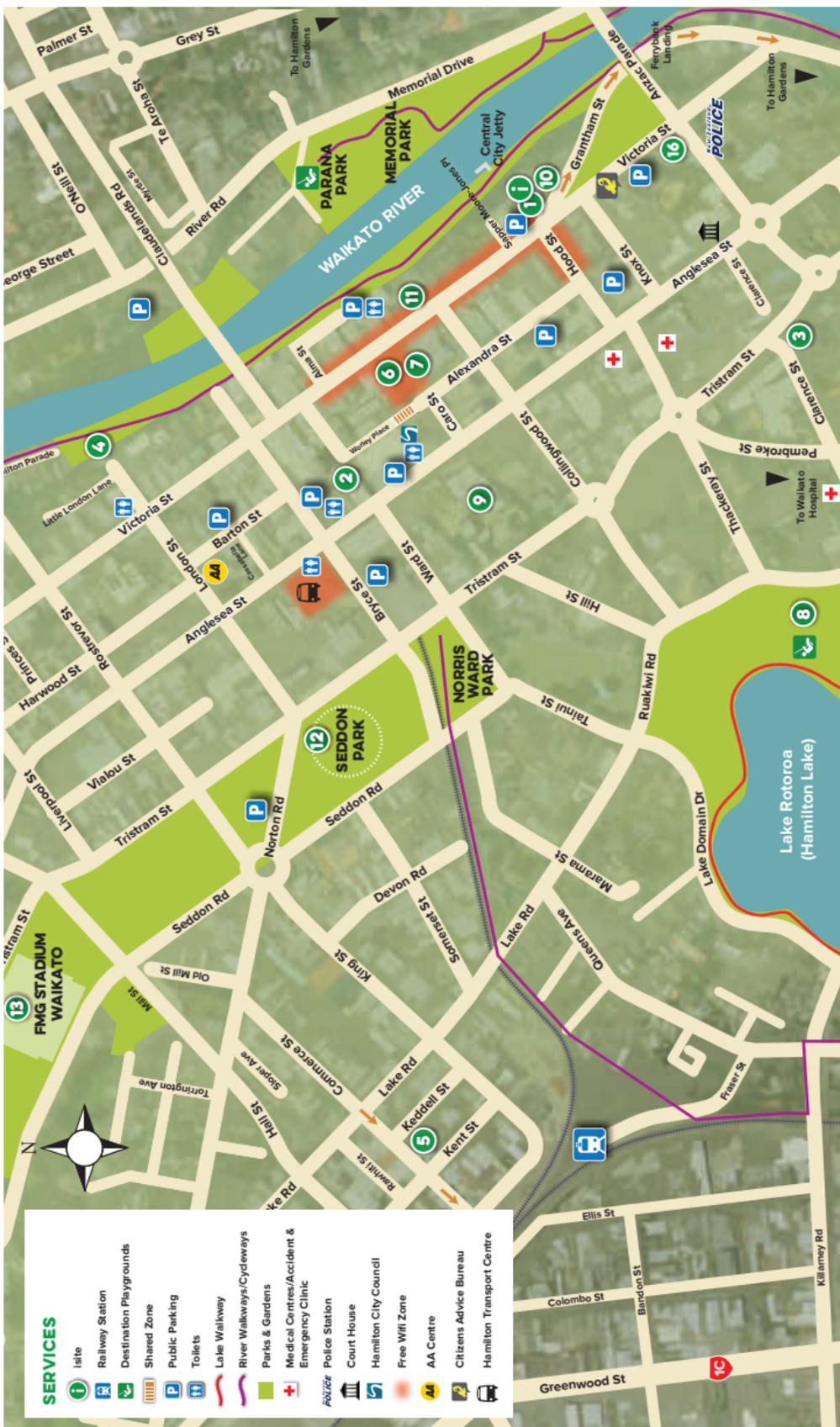


Shopping in Hamilton

Hamilton CBD Map

PLACES OF INTEREST

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- 2 Centre Place Shopping Centre
- 3 Clarence Street Theatre
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- 5 Frankton Village
Makes every Saturday morning
- 6 Garden Place
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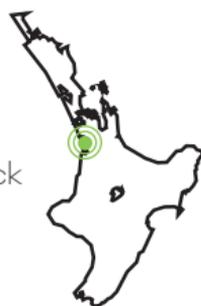
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- Lake Walkway
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- Police Station
- Court House
- Hamilton City Council
- Free Wifi Zone
- AA Centre
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Hamilton Transport Centre



Raglan Whāingaroa

Must Do...

