

The Mighty Waikato

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Raglan at Sunset

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Wairere Falls



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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. This is the Waikato region of New Zealand.

The Waikato is conveniently 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 myriad 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, gardens to admire, picnic spots too.

A gourmet paradise with a wide array of foodie experiences including award-winning eateries, microbreweries, artisan producers, farmers' markets, and orchards where you can pick your own.

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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 the Timber Trail and Hauraki Rail Trail – both are Great Rides of New Zealand.

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Nourish the soul with a soak at the 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, the New Zealand National Agricultural Fieldays and the spectacular Balloons over Waikato. This year Hamilton also plays host to FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

For arts and culture there are a number of galleries and studios throughout the region as well as 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 Kawhia more than 800 years ago. Māori place names in Hamilton/Kirikiriāroa 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 where the locals are pretty sports-mad too.

Always far from the ordinary, the Waikato is a magical place to play, relax, connect and explore – a welcoming region where the people keep it real – and experiences become unreal.



Outdoor Adventures

The region has plenty to appeal to people who like to get out into the great outdoors with some of New Zealand's most well-loved trails and tracks threading throughout the region. New Zealand's longest river, the mighty Waikato, provides excellent kayaking, boating and other water sports opportunities.

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.

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

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**See page 10-13
 for more cycling
 and hiking trails
 in the region**

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 offers myriad options for entertainment.

Check out the animals at Hamilton Zoo, visit picturesque gardens, 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.

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



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, he found it right here in the Waikato on a sheep farm. He filmed the epic movie adaptations of JRR Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies on the family-owned farm which is located near the town of Matamata.

Subsequently the set was adapted to become the permanent attraction of Hobbiton™ Movie Set, loved by hobbit fans the world over. 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](https://www.waikatonz.com/middle-earth)

Underground Wonders

Millions of years in the making, the Waitomo Caves are world-famous and have been enthralling visitors since the late 1800s. The caves are 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 for exploring the caves. On one hand there are guided tours of the caverns with their awe-inspiring limestone formations and a gentle boat ride 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](https://www.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 under thousands of twinkling glowworms or take a walking tour of the caves.
 - 2** Visit Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari and Ōtorohanga Kiwi House to get up close to native birds or explore Hamilton Zoo, the 25-hectare home to over 600 native and exotic animals.
 - 3** Explore Hamilton Gardens: Pick up a free 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: Fun and interactive exhibitions are specifically designed for children.
 - 6** Explore hundreds of kilometres of local cycling and walking tracks.
 - 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 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 or Hare Puke Park, one of the best playgrounds in New Zealand.
- For more ideas visit:
waikatonz.com/family-fun



Gourmet Delights

The Waikato is a foodies paradise with award-winning restaurants, eateries and artisan producers.

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. Make the most of the season by visiting one of many farms and orchards where you can pick your own delicious, sun-ripened strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, summer fruits and more. Hamilton City is renowned for its café culture with a range of local coffee roasters to choose from. For the nightlife, restaurants, cocktail bars and live music haunts bring the city to life.

Gourmet delights are around every corner in the Waikato, visit: waikatonz.com/eat-and-drink

Shopping, Arts & Culture

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

In Hamilton City there are boutiques awaiting discovery in the laneways, high-end 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, boutique 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 pieces and impressive collections.



Your Business Events Destination

Waikato venues and accommodation are as diverse as the landscape, from inner-city chic to sweeping rural outcrops, experience business events with time to breathe. Meet in the Waikato and take time to connect with each other and with our land.

The Waikato people warmly welcome all visitors, be that at the superb Claudelands Conference & Exhibition Centre, NZ's only tea plantation, National Fieldays or at the home of NZ rowing, then unwind together enjoying award-winning local cuisine and craft brews. Day and night, we welcome you.

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The accessibility and variety the Waikato region offers, provides endless options for any business event, meet overlooking NZ's longest river the mighty Waikato or surrounded by protected native forest.
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Let your senses guide you and explore underground in Waitomo's awe-inspiring wonderland, head behind the scenes at award-winning Hamilton Gardens or enjoy a feast fit for a Hobbit at Hobbiton™ Movie Set.

For more information and support for your upcoming conference or business event in the mighty Waikato region, contact the team at the Convention Bureau: businessevents@waikatonz.com
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The Timber Trail, Waitomo

Cycle Trails

Home to two 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.

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



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



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

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

- Ngāruawāhia to Hamilton Gardens 27km
- Hamilton Gardens to Velodrome 20km
- Cambridge to Lake Karapiro 9km



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



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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.



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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



Velodrome – 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 northeast 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 Waikato region scan 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.

