



Lake Rotoroa, Hamilton

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Kia Ora

Welcome to the Mighty Waikato

The Waikato, and its metropolitan hub of Hamilton, is situated in the central North Island. The area is renowned for its natural beauty, powerful history and out-of-this-world experiences. Visitors to the Waikato region will enjoy a wealth of world-class attractions. Go underground and experience the subterranean wonders of the Waitomo Caves, with a playground of glowworms, black water rafting, abseiling and cave exploration on offer. Movie buffs will love a slice of the 'real Middle-earth' at Hobbiton™ Movie Set, near Matamata, as seen in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies. While on the west coast, the bohemian town of Raglan is famous for its left-hand surf break, rugged black sand beaches and local culture.

The Waikato River is the lifeblood of the region and a playground for jetboaters, kayakers, rowers and boaties, who particularly enjoy getting out on the picturesque hydro lakes, including Lake Karapiro near Cambridge.

Foodies are spoilt for choice with a delicious assortment of gourmet options to choose from in the city and throughout the region - including award-winning eateries, microbreweries, artisan producers, farmers' markets and fine dining.



Lovers of the great outdoors are spoilt for choice with a range of protected parkland and mountain ranges offering fantastic walking, hiking and cycling trails including three of the nation's Great Rides - the Timber Trail, Waikato River Trails and Hauraki Rail Trail.





Nourish the soul with a soak in the silky waters of Te Aroha Mineral Spas, or a stroll through the award-winning Hamilton Gardens, which recreates historically important garden styles from the farthest reaches of the world. The Waikato is known for hosting world-class events including the Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival, the HSBC NZ Sevens, Fieldays and Balloons Over Waikato. As well as a vibrant arts scene, there are a variety of museums and heritage centres dotted throughout the region.

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Home of the Māori King, the Waikato region has been a significant area for Māori for hundreds of years since the great voyaging Tainui waka (canoe) made landfall in Kawhia more than 800 years ago. Māori place names tell the story of the region, with Waikato meaning 'flowing water' named after the people of the Tainui waka observed the river's strong pull into the sea.

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Along with its proud Māori heritage, the region is one of the world's richest agricultural areas and has become a hub for high performance sport, with world-class cycling and rowing facilities, Olympic champions and sports-mad locals based in the region.

Always far from the ordinary, this is a magical region of villages to play, relax, connect and explore in. A welcoming place where the people keep it real - and experiences become unreal.



Hamilton City

Hamilton is the region'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 offers a myriad of options for entertainment.

Experience a close encounter at Hamilton Zoo, visit picturesque gardens, take a scenic river cruise, enjoy a gourmet tour or jump into a hot air balloon and check out the view from above.

Beautiful boutiques, laneways and New Zealand's largest shopping complex create a shopaholic's paradise while galleries provide visitors with the chance to view and purchase works by local artists.

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.

At the end of a busy day, relax and dine at one of the many great eateries and entertainment complexes the city has on offer.

Must do

- Stroll through the picturesque (and award-winning) Hamilton Gardens
- Sample gourmet delights at top eateries and artisan producers
- Soak up some history and art at the Waikato Museum and ArtsPost
- Get up close and personal with an animal encounter at Hamilton Zoo
- Grab a bike or lace up some walking shoes and enjoy the many kilometres of trails along the mighty Waikato River
- Relax with a picnic at Hamilton Lake while the kids enjoy the destination playground



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 scouting around for locations for his epic movie adaptation of JRR Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*, Kiwi director, Sir Peter Jackson found just what he was looking for in the green rolling paddocks, rugged limestone outcrops and underground caverns of the Waikato region.

The idyllic setting for the Shire, home of the hobbits, including Bag End and the Party Tree standing majestically over the lake, was right here nestled on a sheep farm near the town of Matamata, just waiting for the director's magical touch.

Visitors to Hobbiton™ Movie Set today can imagine the hobbits going about their everyday business on what is now a permanent set after being rebuilt in 2011 for the filming of the trilogy that started it all. Visitors can experience the magic first-hand as they walk the full set as it was during filming. Multiple Hobbit Holes and other iconic sites from the film, including the Green Dragon™ Inn are included in the tour.

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Tolkien-esque landscapes can also be found in other parts of the region, such as Waitomo, where weird and wonderful rock formations give way to underground limestone caves.

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Other filming locations in the Waikato region include Weathertop Hollow from *The Lord of The Rings* trilogy, filmed near Port Waikato; and Hairy Feet Waitomo where the Trollshaw forest was filmed on rugged farm land near Piopio in Waitomo.

To find out more about Middle-earth Movie Magic visit:
waikatonz.com/middle-earth



Underground Wonders

Millions of years in the making, the Waitomo Caves are a world-famous underground playground that have been enthralling visitors since 1889, and a must do New Zealand attraction.

Rising from the sea about 30 million years ago, 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 on offer including gentle boat rides under galaxies of twinkling glowworms; walking tours of awe-inspiring limestone formations; and a blood-pumping range of adventure activities.

Adrenaline junkies will enjoy black water rafting on underground rivers, zip-lining through spectacular caverns and abseiling deep into the bellies of caves. While these activities may sound extreme, a moderate fitness level and a sense of adventure are all that is needed for most of these exciting tours.

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Named Waitomo, wai being the Māori word for water and tomo meaning hole or shaft, the caves are ever-changing due to a constant flow of spring water bubbling through the earth, creating new spaces in its path.

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Lesser-known, but equally inspiring, subterranean wonders can also be found near Raglan and the coast of the North Waikato area.

For more information on underground adventures in the Waikato region visit: waikatonz.com/underground



Outdoor Adventures

The Waikato region boasts a wide variety of experiences for nature lovers, with some of New Zealand's most well-loved trails, tracks and experiences dotted throughout its lush scenery.

The country's longest river, the mighty Waikato, winds its way through the region providing excellent kayaking, boating and water sports opportunities. Lake Karapiro – one of the river's hydro lakes – is home to Rowing New Zealand and is a training ground for many of New Zealand's elite athletes and Olympic medallists.

The quintessential seaside township of Raglan is a mecca for surfers and those wanting to get out on the water. The black-sand beaches are sought-after by sunseekers, while the harbour is loved by those keen to cruise, kayak, kite-surf or stand-up paddle-board.

The region is home to a range of top cycle trails including three of the nation's Great Rides, each offering an exciting and unique journey. Hiking opportunities are also abundant – from casual strolls along the river to overnight bush excursions and winding mountain tracks. Hike up to the top of a waterfall, tackle the countless steps to enjoy a stunning vista or visit Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari to see ancient forests and native wildlife.

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**See page 12-15
 for more cycling
 and hiking trails in
 the region!**

Relaxing mineral spas and pools, heated by natural geothermal activity, are on offer throughout the region to provide sweet relief for tired muscles after an outdoor excursion. Or for something a little different, discover one of the region's hidden gems and dig a natural hot pool at low tide at Kawhia's Ocean Beach.



Top 10 Family Fun Activities

The Waikato region has something to suit the whole family.

- 1** Experience the magic of glowworms in the Waitomo Caves. Enjoy the world-famous boat ride, gliding under thousands of twinkling glowworms.
 - 2** Visit Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari and Ōtorohanga Kiwi House to get up close to native birdlife or enjoy an animal encounter at Hamilton Zoo.
 - 3** Explore the Hamilton Gardens: Pick up a free activity sheet, visit the traditional Māori, Japanese and Italian gardens, to name a few.
 - 4** Check out Bowl & Social at SkyCity Hamilton, offering tenpin bowling fun, and TimeZone games to enjoy.
 - 5** Visit the Waikato Museum, with fun and interactive exhibitions designed specifically for children, as well as a range of exciting and educational touring exhibitions.
 - 6** Explore hundreds of kilometres of cycling and walking tracks around the region.
 - 7** Relax at Kawhia Ocean Beach where you can dig your own natural hot water spa at low tide.
 - 8** Take the family along to see the lush green hills and Hobbit Holes within them at Hobbiton™ Movie Set.
 - 9** Get out on the water with a range of activities. Give kayaking or stand-up paddle-boarding a try in Raglan harbour, or on Lake Karapiro.
 - 10** Check out the destination playgrounds throughout the region such as Hamilton Gardens and Hare Puke – named the best playground in New Zealand.
- For more ideas visit:
waikatonz.com/family-fun



Shop Up A Storm

When it's time to go shopping, visitors can expect to find everything they could want and more in the Waikato region. Options include boutique lanes, high-end fashion outlets and large modern malls including Hamilton's Centre Place and New Zealand's largest shopping complex, The Base, which covers everything from clothing and homewares to toys and electronics.