- Head to the beach: Learn to surf, go for a swim or just relax at Raglan's picturesque black sand beaches
- Take a scenic walk: Get out and about and explore the many walkways and scenery including Wairēinga/Bridal Veil Falls and Mt Karioi
- Explore the Raglan Harbour: Kayak or paddle-board to the limestone coast or take a sunset cruise with fresh fish 'n' chips
- Art awaits: Visit the array of studios and galleries of the artists who call Raglan home



Raglan, Whāingaroa has many claims to fame, including having one of the longest left-hand surf breaks in the world. This coastal town is renowned for its bohemian vibe, natural beauty, artisan food producers and the environmental values held by its people.

Far reaching black sand beaches, picturesque limestone coasts, lush nature

walks and stunning waterfalls can all be found here.

Hike up Mt Karioi, or get on a bike and take in the local mountain bike trails through lush forest and farmland.

Raglan has a thriving arts scene, with galleries and studios galore featuring artists ready to share their journey with visitors.

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Te Aroha

Must Do...

- Ride through the region: Follow the historical Hauraki Rail Trail or the iconic Mount Te Aroha trails for beautiful scenery
- Relax at Te Aroha Mineral Spas: Spend time in the mineral water spas or indulge in luxurious spa treatments
- Explore the Te Aroha and District Museum: Housed in the historic Cadman Bath House, the museum provides a nostalgic walk down memory lane
- Check out the Mokena Geyser, Te Aroha Domain: The only natural hot soda water geyser in the world
- Take a walk on one of the many trails: Choose from Waiorongomai Valley, Mount Te Aroha, Howarth Memorial Wetlands and more
- Check out the street sculptures: These incredible creations are made by local scrap metal artist Adrian Worsley



In the north-east of Waikato is the town of Te Aroha, renowned for its therapeutic mineral water and the world's only hot water soda geyser, the Mokena Geyser. This historical township and bath house have been welcoming

visitors for more than 100 years while the wider area is now equally as popular with cyclists and hikers.

Te Aroha was originally an Edwardian spa town that prospered during the gold rush days. The area's rich



gold mining heritage is now on show at the Te Aroha Museum and in the town's domain.

A highlight is the natural mineral spas. Renowned for health-giving properties, the water with uniquely high silica levels leaves your skin silky smooth. A spa is the perfect way to relax those muscles after an active day of hiking and biking, or simply an added touch of indulgence to a stay in Te Aroha. The nearby Swim Zone Pools are a great family activity.

Mount Te Aroha stands

tall over the township, providing great hiking trails with spectacular views, as well as multi-day options within the Kaimai Ranges and mountain biking trails at the base of the mountain. The Waiorongomai Valley walk gives an insight into the area's gold mining past, while wetlands and heritage trails are also on offer.

Te Aroha provides the perfect base for cycling the Hauraki Rail Trail, where riders can explore hundreds of kilometres of trail featuring stunning rural views and gold mining relics.



Dining in Te Aroha



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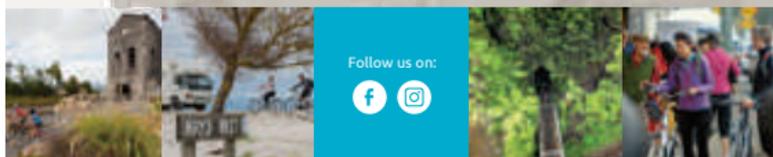
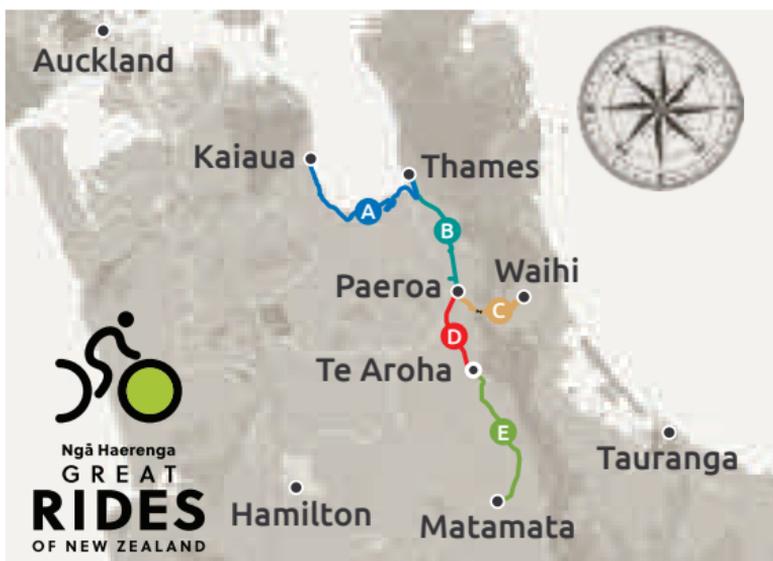
RAIL TRAIL



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Te Aroha Mineral Spas

📍 Te Aroha Domain, off Boundary Street, Te Aroha

☎ 07 884 8717

🌐 tearohamineralspas.co.nz

Soak in the natural, silky mineral waters of Te Aroha Mineral Spas, renowned for their healing properties since the 1800s. Nestled in the beautiful Domain at the base of Mount Te Aroha, the private cedar tubs provide the perfect natural setting to relax and unwind. All of our spas have a changing area and ensuite with hot and cool water on tap, to adjust the temperature to your liking. For safety, please remember to bring a friend to ensure a minimum of two adults per spa.