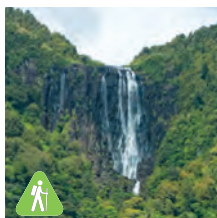
- Kauri Loop track 2hrs return
- Summit track 3hrs return
- Waterworks track 1hr return



Mt Pirongia, Pirongia:

Take a stroll along the Mangakara Nature Walk 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.

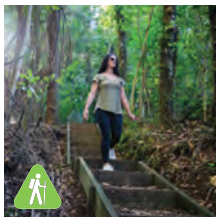
- Over 20 uniquely themed gardens including Indian Char Bagh Garden, Te Parapara Māori Garden, new Egyptian Garden and much more.



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



Maungakawa Scenic Reserve, Cambridge:

Once a TB Sanatorium for returned servicemen, this scenic reserve boasts regenerating native forest with a scattering of exotic trees, plenty of native birdlife on an easy 30 minute loop walk. Access via on Gudex Road, off Maungakawa 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.

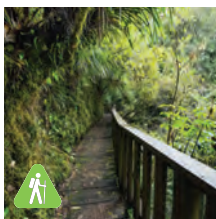
- Wairēinga / Bridal Veil Falls 20min return to top of the falls



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



Ruakuri Walk, Waitomo:

This spectacular loop walk takes you through a forested gorge, past natural sculpted cliffs and under low limestone arches. The track winds up around a network of limestone bluffs before descending down to the Ruakuri Natural Bridge viewing platform.



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.

For more information on walking and hiking tracks Waikato region scan code or visit:
waikatonz.com/walking



Scan to learn more



Where to Stay

Visitors to the region can choose from a variety of accommodation options - from high-end city hotels to ecostyle dwellings 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 two 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 KiwiRail's Northern Explorer rail service travels through Hamilton 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 and Taupō. The Thermal Explorer Highway also connects 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.

Itinerary Suggestions

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

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Limestone Bluffs, Piopio



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 region.

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



**20-22
JAN**

Soundsplash

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

📍 Wainui Reserve, Raglan



**21-22
JAN**

HSBC NZ Sevens

New Zealand's biggest sporting party is returning to Hamilton! Be there to support your team and experience the electric atmosphere.

📍 FMG Stadium Waikato, Hamilton



**27-30
JAN**

Festival One

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

📍 Hartford, Karapiro, Cambridge



**4-6
FEB**

Long Course Weekend

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

📍 Mighty River Domain, Karapiro



FWWC2023 Play-Off Tournament

Hamilton will be co-hosting the first ever Play-Off Tournament for the FIFA Women's World Cup with 10 teams competing for the final three spots.

📍 **Waikato Stadium, Hamilton**



Hamilton Arts Festival

Hamilton Arts Festival/Toi Ora ki Kirikiriroa will see Hamilton Gardens come to life with entertainment during this iconic performing arts festival.

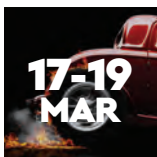
📍 **Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton**



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**



Autorama

A special interest vehicle show that brings industry, cars and people together.

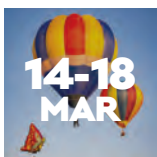
📍 **Mystery Creek**



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**



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**



The Middle-earth™ Halving™ Marathon

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

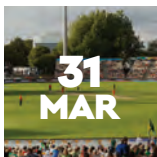
📍 **Hobbiton Movie Set, Matamata**



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**



Blackcaps vs Sri Lanka 3rd ODI

International cricket bringing the world's best players to Kirikiriroa! Grab your family and friends to see the Blackcaps take on Sri Lanka at Seddon Park.

📍 **Seddon Park, Hamilton**



Waikato Show

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

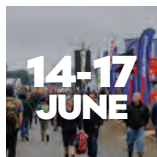
📍 Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton



Great NZ Food Show

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

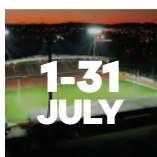
📍 Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton



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



FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

The FIFA Women's World Cup is coming to New Zealand and Hamilton will be part of the football action

📍 Waikato Stadium, Hamilton



NZ Darts Masters

International talents will compete in the NZ Darts Masters, a two-day world series event.

📍 Claudelands Event 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



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



The Great Kiwi Summer Expo

Packed with everything for a great kiwi summer and a fun family day out this event will be a non-stop weekend of boats, bikes, BBQ's and so much more!

📍 Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro



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



27-29
OCT

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 Event Centre, Hamilton



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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

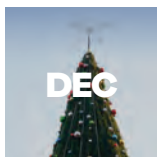


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Waitomo Trail Run

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



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 calendar in this guide is just a selection of the wide array on offer, to view all the upcoming events please visit: waikatonz.com/events

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Hakarimata Walkway, Ngāruawāhia

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 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, 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.