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With many historic buildings being redeveloped, laneways are popping up all over the CBD, in suburbs such as Hamilton East, featuring gourmet eateries and specialist retail stores.

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Towns like Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha and Matamata are home to top antiques shops, boutique homewares and gift stores in charming rural settings.

There are also bustling weekend markets throughout the region offering the chance to purchase some of the best produce from around the area, along with locally handmade arts; browse the number of galleries dotted throughout the region for quirky creations, stunning local artworks and unique collectables.

Arts & Culture

For history buffs, Waikato Museum in Hamilton City is renowned for displaying the region's strong Māori history and pioneering heritage alongside national touring exhibitions. Smaller museums throughout the region proudly tell stories of local heritage and industry.

Local artists take inspiration from the rich landscapes of the region, and the many galleries such as ArtsPost in Hamilton and Wallace Gallery in Morrinsville profile original pieces and impressive collections. Raglan is the home to a thriving community of artists, making and selling their pieces throughout the town.



Gourmet Delights

The region is a foodie's delight with an array of award-winning restaurants, eateries and artisan producers.

As to be expected from a region famous for its dairy farming, local cheesemakers have established themselves as industry leaders, and gourmet ice-cream makers are gaining popularity with imaginative flavour combinations.

The fertile soil and mild climate also means there are a number of orchards, berry growers and market gardens throughout the region so the best of fresh produce is never far away including, in season, prized asparagus, feijoas, strawberries and blueberries. What better way to sample these delights than straight from the source through 'pick your own' or meeting the growers at one of the various farmers' markets around the region.

Not to be outdone by its rural surrounds, Hamilton City is one of the nation's best spots for café culture and nightlife. New dining developments are popping up all the time in the city's laneways, and a weekly food truck festival happens in the Hamilton Gardens during the summer months.

Local eateries, restaurants and gourmet food stores act as proud advocates for regional products and boutique coffee roasters, microbreweries, artisan bakers and New Zealand's only tea plantation call the city home.

For more places to dine visit: waikatonz.com/eat-and-drink



Your Business Events Destination

Hamilton is well-equipped to host conferences and business events of all sizes and the mighty Waikato is a region with powerful possibilities. Thanks to Hamilton's central location, conferencing in the city is easy, connected and accessible. It is home to top-class conference, exhibition and event centres, and boasts some of the largest (up to 8,000 theatre-style) and newest conference and exhibition venues in New Zealand.

Venues range from large, dramatic spaces to small, quirky and boutique offerings throughout the region. The Waikato region also offers many hidden gems and off-the-beaten track retreats, with a wide range of accommodation including national and international hotel brands with accompanying conference centres. There is also a selection of venues suitable for hosting trade shows, gala events or awards dinners.

There's plenty of opportunity to get adventurous or creative when it comes to team building activities and field trips within the region. The many varied options include caving, motorsports, cycling, ballooning, tea tasting, craft beer sampling, kayaking, and Middle-earth movie magic.

For more information and support for holding a conference or business event in the Waikato region, contact the team at the Convention Bureau: businessevents@waikatonz.com

meetwaikato.com



Waikato River Trails, South Waikato

Cycle Trails

Home to three of New Zealand's Great Rides, the Waikato region boasts hundreds of kilometres of trails to discover, offering 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.

Trail Grades:

Easiest      Hardest



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.

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



The Timber Trail, Waitomo District:

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

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

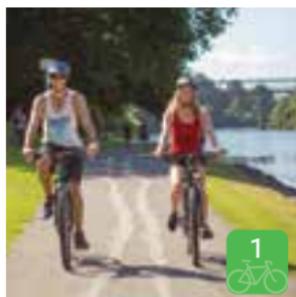


Waikato River Trails, South Waikato:

Situated in the southern area of the region, the Waikato River Trails take in over 103km of cycling and walking tracks along the Waikato River.

Access via multiple locations including:

- Karapiro section 11.5km
- Arapuni section 36km



Hamilton City River Rides:

The 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 15km



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

70km of easy cycling and walking track along the banks of NZ's longest river.

- Cambridge to Lake Karapiro 9km return
- Ngāruawāhia to Hamilton 27km
- Hamilton Gardens to Avantidrome 20km (Open mid 2020)



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Cougar Mountain Bike Park, Tokoroa, South Waikato:

35km of off-road forest tracks with views of the surrounding area. Access off Mossop Road, Tokoroa.

- 14 different rides catering for riders of all abilities



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Raglan Cycle Trails, Raglan:

Ride the challenging 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



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Avantidrome – Home of Cycling:

Features a world-class 250m velodrome track, which is open to the community for a range of programmes and track cycling lessons. Access via SH1 just north of Cambridge. Links to the Gallagher Bike Skills Park and Te Awa River Ride as well as nearby BMX, road and trail facilities.



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Te Miro Mountain Bike Park, Cambridge:

Situated 20 minutes north-east of Cambridge, 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



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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 Hamilton & Waikato region see:

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



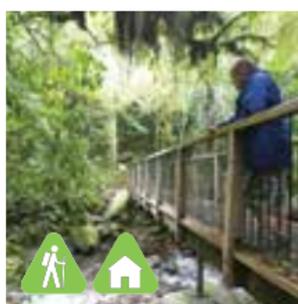
Stay the Night



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 and picnic by the stream, 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:

The 2014 International Garden of the Year. Access via Cobham Drive, Hamilton.

- Over 18 uniquely themed gardens including Indian Char Bagh Garden, Te Parapara Māori Garden, new Picturesque Garden and much more.



Mt Te Aroha, Te Aroha:

Climb to the summit or the Whakapipi lookout for spectacular views. Visit Waiorongomai Valley for great walks with a touch of gold mining history.

- Te Aroha Mountain track 3hrs
- Domain Loop track 20min
- Tui Mines track 2hrs one way



Te Waihōu Walkway, Putāruru:

A picturesque walk through rural landscapes to the Blue Spring. The pure water from the spring is bottled after being underground for around 100 years. Access via Whites Road, Putāruru.

- 1.5hrs one way
- 15-minute one-way via Leslie Road



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. Access via Hamilton Gardens or Hamilton City.

- Various lengths and access points



Wairēinga/Bridal Veil Falls, Raglan:

An easy 10-minute walk through native bush 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 to Te Mata.

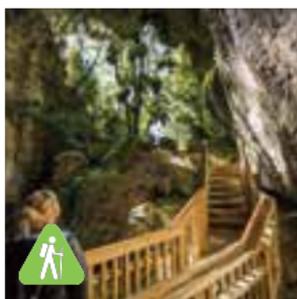
- Wairēinga / Bridal Veil Falls 20min return



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
- Kids Kiwiana Quiz activity sheets available from i-SITE



Mangapohue Natural Bridge, Waitomo:

Impressive limestone formations and 17m high arch form the natural bridge. Access via Te Anga Road, Waitomo

- Loop track 20min
- Spot the fossils in the limestone outcrops



Taitua Arboretum, Hamilton:

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

- From Tills Lookout on Melva Street it's 30 minutes one way to the arboretum

For more information on walking and hiking tracks in the Waikato region see:

waikatonz.com/walking



Where to Stay

Visitors to the region can choose from a variety of accommodation options. Stay in a high-end city hotel, get back to nature in an eco-style dwelling or enjoy a family break in a beachside holiday park. Enjoy a touch of luxury in a boutique lodge, or if a self-contained option is preferred, motels and serviced apartments are a great choice.

Our Climate

Summer temperatures tend to be in the low to mid 20s with a few days reaching around 30 degrees celsius. Winter temperatures average between 5-14 degrees celsius, and fog and frosts can sometimes occur at this time of year; late summer is usually settled and dry.

Summer – December to February
High: 23° | Low: 12° celsius

Winter – June to August
High: 14° | Low: 5° celsius

Autumn – March to May
High: 20° | Low: 9° celsius

Spring – September to November
High: 18° | Low: 8° celsius

Getting Around

The region's central location means it's simple and easy to get around, with most attractions within two hours' drive of Hamilton City and expressway links with Auckland. Domestic flights operate from Hamilton Airport and KiwiRail's Northern Explorer rail service travels through Hamilton on its Auckland to Wellington journey.