Indulge in a luxurious massage or beauty treatment by one of our experienced spa therapists at Domain House Beauty. Set in a beautiful heritage Edwardian with elevated scenic views, with one and two-bed rooms and a dedicated manicure and pedicure room, customers can enjoy a range of treatments in style. Gift vouchers available.

Swim Zone Te Aroha

📍 Te Aroha Domain,
off Boundary Street, Te Aroha

☎ 07 884 4498

🌐 swimzonepools.co.nz

Surrounded by native bush at the foot of Mount Te Aroha, Swim Zone pools feature an outdoor pool, toddler pool and outdoor spa. Swim Zone is also home to the oldest Bath House in NZ which is open for public and private bathing. Relax in the healing properties of the natural mineral waters in the No.2 Bath House after completing one of the many surrounding walking tracks or riding the Hauraki Rail Trail.



Te Aroha isite Visitor Information Centre

📍 102 Whitaker St ☎ 07 884 8052 🌐 tearohanz.co.nz

Visit Te Aroha for cool bush walks and hot pools. See us for maps, guides and a FREE booking service. Open 7 days.





Morrinsville

Must Do...

- Visit the Morrinsville Museum: Learn about the rich history of the region
- Follow the trail of colourful life-sized cow sculptures: Herd of Cows? - a quirky art installation featuring cow sculptures in and around town
- Enjoy one of the scenic walks or explore the Heritage Trail Walk and get a real feeling for the history of the town



Nestled between the Kaimai Ranges and the Waikato River, Morrinsville is a rich dairying area known as the 'Cream of the Country'.

Visitors to Morrinsville will be greeted by beautifully painted street art installations. Herd of Cows? highlights the district's strong dairying heritage and growing

art culture, including the unmissable Mabel the Mega Cow.

Cafés in the township offer delicious local fare while New Zealand artwork is on display at Morrinsville Gallery and scenic walks like the Morrinsville River Walk allow visitors to enjoy picturesque countryside.



Morrinsville isite Visitor Information Centre

📍 251 Thames St 📞 07 889 5575 🌐 morrinsvillenz.co.nz

Morrinsville 'Cream of the Country' - visit our friendly rural town and discover what the locals already know!



Herd of Cows? Morrinsville Street Art

📍 Morrinsville isite, 251 Thames Street, Morrinsville

☎ 07 889 5575 📧 morrinsvillenz.co.nz | herdofcowsmorrinsville.co.nz

A visit to Morrinsville ('moo town' or 'cow town' as it is often referred to) will surprise you. Discover the unique Herd of Cows? Come and have your picture taken with Mabel (MEGA cow), then continue the 'herd' trail and visit the collection of life-sized artfully painted cow sculptures that bring a vibrancy to the town and district through colour and design. Learn about the local businesses, organisations and families who worked alongside our NZ artists to create these iconic pieces of art.

Morrinsville (Cream of the Country) has a rich history and heritage in dairying as you will discover for yourself.

Contact our friendly team at the isite to arrange a Cow Tour or call in to get your own Herd of Cows? trail map.

isite open 8.30am-4.30pm (Mon-Fri). Check the website for weekend & public holiday hours.

Visit Morrinsville Museum

📍 41 Canada Street, Morrinsville

☎ 07 889 4190

📧 morrinsvillemuseum.org.nz

The Morrinsville Museum is purpose-built encompassing farming, soldier settlement and social displays.

Walk through the 1873 McDonald Cottage for a look back in time, take a glance at 'Our Fallen Serviceman' memorial wall and visit our permanent exhibition 'Mana Whenua o Piako' featuring the Ngati Haua Kingmakers. View 'The Green Circle' film on dairying through the years.



Morrinsville Gallery

📍 167 Thames Street, Morrinsville

☎ 07 889 7791

📧 morrinsvillegallery.org.nz

The Morrinsville Gallery exhibits art from the most comprehensive private collection of contemporary art in New Zealand, The Arts Trust House Collection. In the two other exhibition spaces the Whakaaturanga Exhibition Gallery and the Community Gallery, works by selected artists are exhibited and offered for sale. The gallery shop also sells a wide range of locally made products.





Matamata



Must Do...