Visitors 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.

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

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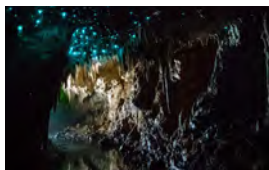
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Nikau Cave & Cafe

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- ☎ 09 233 3199
- 📄 nikaucave.co.nz

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- ✉ Ngāruawāhia Squash Club, Lower Waikato Esplanade, Ngāruawāhia
- ☎ 0272 655 504 📄 riverriders.co.nz

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- ✉ 685 Karioitahi Road, Karioitahi Beach, Waiuku
- ☎ 09 236 5041
- @ stay@castaways.co.nz
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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 many boutique galleries, museums and street art
- 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 quiet picnic spots are aplenty along the mighty Waikato River pathways



Hamilton is the metropolitan centre for the Waikato making it the perfect base to explore the central North Island.

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

Award-winning eateries and

artisan producers are quickly putting Hamilton on the map as a foodie hotspot with a tantalising range of gourmet experiences – think premium honey, fresh crusty bread, organic tea, handmade cheeses, micro-brewed beer and cider, local ice cream and more.



Shopaholics are also spoiled 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.

Hamilton's cultural and creative diversity is showcased in a thriving arts scene that includes local, national and international events. These range from comedy, theatre, dance and music, including large-scale concerts, to the annual iconic Balloons over Waikato hot air balloon festival and the Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival. 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 giant mural depicting a kārearea, native falcon.

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



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Get a taste of the Waikato's local produce by trying an award-winning burger from Eat Burger or a locally crafted Good George brew from The Local Taphouse.

If you are feeling adventurous head to our Entertainment Zone, where competition is the name of the game: Bowl and Social features a 20 lane bowling alley and a range of arcade games. Right next door is Zone Sports Bar, playing live sports on some of the largest screens in town.

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Confinement Escape Rooms

- ☑ Level 2 Skycity, 346 Victoria Street
- ☎ 07 838 0058
- @ bookings@confinement.co.nz
- ☐ confinement.co.nz

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The Meteor Theatre

- ☑ 1 Victoria Street, Hamilton CBD
- ☎ 0275 294 470
- @ kiaora@themetor.co.nz
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The Meteor – a space for the community to share creative experiences.



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- ✉ Innes Common Park, Lake Domain Drive, Hamilton
- ☎ 021 912 679
- @ kiwiballooncompany@xtra.co.nz
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- ✉ 11 Railside Place, Hamilton
- ☎ 07 957 2230 | 07 846 2260 Diner
- @ emily@classicismuseum.co.nz
- 🌐 classicmuseum.co.nz

Something classic for the whole family. Have a look at the cars of yesteryear which are sure to bring back memories. Our collection encompasses a range of interests including an extensive collection of petrol memorabilia. The Jukebox Diner is onsite, styled 1950s serving some American favourites as well as a variety of delicious menu and cabinet options. Open 8am-3pm daily.



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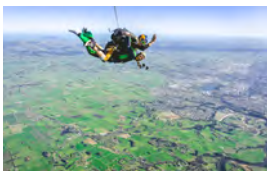
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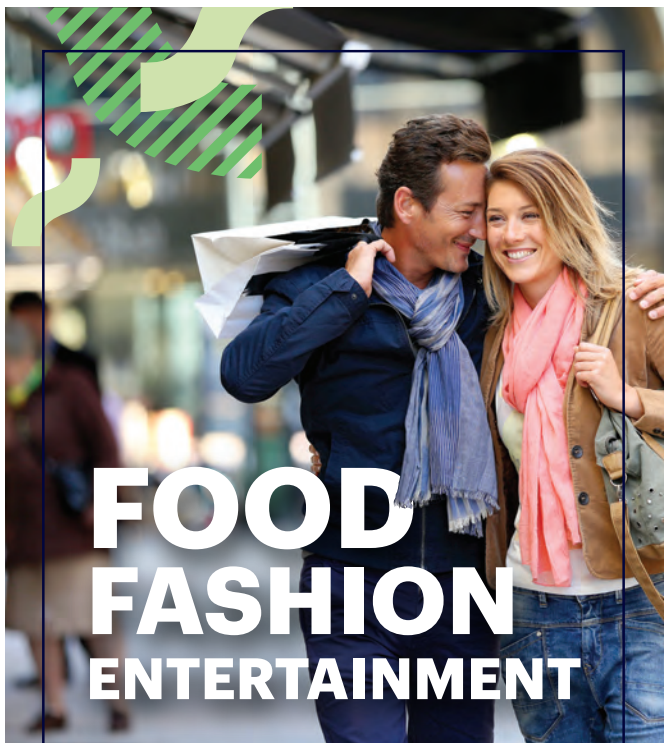
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The Riverbank Lane

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- ☒ ANZ Building, Ground Floor, 17 Grantham Street, Hamilton
- ☎ 07 834 3562 ☑ gothenburg.co.nz

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The menu consists of tapas plates designed to share; order a selection for the table and enjoy the variety. The Gothenburg kitchen uses seasonal New Zealand premium free range and organic products, working with prominent producers who take pride in their craft.