Drive times from Hamilton city: *Drive times are approximate.

Auckland International Airport.....	1 hour 45 mins
Waitomo Caves	60 mins
Hobbiton™ Movie Set.....	45 mins
Raglan.....	45 mins



Thermal Explorer Highway Touring Route

The Waikato region features on the Thermal Explorer Highway – a touring route which 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 and Taupō. The Thermal Explorer Highway also connects up with the Volcanic Loop – an extension of the route which runs from Taupō through to the alpine Ruapehu district. Working in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Highway, the touring routes provide the perfect way to explore the central North Island.

Drive times - from Hamilton:

Auckland	1 hr 45 mins
Rotorua	1 hr 20 mins
Taupō	1 hr 50 mins
Coromandel.....	2 hr 20 mins
Tauranga	1 hr 30 mins
Ruapehu.....	3 hr 05 mins
Hawke's Bay	3 hr 10 mins
Tairāwhiti-Gisborne	4 hr 45 mins

Itinerary Suggestions

From one-day adventures, to five-day ultimate road-trips around the hot spots in the central North Island, there is an itinerary to suit all tastes and with flexibility in mind, they can be easily tailored to suit your timeframe and needs.

For suggestions on how to plan a trip and make the most of the Waikato region, check out: [waikatoz.com/itineraries](https://www.waikatoz.com/itineraries)



Useful Information

Emergency Calls:

(Police, Fire, Ambulance): 111

24 Hour Medical Care:

(Anglesea A & E): 07 858 0800
 cnr Anglesea & Thackeray Street, Hamilton City

New Zealand Country Code:

0064

Hamilton & Waikato Area Code:

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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.

- Accommodation • Transport • Activities
- Free Attractions • Places To Explore • Itineraries • Must Dos
- Events and so much more...



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What's On - Events

The Waikato region has established itself as a leading events destination and this year's line-up shows just why. From international sporting matches and expos, to live concerts and music festivals, they all contribute to an exciting events calendar. Check out some of the top events on in the Waikato region.



Soundsplash

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

📍 Wainui Reserve, Raglan



Festival One

A multi-day Christian festival, which brings together music, creative arts and culture to create a community atmosphere.

📍 Mystery Creek Events Centre, Hamilton



HSBC NZ Sevens

With a rich rugby heritage, the region will come alive with sevens rugby action. Be there to support your team and experience the electric atmosphere.

📍 FMG Stadium Waikato, Hamilton



Blackcaps Cricket Matches

Grab friends and family to experience the stadium summer buzz, and cheer on the Blackcaps.

📍 Seddon Park, Hamilton



**01
FEB**

Kawhia Kai Festival

This traditional Māori kai festival is Kawhia's biggest day. A genuine taste experience of traditional Māori kai from the sea and the land.

📍 **Kawhia**



**08
FEB**

Six60 Concert

Ultimate summer party starters Six60 will play at Mystery Creek alongside special guests Drax Project, SACHI, Kings and Foley.

📍 **Mystery Creek Events Centre, Hamilton**



**13-16
FEB**

RIDE Cycling Festival

Cycle past Waikato farmland in this cycling festival incorporating different events with something to suit everyone.

📍 **Cambridge**



**FEB
- MAY**

Gallagher Chiefs Home Games

Be there to take in the action when the Gallagher Chiefs take on visiting teams in the Super Rugby Championship.

📍 **FMG Stadium Waikato, Hamilton**



**19 FEB
- 1 MAR**

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival

The spectacular Hamilton Gardens will be abuzz with summer activity and entertainment during this iconic open-air summer performing arts festival.

📍 **Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton**



**23
FEB**

Day in the Domain

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

📍 **Te Aroha Domain, Te Aroha**



**7
MAR**

The Great Kiwi Beer Festival

More than 40 craft breweries and cider producers will be pouring over 300 different drops, so there will be something to please every palate.

📍 **Claudlands Event Centre, Hamilton**



MAR

Tūrangawaewae Regatta

The annual Tūrangawaewae Regatta is a celebration of Māori Culture, waka ama (canoe racing) and the marae on the mighty Waikato River.

📍 **Tūrangawaewae Marae, Ngāruawāhia**



**17-21
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**



Piako Triathlon

Perfect for children and those starting out in triathlons, this great family event has something for everyone.

📍 **Morrinsville**



Waikato Show

The Waikato Show is a celebration of the community, environment and what makes the Waikato great.

📍 **Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton**



The Great Pumpkin Carnival

The biggest pumpkin event in the country, held at Hamilton Gardens. Fun for all ages with pumpkin racing, face painting and entertainment.

📍 **Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton**



Feast Waikato

This event celebrates our wonderful region with a selection of fabulous foodie events; from dinners and lunches, tours, talks and markets.

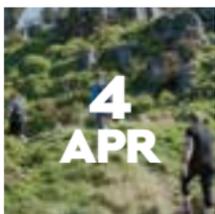
📍 **Waikato-wide**



Great New Zealand Muster

In the best Kiwi tradition, Te Kuiti puts on a show, celebrating its unofficial status as the sheep shearing capital of the world.

📍 **Te Kuiti**



Waitomo Trail Run

A variety of courses to choose from, participants will pass glowworms and karst landscapes, through native bush and natural tunnels in this unique event.

📍 **Waitomo**



Raglan Arts Weekend

Around 30 artists will be exhibiting over the three days, showcasing an impressive range of painting, ceramics, photography, jewellery and wearable art.

📍 **Raglan**



2 Hour Race Track Run

Take the opportunity to take to the track at Hampton Downs by foot. This inaugural event guaranteed to be traffic free and will raise funds for a great charity.

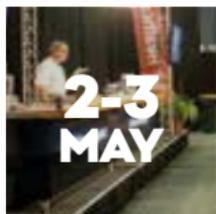
📍 **Hampton Downs Motorsport Park**



The Ten Tenors

Following sold out performances throughout New Zealand, The Ten Tenors are returning by popular demand to celebrate their 25th anniversary.

📍 **Clarence Street Theatre, Hamilton**



Great NZ Food Show

Showcasing the best food, wine, delicious edibles, latest innovative products and including cooking classes and cooking demos from celebrity chefs.

📍 **Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton**



Huntly Half Marathon

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

📍 **Riverview Road Reserve, Huntly**



Maungatautari Mission

Cycle the Waikato farmlands, run through native New Zealand bush and paddle down a beautiful lake in this great multi-sport event.

📍 **Leamington Primary School, Cambridge**



Fieldays

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

📍 **Mystery Creek Events Centre, Hamilton**



Karioi Classic

This 46km race takes participants around the stunning rugged west coast of Karioi Mountain and Raglan coastline including a gruelling 12km climb.

📍 **Raglan**



All Blacks vs Argentina

These two teams have formed one of the most fiercely contested international rugby rivalries and are set to write another chapter in 2020 in Hamilton.

📍 **FMG Stadium Waikato, Hamilton**



Culinary Cambridge

A week of food festivities to celebrate Cambridge's eclectic foodie scene, incorporating local producers, eateries, and talent.

📍 **Cambridge**



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 Events Centre, Hamilton**



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**



Pirongia Craft Market

Pirongia comes to life at the annual Craft Day. The main street is closed off and becomes a hive of activity with craft wares and live entertainment.

📍 Pirongia Main Street, Pirongia



Waikato Home & Garden Show

You'll find a huge range of products and services for building, renovating, decorating and landscaping your home at this show.

📍 Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton



Waikato A & P Show

A weekend full of animal showing and judging, home industry food and craft competitions, offering a unique range of entertainment for the whole family.

📍 Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton



Equidays

The equestrian rich Waikato region, hosts Equidays, covering all areas equine with exhibitions, demonstrations, clinics and training sessions.

📍 Mystery Creek Event Centre, Hamilton



The Taniwha

A multi-sport event with multiple categories across varying sections of the Waikato River Trails taking in the views of Lake Karapiro and Lake Arapuni.