- Explore a slice of real Middle-earth: Take a guided tour of Hobbiton™ Movie Set and venture into an authentic Hobbit Hole interior
- Cycle along the Hauraki Rail Trail: The 37km leg from Matamata to Te Aroha offers a comfortable ride through picturesque farmland
- Learn about the rich history of the buildings, places and people of Matamata. Visit the Firth Tower Museum, or explore the heritage trails around the town

Matamata, meaning headland in Māori, has its rural roots in the equine and dairy industries and is home to the nearby Hobbiton™ Movie Set. Visitors can get up close to hobbit holes on a guided tour of the set as it was during filming.

Set in the shadow of the Kaimai Ranges there are plenty of walkways, including the one to Wairere Falls, the tallest waterfall in the North Island.

The main street eateries and bars are ready with a warm welcome and great food.



Matamata **isite** Visitor Information Centre

 45 Broadway  07 888 7260  matamatanz.co.nz

Offering expert knowledge on the local area and advice on all your accommodation and activity requirements. Visit us first.

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Cambridge

Must Do...

- Hop on a bike - or hire one! Cambridge covers the spectrum of cycling – from a world-class pump track and indoor velodrome to beautiful road rides, BMX and mountain bike tracks and Te Awa River Ride
- Get out on the water: Go paddle-boarding or kayaking or try jet boating on the mighty Waikato River
- Rural experiences: Enjoy a guided tour - alpacas, sheep, dairy farms
- Enjoy some retail therapy: Boutique shopping, antiques, art, designer fashions and unique homewares
- Explore Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari: The vibrant, pest-free ancient forest alive with native wildlife



In the heart of rural Waikato is the picture-perfect town of Cambridge.

Characterised by quaint Olde English charm, spring blossoms and leafy oak tree-lined streets, Cambridge is your ideal place to relax and rejuvenate or to base yourself while you explore the mighty Waikato.

Paying tribute to local equine heroes, the Equine Stars Walk of Fame on the main street, Victoria Street, celebrates winning horses, as does the mare and foal statue in Jubilee Gardens outside the Edwardian-era town hall. As well as honouring its equine champions, Cambridge applauds its winning athletes



in the Sports Walk of Fame along Duke Street.

Exceptional cuisine is on offer at many award-winning delis and restaurants. Around the town centre, boutique shopping, heritage buildings, antiques and art galleries can also be found. The weekly farmers market is a favourite among residents and visitors alike, offering the best of local produce in the heart of the town.

Cambridge offers a world-class indoor track cycling

facility at the Velodrome (and 'have a go sessions' to put you through your paces), plus a network of top road cycle trails, including Te Awa River Ride, and an international BMX track. Close by, Lake Karapiro, created by the Karapiro hydro dam on the Waikato River, provides great rowing, kayaking, stand-up paddle-boarding, fishing and boating, while those seeking adventure can experience the thrill of jet-boating further downstream.



Shopping in Cambridge



Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari

📍 99 Tari Road, Pukeatua 3880

☎ 07 870 5180 📧 sanctuarymountain.co.nz

Step through the 47km long pest-proof fence into another world and experience an ancient forest, a haven for native wildlife including kiwi, kākako and tuatara. Be amazed at ancient trees, towering majestically above well-maintained walking tracks and bathe in the diversity of sights and sounds within the sanctuary.

Join one of our experienced guides on an informative tour as they share the stories of some of our most endangered species. If you prefer to explore at your own pace, pack a picnic, grab a Sanctuary Explorer pass at the Visitor Centre and spend time exploring the many walking tracks. Make your way to the viewing tower and experience the forest from the unique perspective within the canopy. The Visitor Centre is located on the southern side of the mountain, just 30 minutes drive from Cambridge.



Grassroots Trust Velodrome

📍 15 Hanlin Road, Cambridge

☎ 07 823 1421 📧 velodrome.nz

Located in the heart of Waipa, 'Home of Champions' territory, this world-class venue is centred around the purpose built 250m wooden velodrome and is host to a range of High Performance Sport and community facilities.

We welcome you to visit us and for free entry you can access level 2 and look down on the track and infield. If you are lucky you might get to see some of our NZ Olympic cyclists training on the track! We have our indoor concourse for walking, casual gym facilities and we encourage you to come and try our community Indoor Trikes.

We have visitors from all over the world join us for our popular 1-hour Guided Tours and our action-packed Track Have a Go Sessions – contact us to book your group!

Open 7 days – we look forward to welcoming you. Contact us today.

Riverside Adventures Waikato

📍 Grassroots Trust Velodrome,
15 Hanlin Rd, Cambridge
(Waipa Base)

☎ 0800 287 448

📄 riversideadventures.co.nz

Hire a bike or e-bike and hop on our shuttle service to get you to either end of the Te Awa River Ride. If you're looking for a day tour or a multi-day adventure, experience the other popular cycle trails and activities the Waikato has to offer with one of our packages. Corporate and group enquiries welcome. Check out our website for more.



The Sculpture Park/Arboretum

📍 207 Scotsman Valley Road,
Tauwhare, Hamilton

☎ 027 567 0996

📄 sculpturepark.co.nz

A 2km art-in-nature experience with more than 100 sculptures set in a woodland park created from a former quarry.

- Gather friends and family for an adventure
- Enjoy coffee or lunch at our weekend café
- Play one of our team-building games with your social club or colleagues



Fieldays – 12-15 June 2024

📍 Mystery Creek, Hamilton

📄 fieldays.co.nz

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Fieldays 2024 will be held from the 12th-15th June.

Don't miss out on this iconic event.



Cambridge Museum

📍 24 Victoria Street, Cambridge

☎ 07 827 3319

📄 cambridgemuseum.org.nz

Come in, explore the area or rediscover your home. Our displays share some of the many voices and stories of the Cambridge area. Our Archives are open for local and family research during weekdays. Or pick up a brochure for a self-guided historic tour around town.

Open Mon- Fri 10am -4pm. Sat, Sun and public holidays 10am-2pm.



Camjet Cambridge Jet Boat Tours

📍 Riverside Park, Dominion Ave, Cambridge

📞 027 775 8193 📧 camjet.co.nz

Extreme Jet or Slower Ecological River Cruise available on the Mighty Waikato River.



River Riders Cambridge

📍 Victoria Sq, Cnr Alpha and Dick St

📞 0272 655 504 📧 riverriders.co.nz

Explore Te Awa The Great NZ River Ride, 65kms, Grade 1&2 E-bike & bike hire, accommodation, shuttles, packages & tours. Must prebook.



Cambridge Raceway

📍 1 Taylor St, Cambridge 📞 07 827 5506

📧 cambridgeraceway.co.nz

Discover the heart of Harness Racing in the Waikato, 28 race meetings throughout the season. Free entry to most race meetings.



The Heritage Trading Company

📍 40 Duke Street, Cambridge

📞 07 827 4211

📧 heritagetradingcompany.co.nz

An eclectic mix of French and English country homewares with heritage antiques and vintage jewellery. Open 7 days



Heritage Gallery

📍 85a Victoria St, Cambridge

📞 07 827 4346 📧 heritagegallery.co.nz

Personally selected quality New Zealand original art, studio glass, ceramics, and jewellery for the perfect gift for home or overseas. Open 7 days.



Cambridge Farmers' Market

📧 waikatofarmersmarket.co.nz

Fresh local produce - Cambridge at Victoria Square - Saturday 8am-noon. Hamilton at The Barn, Gate 3, Claudelands Event Centre, Brooklyn Road, Sunday 8am-noon.



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☎ 07 827 5595

🌐 alpino.co.nz

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Onyx Restaurant

📍 70 Alpha Street, Cambridge

☎ 07 827 7740

🌐 onyxcambridge.co.nz

Onyx Restaurant is dedicated to providing fantastic food and exceptional hospitality in a friendly and inviting atmosphere.

We offer a la carte service with an extensive wine list and great selection of tap and craft beers. Dietary requirements are easily catered for too.

Upstairs is a fully-equipped function room which is private, versatile and convenient for any occasion. Open 7 days.



Clubhouse Sports Bar

📍 1 Taylor St, Cambridge ☎ 07 823 7111

🌐 clubhousecambridge.nz

Nestled trackside at Cambridge Raceway where every view is a breath of fresh air.

Join us for lunch, dinner or just a beverage.

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 11.00am.



Café Irresistible at Monavale Blueberries

📍 156 Turkington Road, Cambridge

☎ 07 834 3501 🌐 cafeirresistible.co.nz

A beautiful destination café with amazing views. Outdoor dining options and kids play area. Open daily 9am-4.30pm



St. Kilda Berry Farm

📍 30 St. Kilda Road, Cambridge

☎ 07 823 0367 🌐 stkildaberry.co.nz

Premium berries picked and packed daily, strawberry PYO and real fruit ice creams.

Plenty of parking and a playground for the kids.



Accommodation



Hidden Lake Hotel & Apartments

📍 34E Lake Street, Cambridge

📞 07 282 1593 🌐 hiddenlakehotel.co.nz

Boutique accommodation on the shores of the tranquil Lake Te Koutu. Opened summer 2020, and built with sustainable design aesthetics overlooking a picturesque treed domain surrounded by the Waikato. Lake view or village view - the beautifully appointed studio rooms and apartments have been designed for comfort and built to take advantage of its countryside setting.

Each room includes luxury fittings, generous desk spaces, lumbar support chairs and award-winning Zealong teas in every room as well as walk-in showers. King size beds are standard with two queen size beds for singles.