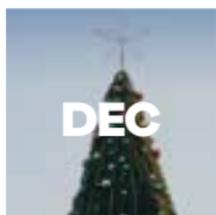
📍 Waikato River Trails, Putaruru



Round the Bridges

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

📍 Hamilton



Christmas Parades

Christmas Events across the region include parades, craft festivals, the lighting of New Zealand's biggest Christmas Tree in Hamilton.

📍 Waikato Wide



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North Waikato



Must Do...

- Tackle the Hākarimata Summit track in Ngāruawāhia: Over a thousand steps lead to spectacular panoramic views over the stunning landscape
- Walk around Lake Hakanoa in Huntly: The easy flat 4km walkway is a popular family-friendly trail with plenty of picturesque picnic spots
- 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 super cars and go-karting at Hampton Downs, to drifting at Meremere and the local 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 and with stunning natural landscapes, the North Waikato area and town of Ngāruawāhia is home to the Māori King and the Kingitanga movement, with significant historical New Zealand Land War sites throughout the area.

Learn about the area's history and visit the sites of the influential

land wars by following the Waikato War Driving Tour app, exploring the towns between Tūākau to Ngāruawāhia, all with cultural and historical significance.

The North Waikato's rich mineral deposits mean it's a substantial source of the nation's power – first with coal mining and now thermal energy.



The roar of engines can be heard for miles, with key motorsport facilities in the North Waikato area regularly hosting events. From local speedways and drag racing tracks at Meremere to go karting and V8 supercars at Hampton Downs - arguably the most technically-advanced race circuit in the world.

Those seeking a coastal escape can head west to where 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 olive oil all calling the North Waikato area home, not to mention the local markets and huge ice creams found at Pokeno.

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



Hampton Downs

Te Awa the Great River Ride stretches along the Waikato River, from Ngāruawāhia in the north to Karapiro in the south. Be sure to ride across the Perry Bridge - an iconic 120m suspension bridge at Horotiu.

Lake Puketirini, a former opencast mine, is now a popular spot for picnics and leisure activities for the family, while the Hākarimata Ranges provide many options such as the Kauri Loop track and the Summit track with its popular stair climb.

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The Waikato War Driving Tour

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The 1863-64 Waikato War was a pivotal moment in New Zealand's history. Maori united to protect their land and formed a resistance movement known as Te Kingitanga.

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Hākarimata Walkway, Ngāruawāhia



Hamilton

Must Do...

- Wander through the stunning Hamilton Gardens: The international award-winning gardens are a 'must do' and the perfect place to spend a day
- Visit an art gallery or museum: A thriving arts and cultural scene is on display at the many boutique galleries and museums
- Gourmet Delights: Choose from the many award-winning artisan producers and craft breweries with something to suit all tastes
- Do the Time Warp: Check out the life-size statue of Rocky Horror Picture Show creator and Hamilton native, Richard O'Brien dressed as iconic character Riff Raff
- Take the kids for a gentle cycle or walk along the mighty Waikato River: Peaceful views and tranquil picnic spots are aplenty along the river paths



Hamilton is the metropolitan centre for the Waikato region making it the perfect base to explore the central North Island. Just an hour and a half south of Auckland, it's the nation's fourth largest city.

An expanding list of award-winning eateries and artisan

producers of honey, bread, tea, cheese, ice cream and more, is quickly putting Hamilton on the map as a national foodie hotspot and offers a tantalising range of gourmet experiences. Shopaholics are also spoilt for choice with quirky laneways with the latest trends, homewares and art; boutique



fashion and gifts, several malls and shopping complexes including The Base, the largest shopping centre in New Zealand.

Hamilton's thriving arts scene, along with local, national and international events highlight the cultural and creative diversity of the city. From sporting events, theatrical performances, large-scale concerts to the annual iconic Balloons Over Waikato hot air balloon festival, New Zealand National Agricultural Fieldays, HSBC NZ Sevens and the Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival, Hamilton's event calendar is bursting with reasons to stay and play.

Outdoor enthusiasts can find plenty to do in the city's many green spaces – from a scenic cruise on the Waikato River, a hot air balloon ride over the city, a stroll or cycle along the river side or exploring the award-winning Hamilton Gardens. Check out Victoria on the River, Hamilton's new amphitheatre-style park, and catch an outdoor movie screening during the warmer months.

There's lots for families to do too, with everything from destination playgrounds to tenpin bowling and top attractions such as Hamilton Zoo, interactive kids exhibitions at Waikato Museum and more.



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Escapist – Escape Room and Board Game Cafe

- ✉ Level 1, 36 Bryce Street, Hamilton
- ☎ 07 834 1118
- @ hello@escapist.co.nz
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- ☎ 07 957 2230 | 07 846 2260 Diner
- @ emily@classicsmuseum.co.nz
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The menu consists of tapas plates designed to share; order a selection of them for the table and enjoy the variety. The bigger your group, the more flavours you will be able to sample.

Gothenburg is just as suited for casual meals as special occasions, after work drinks or a coffee on the terrace. Don't miss their beautiful location by the Waikato River and enjoy the taste sensation of Gothenburg's tapas.

The Verandah

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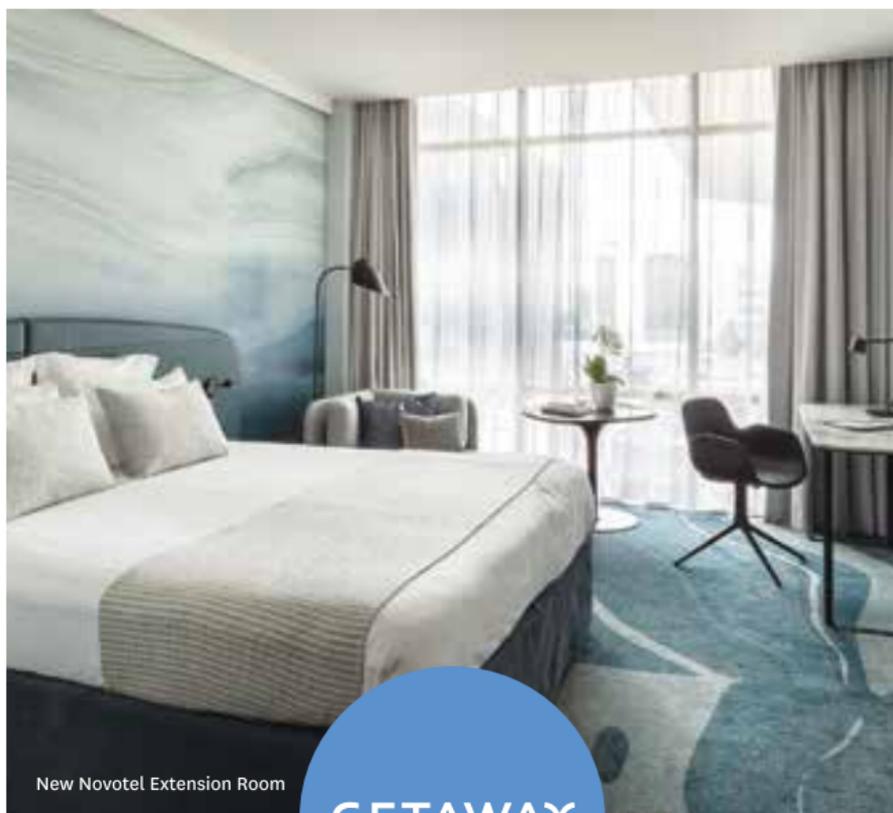


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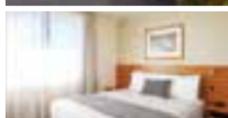
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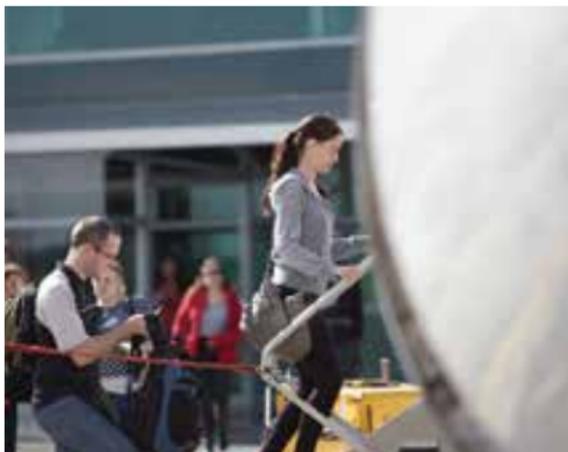
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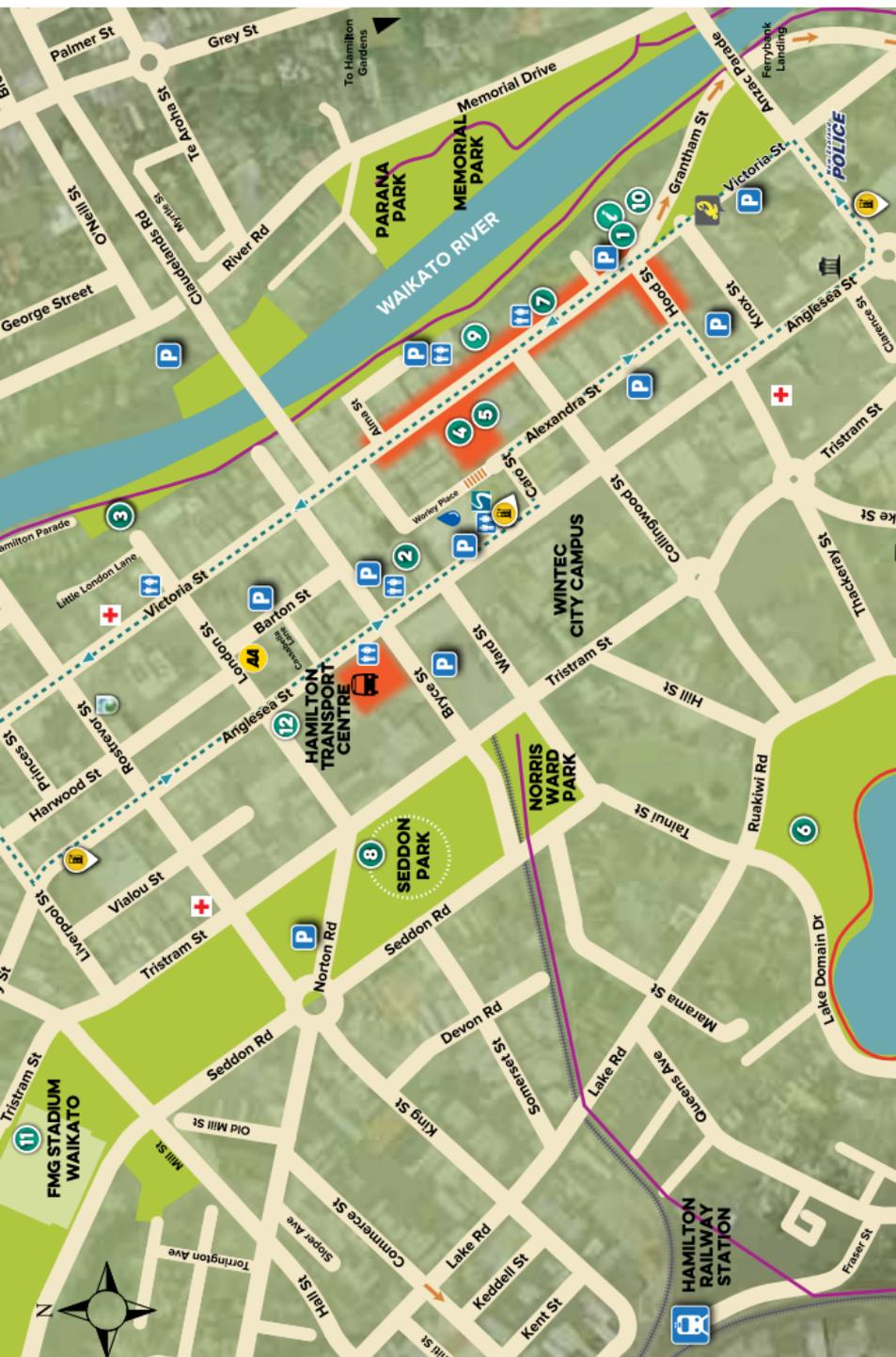
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Hamilton CBD Map

PLACES OF INTEREST

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- River Walkways/Cycleways
- Parks & Gardens
- Medical Centres/Accident & Emergency Clinic
- Police Station
- Court House
- Hamilton City Council
- Free WiFi Zone
- Department of Conservation
- AA Centre
- Vehicle Charging Stations
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Drinking Fountains



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
- Experience Raglan's foodie scene: enjoy quirky cafés, artisan bakeries, local producers and great restaurants
- Art awaits: Visit the array of studios and galleries of the artists who call Raglan home



Known to the locals as Whāingaroa (The Long Pursuit), Raglan has many claims to fame, including one of the longest left-hand surf breaks in the world, combined with a unique bohemian vibe that flows through its streets.

This coastal town is renowned for its natural beauty 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, follow the popular Heritage Trail, or get on your bike and take in the local mountainbike trails through lush forestry.

Where boho meets raw talent – Raglan has a thriving arts scene, with galleries and studios galore



featuring artists ready to take visitors on their journey.

Growing a reputation for its emerging foodie scene, particularly around small-batch producers, Raglan is the place to indulge in great coffee direct from the roasters, tingle the tastebuds at local cafés, and enjoy the simpler things in life with fish ‘n’ chips fresh from the wharf while watching the sun set.

Surfing is another form of religion here. Book a surf or paddle-board lesson or head out to one of the many famous surf spots around the coast.

Families love Kopua Domain explore the skatepark, playgrounds and BMX Track found at this historical reserve.

Kick back at music festivals, concerts and gigs – adding more to the cultural thread of this idyllic town.

Prefer to unwind and relax in tranquility? Wellbeing is a focus here, with yoga classes and massage easily found.

Raglan has a distinct eco-

conscious feel, with a collective of boutique accommodation properties, visitor attractions and food producers all focused on the environmental care of the area.

Raglan, discover a real slice of kiwi paradise.



Raglan Roast

Activities

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Raglan Township

Raglan Chamber

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Raglan & District Museum

✉ 15 Wainui Rd, Raglan 3225

☎ 07 825 8925

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✉ 7 Wainui Road, Raglan

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Raglan Wharf



Raglan i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

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Te Aroha

Must Do...

- Ride through the region: The historical Hauraki Rail Trail and iconic Mount Te Aroha trails are worth the effort
- Te Aroha Mineral Spas: Relax in the silky-smooth mineral water spas or indulge in luxurious spa treatments
- Te Aroha and District Museum: Housed in the historic Cadman Bath House, the museum provides a nostalgic walk down memory lane
- Mokena Geyser, Te Aroha Domain: The only natural hot soda water geyser in the world
- Walking Trails: Wairongomai Valley, Mount Te Aroha, Howarth Memorial Wetlands and more
- Check out the street sculptures by local scrap metal artist, Adrian Worsley



In the north-east of the region is the town of Te Aroha, renowned for its therapeutic mineral water and the world's only hot water soda geyser, the Mokena Geyser. Its historical township and bath house have been welcoming visitors for more than 100 years while the wider area

is now equally as popular with mountain bikers and hikers.

Te Aroha was originally an Edwardian Spa town which prospered during the goldrush days. The area's rich gold mining heritage is now on show at the Te Aroha Museum, and in the town's Domain.



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 walks give an insight into the area's gold mining days, while wetlands and heritage trails are also on offer.

Te Aroha provides the perfect base for those cycling the Hauraki Rail Trail, where

riders can explore hundreds of kilometres of trail featuring stunning rural views and gold-mining history.

A highlight of the township is its natural mineral spas. Renowned for health-giving properties, the mineral spas are 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 Swimzone Pools are a great family activity.



Hauraki Rail Trail



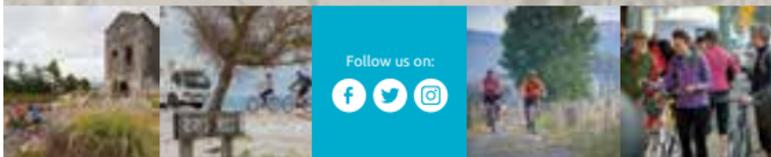
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RAIL TRAIL



The Hauraki Rail Trail is one of the easiest trails in the country to cycle, with the 160km track made up of 5 sections. This allows for a range of scenic day rides to comfortable 3 to 4 day tour rides.

As a Grade One cycle trail, the Hauraki Rail Trail is suitable for all fitness levels and cycling skills.