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Cambridge TOP 10 Holiday Park

📍 32 Scott St, Cambridge

📞 07 827 5649

🌐 cambridgetop10.co.nz

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Cambridge

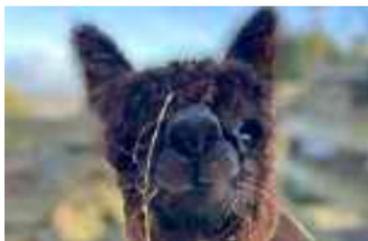
The Good Life Retreat

📍 4/311 Flume Road, RD4 Cambridge

☎ 027 224 3593

📄 thegoodliferetreat.nz

Bespoke farm-stay and retreat accommodation in the Waikato. A wee slice of paradise.



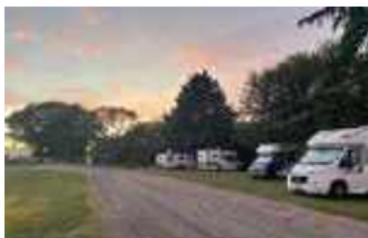
NZMCA @ Cambridge Raceway

📍 Cambridge Raceway, 1 Taylor Street

☎ 07 827 5506

📄 cambridgeraceway.co.nz

A perfect spot for NZMCA Members (only) to overnight in The Mighty Waikato. Picturesque parking just \$10 p/n per van.



Podium Lodge

📍 20 Peake Rd, Cambridge

☎ 07 974 1710 📄 podiumlodge.co.nz

Podium Lodge is a modern 86-bed facility located in a peaceful rural setting - perfect for families & groups!



Cambridge isite Visitor Information Centre

📍 Cnr Queen & Victoria Sts ☎ 07 823 3456 📄 cambridge.co.nz

For expert advice and bookings for Cambridge accommodation, activities, attractions and events. Contact the Cambridge isite team.



Lake Karapiro



Te Awamutu and Surrounds



Must Do...

- Get close to nature: Take a guided tour of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari to explore the native ancient forest and wetlands
- Visit Lake Rotopiko: The National Wetlands Centre is the perfect place to see the plants and wildlife of this unique environment
- Meander through the lavender farm: Purchase boutique products and take a tour when the plants are in bloom from November to January
- Pirongia Village and Mountain: Discover the range of great walking and cycling trails on offer
- Pick your own fresh blueberries: Blueberry farms invite you to pick your berries straight from the bush from November to March

Te Awamutu is known as 'the town of roses' and is surrounded by lush farmland that contributes significantly to the nation's prosperous dairy industry. Nestled in the background is Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari,

where ancient native forest and wildlife can be found at New Zealand's only inland ecological island.

Walking enthusiasts will enjoy the many trails on offer, such as the Lake Ngā Roto wetlands, the native



bush-clad mountain of Pirongia, and many more.

Just south of Te Awamutu is the small town of Kihikihi, known for its speedway, polo grounds and the iconic Te Awamutu Space Centre. To the north is the quaint village of Ōhaupō, a great place to grab an antique or enjoy a cup of coffee..

Te Ara Wai Journeys allows you to discover the rich history of the area including its significant New Zealand Wars sites, the most famous of which is at Ōrākau just outside Kihikihi. Te Awamutu Museum Education & Research Centre provides an insight into the area's beautiful natural environment, as well as stories of the people and place.

For the food-lovers, Te Awamutu's cafés and bakeries are ideal for a lazy lunch while the Te Awamutu Produce market on Thursday afternoon's from September to May provide the perfect opportunity to sample some of the locally grown produce. The town also hosts the Annual Craft Fair on the second Saturday in November each year, welcoming upwards of 10,000 visitors.

Other unique experiences include the chance to visit a lavender farm. Nearby Pirongia is also known for its walks, galleries and cafés, while the area also encompasses a variety of great golf courses such as the Pirongia and Ngāhinapōuri clubs.



Shopping in Te Awamutu



Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari

📍 99 Tari Road, Pukeatua 3880

📞 07 870 5180 🌐 sanctuarymountain.co.nz

Come and experience for yourself the New Zealand environment the way it used to be. Awaiting you is an ancient, vibrant pest-free forest alive with native wildlife including many of our rarest endangered plants, insects, tuatara and birds such as takahē kiwi and kākā

Join one of our experienced guides on an informative tour as they take you through the pest-proof fence into another world, where an ancient forest towers majestically above well-maintained walking tracks and the air is filled with birdsong. If you prefer to explore at your own pace, pack a picnic, grab a Sanctuary Explorer pass and spend time exploring the many walking tracks.

The Visitor Centre is located on the Southern side of the mountain, just 20 minutes drive from Te Awamutu.