For more information including the status for each section of Rail Trail visit the Official website:

www.haurakirailtrail.co.nz



Te Aroha Mineral Spas

☑ Te Aroha Domain, off Boundary Street, Te Aroha
☎ 07 884 8717 ☑ tearohamineralspas.co.nz

Basking in the grandeur of the magnificent Mount Te Aroha, the Te Aroha Mineral Spas are renowned for their healing properties since the early 1880s. Overlooking the Edwardian Domain, the old timey feel of the spas will transport you back to Te Aroha's heyday of taking the waters.

Soak in the silky mineral water (the only natural hot soda spa in the world) in wooden tubs taking your relaxation to the next level. All of our spas have a private room with a changing area and ensuite, and for your comfort you can adjust the temperature at any time. For your safety, remember to bring a friend as there is a minimum of two adults per spa.

Our experienced spa therapists also offer a wide range of luxurious massage and beauty treatments, perfect for a girl's weekend of pampering. Romance packages are also available to surprise or spoil that special someone.

Bookings are essential.

Swim Zone Te Aroha

☑ Te Aroha Domain,
off Boundary Street, Te Aroha
☎ 07 884 4498
☑ swimzonepools.co.nz

At the foot of Mt Te Aroha, you will find Swim Zone Te Aroha. Heated pools are open all year round for a fun family day out, or a great place to relax and enjoy the native bush surrounding the pools.

Featuring a large pool, with disability access, toddler pool with a mushroom waterfall, and a spa to relax those tired muscles after a day walking the mountain tracks or cycling the Hauraki Rail Trail.



Te Aroha Mineral Spas

Te Aroha Domain (next to the i-SITE)

✉ Whitaker Street, Te Aroha

Nestled at the foot of the mountain, the Edwardian feel of the domain encapsulates the rich history of Te Aroha.

The former Cadman Bathhouse is now home to the museum, showcasing the rich history of this idyllic location.

Housed behind the mineral spas is the Mokena Geyser. The only natural hot soda water geyser in the world, the source of the mineral waters which plays approximately every 40 minutes.



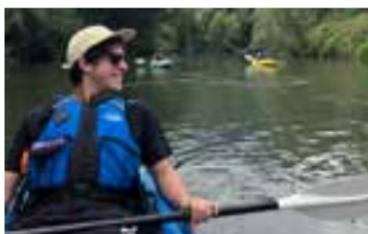
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Mount Te Aroha



Visitor Information

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Morrinsville



Must Do...

- Follow the trail of colourful life-sized cow sculptures through Morrinsville: 'Herd of Cows?' is a quirky and colourful art installation featuring 'cows' in and around town
- Mabel the 'Mega Cow' is a stunning beauty, giant in size and personality!
- Discover the gallery: Wallace Gallery is home to some of the best art New Zealand has to offer
- Visit the museum: Learn about the rich history of the region
- Explore the Heritage Trail: Step back in time and get a real feeling for the history of the town by visiting historic buildings and parks
- Enjoy one of the scenic walks such as the Pukemokemoke Bush Reserve

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

Visitors to Morrinsville will be greeted by a colourful herd of cows. The 'Herd of Cows?' street art instalment highlights the town's strong dairying heritage and growing art culture,

with cows situated on streets throughout Morrinsville's main centre, including the 'Mega Cow' at the southern end of town.

Several rural cafés and boutique shops are on offer here, – from The Redoubt Bar and Eatery to Nite-N-Day Fashions, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Follow the heritage trail that tells the story of the area's well-



known people and places and visit the tranquil Howie Park and historic McDonald Cottage, built in 1874 from heart kauri timber.

Visit the museum and take a trip back through history to see how Morrinsville came to be and explore the Waikato's past through a variety of exhibits.

Built to house the largest collection of New Zealand contemporary art, take a moment to enjoy the many local and national exhibitions on display at the nationally

significant Wallace Gallery.

The rural township is home to several great short walks, including the Pukemokemoke Bush Reserve, perfect for bird watching and the Morrinsville River Walk, a pleasant 40-minute walk in the heart of Morrinsville. The walk follows the river through a stand of mature trees including native Totara and highlights include a small waterfall and plenty of spots to stop for a family picnic.



Morrinsville River Walk

Morrinsville River Walk

☒ **Avenue Road South or Studholme Street, Morrinsville**

The Morrinsville River Walk provides a pleasant 40-minute walk in the heart of Morrinsville. Taking in the Morrinsville Recreation Ground, the walk follows the river through a stand of mature trees including native totara. Dogs are permitted when on a leash.

Highlights include a small waterfall and plenty of spots to stop for a family picnic, as well as the added bonus of the playground in the recreation ground and nearby Swim Zone in the summer months.



Pukemokemoke Reserve

☒ **1382 Tauhei Road, Morrinsville**

The 40ha Pukemokemoke Reserve has beautiful picnic spots dotted through stunning native bush, accessed by several walking tracks. There are sites of interest located along the track, including a log hauler site, kauri grove, impressive lookout and the stopover pa. The summit lookout provides glorious 360° views of the region. The Hakarimata Ranges and Mt Te Aroha are visible on a clear day.

Pukemokemoke Reserve is located approximately 15km from Morrinsville, accessible via a right-of-way. Parking is available.



Swim Zone - Morrinsville

☒ **Cureton Street, Morrinsville**

☎ 07 889-7295 ☑ swimzonepools.co.nz

Swim Zone Morrinsville is the place to be this summer! Swim, play and train in the 50m heated pool (with disabled access) or the heated toddler's pool. The pools are surrounded by a grass area which makes a perfect setting for a family picnic or a BBQ (available to hire). Our pools are supervised by lifeguards, but we ask for parents to stay within arm's reach of their children at all times.

Swim Zone Morrinsville is closed during the winter months, please check our website for seasonal opening times.



Te Miro Mountain Bike Park

☒ **Waterworks Road, Te Miro**

Te Miro Mountain Bike Park offers trails for everyone, ranging from family friendly rides for the beginner, to the more technical rides for the more advanced riders. Ride for an hour or set up base at the shelters overlooking the reservoir and make a day of it.

Te Miro Mountain Bike Park is easily accessible from Hamilton, Cambridge, Morrinsville, Matamata and Te Aroha. The trailhead starts just off Waterworks Road, which continues on from 320 Waterworks Road.





Herd of Cows? - Morrinsville Street Art

✉ Morrinsville i-SITE, 251 Thames Street, Morrinsville

☎ 07 889 5575 @ manager@morrinsvillenz.co.nz

📄 morrinsvillenz.co.nz | herdofcowsmorrinsville.co.nz

Open 8.30am-4.30pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am-2.30pm (Weekends/Public Holidays). 'Herd of Cows?' Morrinsville Street Art and home of Mabel (Mega Cow), she stands proudly in front of Power Farming Morrinsville - this huge bovine is a showcase for the area and is a welcome addition to the rest of the herd. The collection of life-sized cow sculptures throughout the town and district show the history and heritage (Cream of the Country). Take the journey and discover the trail of stunning cows throughout our vibrant community. Discover the unique 'Herd of Cows?' and learn about the local businesses and families who have worked together with our NZ artists to create these iconic pieces of art.

Contact our friendly team at the Morrinsville i-SITE to arrange a 'Personalised Cow Tour' or call in to get your 'Herd of Cows?' trail map. 'Herd of Cows?' merchandise also available.



Morrinsville Township

Wallace Gallery Morrinsville

✉ 167 Thames Street, Morrinsville
☎ 07 889 7791
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📧 morrinsvillegallery.org.nz

The Wallace Gallery Morrinsville exhibits art from the most comprehensive collection of contemporary New Zealand art - the James Wallace Arts Trust.

The main gallery and community gallery sell and exhibit New Zealand art and artists, and also regional work from the community.

Open 10am-4pm Tuesday-Sunday.



Wallace Gallery Morrinsville

Visit Morrinsville Museum

✉ 41 Canada Street, Morrinsville
☎ 889 4190
@ info@morrinsvillemuseum.org.nz
📧 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 new permanent exhibition 'Mana Whenua o Piako' featuring the Ngati Haua Kingmakers. View 'The Green Circle' film on the dairying through the years.



Morrinsville River Walk



Morrinsville i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

✉ 251 Thames Street, Morrinsville ☎ 07 889 5575
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Morrinsville 'Cream of the Country' - visit our friendly rural town and discover what the locals already know!





Matamata



Must Do...

- Explore a slice of 'real Middle-earth': Hobbiton™ Movie Set has to be seen to be believed, with incredible attention to detail and first-hand insights into how the set was created and what went into the filming of the award-winning movie trilogies
- Tackle the tallest waterfall in the North Island: Hike to the viewing platform or to the very top of the stunning Wairere Falls in the Kaimai Ranges
- Sample some specialty dairy products: Try the heavenly feta at The Kaimai Cheese Company's café or indulge in some speciality made ice cream from Kōwhai Creamery
- Explore and learn about the rich history of the buildings, places and people - visit the Firth Tower Museum, or explore the heritage trails around the town
- Explore the bustling town centre and visit one of the many popular cafés

From Middle-earth movie magic and great walking trails to a rich thoroughbred history, the town of Matamata has plenty of hidden gems to discover.

With the perfect combination of hillsides and plains, Matamata,

meaning 'headland' in Māori – has its rural roots in the equine and dairy industries and is home to the nearby Hobbiton™ Movie Set. The set remains as it was during filming for *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies



and visitors can take a guided tour through the purpose-built, permanent movie set and enjoy exclusive Southfarthing beverages and local fare at The Green Dragon™ Inn.

Set in the shadow of the Kaimai Ranges, the area's diverse range of natural scenery means there is plenty of local treasures and walkways to uncover, including the Wairere Falls with stunning views across the Waikato plains.

Meanwhile, the Opal Hot Springs, next to the town's 18-hole golf course, add to the region's many opportunities for a soak or swim in naturally-heated waters.

Back in town, Matamata's cafés on the main street are popular local meeting spots. The many grand trees give the town a distinctive appeal and the iconic Firth Tower Museum in its park-like setting provides an insight into the area's pioneering history.



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Firth Tower Reserve and Museum

✉ 266 Tower Road, Matamata
☎ 07 888 8369 📧 firhtower.co.nz

Built in 1882, Firth Tower is located just 2km from Matamata township. Commanding an extensive view, the Tower was used for an estate office and sleeping quarters for single men working on the estate.

Visit the old homestead which has preserved the pioneering history beautifully. The Matamata Historical Society also has displays in 12 other buildings, including pioneering farming equipment, a post office and school.

The extensive grounds and buildings provide an elegant setting for picnics, romantic trysts, celebrations, functions and weddings.

Stay a little longer to really take in the ambiance, motorhomes and caravans are welcome at Firth Tower. There is access to power, water and toilet facilities. Dogs are welcome.



Swim Zone Matamata

✉ 10 Meura Street, Matamata
☎ 07 888 4899 📧 swimzonepools.co.nz

Make a splash at Swim Zone Matamata. Our indoor 25m pool is heated all year round making it ideal to train or play! This pool is multi-use (for classes, training, learn to swim and family use) and has a ramp for disabled access to and from the pool. We also have an indoor spa and sauna for a bit of relaxation, or to soothe sore bodies after enjoying the Hauraki Rail Trail or walking the stunning Wairere Falls.

Our outdoor pools are open between November and March, including our second heated 25m pool, 2.74m deep dive pool which is perfect for jumping, diving and the summer bomb competitions along with a toddler pool with a gently sloping floor. All our pools are supervised by qualified lifeguards.

Good Merchant Matamata

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Cambridge

Must Do...

- Hop on a bike - or hire one! Known as 'Cycling Central', Cambridge is unique in that it offers something for everyone: Te Awa River ride, track cycling, beautiful road rides, a pump track for the kids and BMX tracks
- Rural experiences – Enjoy a guided tour - Alpacas, Sheep, Horse Studs and Dairy Farms
- Explore Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari: The vibrant, pest-free ancient forest, alive with native wildlife
- Get out on the water: Go paddle-boarding or kayaking and see glowworms on Lake Karapiro, or try jet boating on the mighty Waikato River
- Enjoy some retail therapy: Boutique shopping, antiques, art, designer fashions and unique homewares



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, it is no wonder Cambridge was awarded 'Most Beautiful Large Town' in 2019. The township boasts multiple Melbourne Cup

champion racehorses and many rowing, cycling and equestrian Olympic medallists, earning the town the unofficial title of 'Home of Champions'.

Cambridge offers a world-class indoor track cycling facility at the Avantidrome (and "have a go sessions"), plus a network of top road cycle trails, including



the 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 options, while those seeking adventure can experience the thrill of jet-boating further downstream.

Exceptional cuisine is on offer at many award-winning cafés 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.



The 'Mare and Foal' statue



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Mountain
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Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari

✉ 99 Tari Road, Pukeatua 3880

☎ 07 870 5180

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Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is the largest ecological 'island' on mainland New Zealand and is a haven for native wildlife including kiwi, kōkako (wattlebird), and tuatara.

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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 Serpentine: The National Wetlands Centre is the perfect place to see the plants and wildlife of this unique environment
- Meander through the lavender farms: Lavender farms in the area produce a range of boutique lavender products with the grounds particularly picturesque in 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 offer a chance to pick your berries straight from the bush from November to March

Known as ‘the town of roses’ and surrounded by lush farmland, Te Awamutu is a significant contributor to the region’s prosperous dairy industry. Nestled in the background is Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, where ancient native forest and fauna can be found at New Zealand’s only inland ecological island.

Walking enthusiasts will enjoy the many walking trails on offer around the township, such as the Lake Ngaroto wetlands, the native bush-clad mountains of Pirongia, and many more.

Just south of Te Awamutu is the small town of Kihikihi, known for its speedway and polo grounds. The award-winning Viands



Bakery in the main street is a must stop for hungry travellers passing through looking for a bite to eat. To the north is the quaint village of Ōhaupō, a great place to spot an antique or enjoy a cuppa.

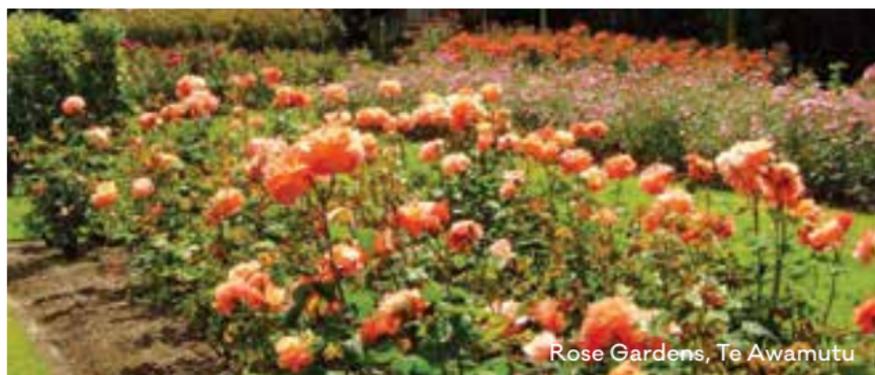
Take a Te Ara Wai Journey and discover the rich history of the area including its several significant New Zealand Land Wars sites, one of which is the most famous at Ōrākau just outside Kihikihi. Te Awamutu Museum provides an insight into the area's history and people, showcasing stories and important taonga (treasure) of the Tainui people, as well as regular local exhibitions.

For the food-lovers,

Te Awamutu's cafés and bakeries are ideal for a lazy lunch while the summer farmers' markets provide the perfect opportunity to sample some of the locally grown produce.

The area also offers many unique experiences including the chance to visit a lavender farm. Pirongia hosts the annual Pirongia Craft Market with upwards of 7,000 visitors flocking to the village each year and is known for its walks, galleries, cafés and the ever-popular Pirongia Boxing Day Races.

The Te Awamutu area also encompasses a variety of great golf clubs such as the Pirongia and Ngahinapouri clubs, which rest beneath Pirongia Mountain.



Rose Gardens, Te Awamutu



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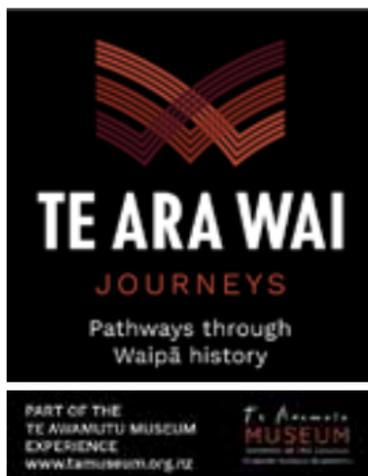


Out in the Styx, Pukeatua

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Te Awamutu Museum

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Waitomo and Surrounds



Must Do...