Blueberries

Te Ara Wai Journeys

📞 07 872 0085

📄 tearawai.nz

Take pathways through natural landscapes, battle sites and early settlements that formed the Waipā community and helped shape Aotearoa New Zealand as a nation.

Enrich your experience on location by accessing the mobile website which shares the stories of the Waipā district, encompassing the region's geological beginnings; its mix of peoples, their struggles, innovation and resilience; and the battles for land and sovereignty during the New Zealand Land Wars.



Te Awamutu Museum – Education & Research Centre

📍 55 Rickit Road, Te Awamutu

📞 07 872 0085

📄 tamuseum.org.nz

A new space, with a new focus on education and research! Every space is activated with displays and activities exploring our natural environment, our history, contemporary events and the stories connected to the sites of cultural significance within the Waipā District. Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. Sat and Public Holidays 10am-2pm.



Te Awamutu Space Centre

📍 3 Whitmore Street, Kihikihi

📞 07 870 1966 📄 spacecentre.nz

Interactive space museum, educational fun for all ages. Check our reviews online! See our website for opening hours and to book a visit.



Alphra Lavender - Free Attraction

📍 169 Brotherhood Rd, Te Awamutu

📞 07 870 3212 📄 alphralavender.co.nz

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Te Awamutu isite Visitor Information Centre

📍 1 Gorst Ave 📞 07 871 3259 📄 teawamutuinfo.co.nz

You can't beat 'Local Expert Knowledge'. Te Awamutu, Pirongia, Kihikihi and Ohaupo, that's our patch.



Lavender Farm



Waitomo and Surrounds



Must Do...

- Head underground at Waitomo Caves: From adrenalin-fueled fun to guided tours giving insights into the geological and cultural history of the area – and glowworms everywhere
- Go walkabout: From impressive waterfalls and limestone outcrops to verdant native forest and rolling green farmland
- See a kiwi up close: Ōtorohanga Kiwi House & Native Bird Park is the perfect place to see New Zealand's iconic national bird
- Pedal through stunning ancient native forest: The Timber Trail boasts 85km of picturesque trails across ancestral lands, suspension bridges and historic tramways
- Dig yourself a natural hot water spa: Visit Kāwhia Hot Water Beach at low tide for an au naturel spa experience
- Immerse yourself in Kiwi pop culture: Check out the Kiwiana on display in Ōtorohanga, including the interactive Sir Edmund Hillary Walkway
- Rugby mad? Head to Te Kuiti to see the bronze statue of rugby legend Sir Colin Meads then head to the Waitomo Customer Service Centre and visit the Gallagher Meads Brothers exhibition



A bucket-list destination, Waitomo Caves offer a subterranean adventure unlike any other. With stunning formations and magical glowworms, there are plenty of ways to explore underground, from guided tours and boat rides along underground rivers, to blackwater rafting and abseiling for those seeking more thrilling adventure.

Above ground you will find excellent cafés and restaurants to refuel after an active day exploring the area. The Waitomo Caves Museum is a great place to learn more about the area.

Waitomo also stakes a claim in Middle-earth with the towering limestone cliffs, primeval native forest and massive rock formations of Mangaotaki Valley, near Piopio, the location for *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*.

The stunning black sands

of the west coast of the Waikato region can be found at Mokau, Awakino, Marokopa and Kāwhia - visitors can dig their own, natural hot water spa at low tide.

Nearby Ōtorohanga, the self-proclaimed Kiwiana capital, celebrates all things New Zealand plus the chance to see the native kiwi up close.

Further south, the "Sheep Shearing Capital" of the country, Te Kuiti, has an impressive statue of a shearer paying homage to the long standing tradition of the New Zealand Shearing and Wool Handling Championships and the Great New Zealand Muster.



Sir Colin Meads statue

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📄 glowworm.co.nz

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Ōtorohanga Kiwi House

📍 20 Alex Telfer Drive, Otorohanga

☎ 07 873 7391

📄 kiwihouse.org.nz

View active kiwi throughout the day in a night time setting. Keeper talks held throughout the day.

Learn about our breeding programmes that have released kiwi and other species to the wild for over 50 years.

No prior booking needed for general admission. Open daily (except Christmas Day) 9am-5pm. Last admission at 4.15pm.



Waitomo Caves Ziplines

📍 24 Te Anga Road, Waitomo Caves

☎ 027 252 2929

📄 waitomocavesziplines.co.nz

Experience New Zealand's most action packed guided zipline tour. Fly high on Waitomo's epic 1km, 10-zipline circuit.



Hairy Feet Waitomo Scenic Film Location Tour

📍 Near Waitomo ☎ 07 877 8003

📄 hairyfeetwaitomo.co.nz

Guided tours through our farm which featured extensively in 'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey'. Bookings only.





Waitomo TOP 10 Holiday Park

📍 12 Waitomo Village Rd, Waitomo Caves Village

☎ 07 878 7639 🌐 waitomopark.co.nz

Experience an award-winning Top 10 Holiday Park in the heart of Waitomo Village, near some of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions.

Waitomo Top 10 Holiday Park offers a relaxed atmosphere and peaceful rural surroundings, with accommodation options to suit your needs and budget.

Motels, ensuite units, and cabins, plus powered and non-powered sites, all in walking distance to the local cave tours and eateries.

Enjoy the modern, well-equipped communal facilities and take a dip in the swimming pool or a soak in the hot tub after an action-packed day of exploring. The kids will be entertained with a playground, trampoline, and more.

Waitomo Top 10 Holiday Park ticks all the boxes for your next holiday.



Wild Canvas

📍 Mangarino Road, Waitomo

☎ 021 166 6248 🌐 wildcanvas.nz

Premier glamping destination in the heart of the North Island. Our luxurious canvas tents offer a unique way to experience the stunning natural beauty of Aotearoa while enjoying all the comforts of home. Each of our tents is thoughtfully designed and furnished with high-quality linens, comfortable beds, and unique decor that reflects the natural surroundings. From our cozy Kōwhai tent to our spacious Pōhutukawa tent, we have the perfect accommodation for every type of traveller. The true magic of Wild Canvas lies in the experience we offer - wake up to the sound of native birds and the gentle rustling of the farm, step outside to breathe in the fresh country air, and immerse yourself in the tranquillity of nature. Take a soak in your private outdoor bath or hot tub, watch a movie on the outdoor projector, or gather around the campfire with friends and family to make memories that will last a lifetime. Must book.

Timber Trail Lodge

☎ 0800 885 6343

📄 timbertrailodge.co.nz

A warm welcome awaits at the heart of the Timber Trail. Biking packages with shuttles, accommodation and meals make it easy!



Ōtorohanga i site Visitor Information Centre

📍 21 Maniapoto St ☎ 07 873 8951 📄 otorohanga.co.nz

The friendly, experienced team can assist with bookings for transport, tours, accommodation, attractions and activities.



Waitomo Caves i site Visitor Information Centre

📍 21 Waitomo Village Rd ☎ 07 878 7640 📄 waitomocaves.com

Let us help you with cave tour & activity bookings, walks, maps, transport & entrance to the Waitomo Caves Museum.



Te Kuiti i site Visitor Information Centre

📍 160 Rora St ☎ 07 878 0800 📄 waitomo.govt.nz

Expert knowledge at your one stop shop for buses, ferries, trains, accommodation & tours in Waitomo District and beyond.



The Timber Trail



Expert Local Knowledge and bookings throughout New Zealand

- Itinerary planning and information
 - Bookings nationwide - accommodation, transport, activities, attractions
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Morrinsville isite Visitor Information Centre

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✉ 102 Whitaker St, Te Aroha ☎ 07 884 8052

@ info@tearohanz.co.nz

🌐 tearohanz.co.nz

Matamata isite Visitor Information Centre

✉ 45 Broadway, Matamata ☎ 07 888 7260

@ info@matamatanz.co.nz

🌐 matamatanz.co.nz

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✉ Cnr Queen & Victoria St, Cambridge ☎ 07 823 3456

@ info@cambridge.co.nz

🌐 cambridge.co.nz

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🌐 teawamutuinfo.co.nz

Ōtorohanga isite Visitor Information Centre

✉ 21 Maniapoto St, Ōtorohanga ☎ 07 873 8951

@ otovin@xtra.co.nz

🌐 otorohanga.co.nz

Te Kuiti isite Visitor Information Centre

✉ 160 Rora St, Te Kuiti ☎ 07 878 8077

@ tkisite@waitomo.govt.nz

🌐 waitomo.govt.nz

Waitomo isite Visitor Information Centre

✉ 21 Waitomo Village Road, Waitomo Caves

☎ 07 878 7640

@ info@waitomodiscovery.org

🌐 waitomocaves.com

For more information visit: www.isite.nz



Useful Information

Emergencies

For fire, police and ambulance dial 111 in emergencies. Call 105 to report incidents that don't need urgent police assistance.

Healthline

Call for free health advice and information on what to do next. 0800 611 116.

Hospitals

Waikato Hospital
183 Pembroke Street
Hamilton City

Anglesea Clinic Urgent Care
cnr Anglesea & Thackeray Street,
Hamilton City. Ph 07 858 0800

Driving Guidelines:

Always drive on the left-hand side of the road in New Zealand. Please stop and ensure there is no traffic coming in either direction before pulling out of intersections.

For tips and guidelines on driving in New Zealand visit:
www.drivesafe.org.nz

Visit our Website

waikatonz.com provides comprehensive information on all the things to see and do in the Waikato region.

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