- Head underground for a caving adventure in Waitomo: From adrenaline-fuelled fun to gentle walking tours, there's something for everyone
- See a Kiwi up close: Ōtorohanga Kiwi House & Native Bird Park is the perfect place to see New Zealand's national icon
- Ride 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 at low tide: Kawhia Ocean Beach on the west coast is one of the region's best hidden gems
- Immerse yourself in kiwi pop culture: Embark on The Kiwiana Walk in Ōtorohanga's town centre or let the kids explore the Kiwiana themed Jim Barker Memorial Playground before taking a stroll along the newly completed river walk

A hot spot for visitors from around the world, the Waitomo Caves offer a subterranean adventure unlike any other. With stunning formations and magical glowworms, there are plenty of ways to explore the underground caves.

From walking tours and gentle boat rides down underground rivers, to black water rafting, zip-lining and abseiling for those seeking more thrilling adventure. Above-ground you will find excellent cafés, restaurants and



local organic produce to refuel after an active day exploring the area. The Waitomo Caves Museum is a great place to learn about the natural underground wonders, and the newly-opened Waitomo Adventures day spa offers some amazing treatments to help you relax and unwind.

Great walking trails, including the Mangapohue Natural Bridge, Marokopa Falls walk and Ruakuri walkway, offer stunning karst landscape views; while the Pureora Forest Park is also home to The Timber Trail, one of the most picturesque cycleways in the region.

The area also stakes its claim in Middle-earth, with tours available through the towering limestone cliffs, primeval native forest and massive rock formations of the Mangaotaki Valley near Piopio which became the location for the Trollshaws Forest in *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*.

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

On the rugged west coast, the beaches of Mokau, Awakino and Marokopa are found along with the hidden gem of Kawhia, where visitors can dig their own natural hot water spa at Ocean Beach.

Further south, the sheep shearing capital of the country, Te Kuiti, has the long-standing annual traditions of the Great New Zealand Muster and New Zealand Shearing Championships. The township is also the home of a larger-than-life bronze statue of the late All Black legend Sir Colin Meads, known as 'Pinetree' and an exhibition honouring the Meads family's strong rugby heritage.



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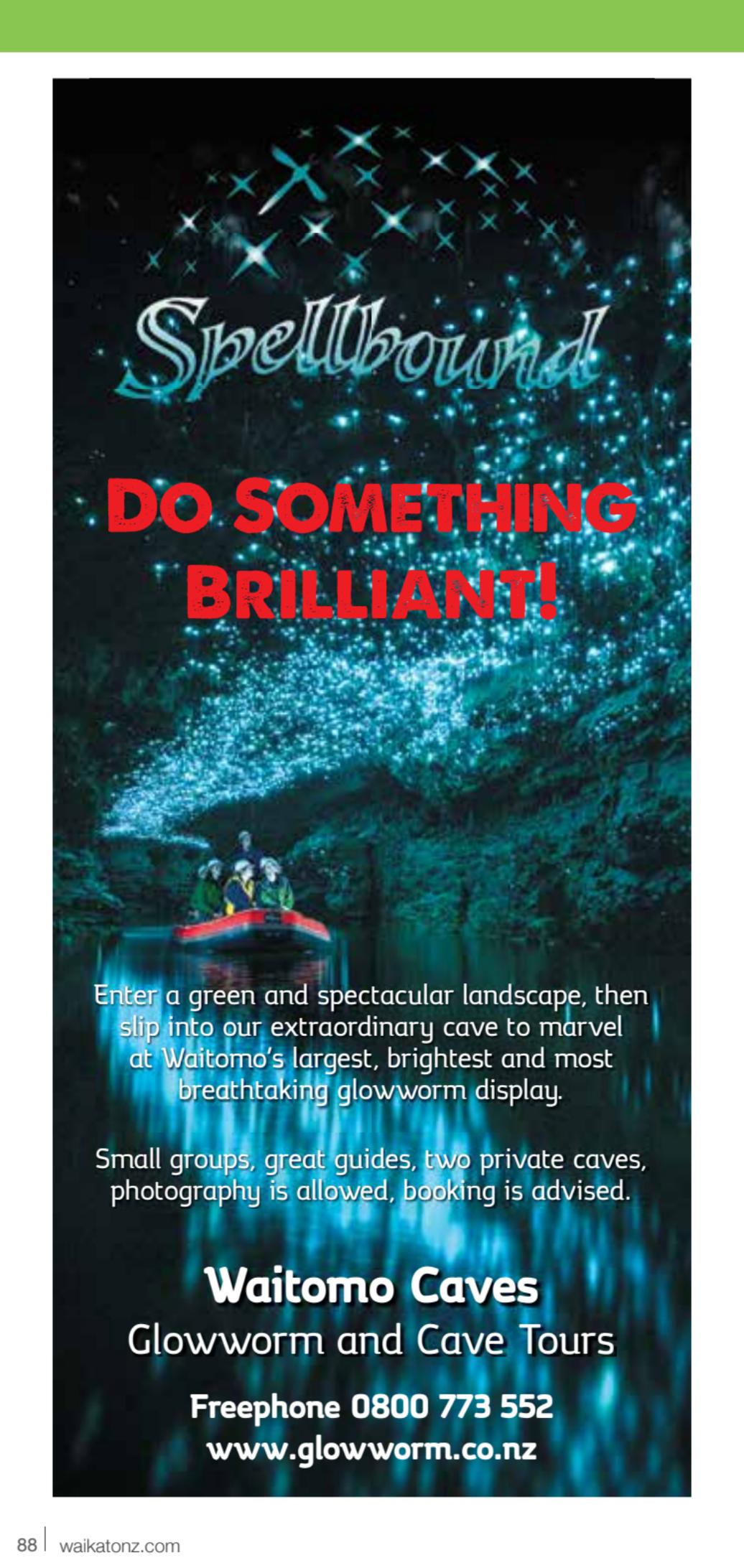
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Te Waihōu Walkway, Putāruru

South Waikato



Must Do...

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- Te Waihōu Walkway in Putāruru: a stunning 4.7km (one way) scenic walk through farmland, along the river, and through natural bush to the picturesque Blue Spring
- Stop for a shop in Tirau: Tirau offers quirky antiques, art, collectables and corrugated iron creations along with a range of cafés to visit
- Explore the Talking Poles in and around Tokoroa: an art installation that depicts the heritage and cultural history of the area
- Play a round of golf: Play at one or all of the four golf courses dotted around the South Waikato area

With its innovative engineering industry, rich dairy farming history, forestry heritage and stunning waterways; the South Waikato district is known as a key destination for those seeking cycling adventures with some of the most picturesque sections of the Waikato River Trails found here.

The 'corrugated iron capital of New Zealand', Tirau, is most well-known for its giant corrugated iron sheep, dog and ram structures on the main street, welcoming visitors to the small and vibrant town. These eye-catching structures, along with the new funky corrugated iron public toilets, several great



cafés, boutique galleries, and unique arts and crafts stores make for an ideal spot to visit.

Further south, the township of Putāruru is home to the award-winning Over The Moon Cheese Company and the beautiful Blue Spring at Te Waihōu Walkway. The spring is iconic for its vibrant blue colour, while remaining virtually clear, and is so pure that it is the source for around 60 percent of New Zealand's bottled water.

Tokoroa celebrates its forestry, artistic and cultural heritage with the carved Talking Poles sculpture trail through town. With over 35 cultures residing in the area, visitors from around the world will feel welcome.

The South Waikato region is home to one of New Zealand's 'Great Rides', the Waikato River Trails, follows the Waikato River as it winds its way through the region. A definite cycleway to check out.

The Cougar Mountain Bike Park near Tokoroa is another popular track, while the Waikato River's

many hydro dams provide spectacular views with great spots for boating, kayaking, trout fishing or a riverside picnic.

Indoor heated pools in Tokoroa and natural hot springs at Ōkoroire near Tirau offer year-round family fun, and keen golfers can take their pick of one or more of the four courses on offer in the area.



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Over The Moon Dairy



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