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.

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- ☒ 259 Grey Street, Hamilton East
- ☎ 07 560 1739
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- 📄 theverandah.co.nz

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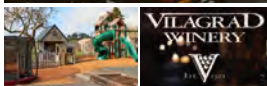


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- 📄 vilagradwines.co.nz

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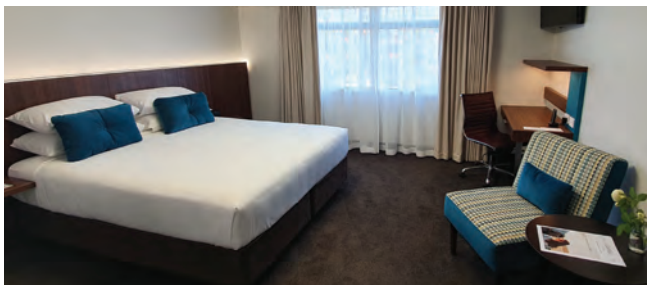
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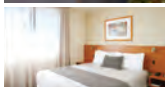
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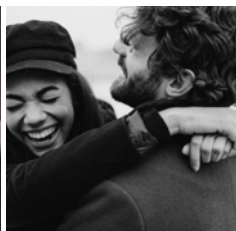
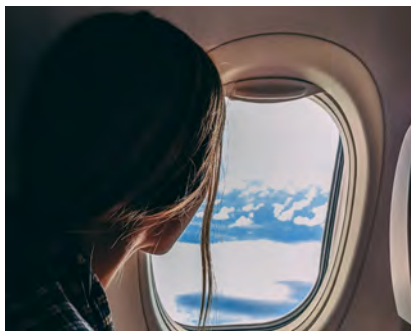
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We connect our visitors to our people, places and spaces by providing up to date travel and event information and bookings services.



Te Awa River Ride

Hamilton CBD Map

- Places of interest**
- 1 ArtsPost Galleries & Shop
 - 2 Centre Place Shopping Centre
 - 3 Clarence Street Theatre
 - 4 Kirikirirotia Pii
 - 5 Frankton Village
Market every Saturday morning
 - 6 Garden Place
 - 7 Central Library
 - 8 Hamilton Lake Domain
 - 9 Riff Raff Statue
 - 10 Waikato Museum
 - 11 Victoria on the River
 - 12 Seddon Park
 - 13 FMG Stadium Waikato
 - 14 The Melsior Theatre





Tongue of the Dog



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 mountain bike 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.

With a growing 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 sunset.

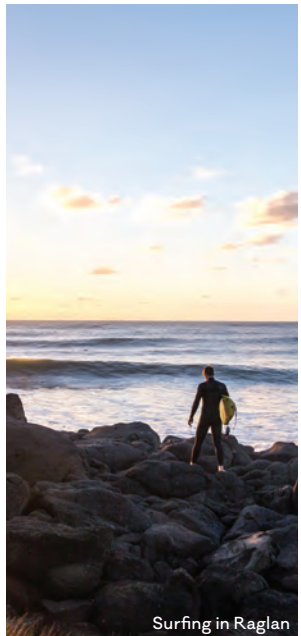
Surfing is another form of religion here. Book a surf lesson and head out to one of the many famous surf spots along the coast.

Families will love Kopua Domain. Take time to 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 tranquillity? Well-being is a focus here, with yoga classes and massages 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.



Surfing in Raglan

Scenic Cruises Raglan Harbour

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- ☎ 07 825 6522
- @ info@raglanboatcharterers.co.nz
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 Learn all you need to know about things to do and places to stay - let us help to make the most of your Raglan visit.
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Fish and Chips, Raglan



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 silky-smooth 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: Plenty to choose from including 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 the 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, they 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 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 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 cycling the Hauraki Rail Trail, where riders can explore hundreds of kilometers of trail featuring stunning rural views and gold mining history.



Mokena Geyser



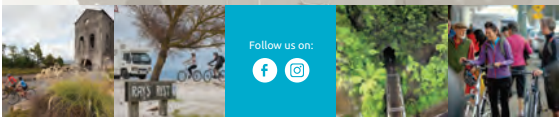
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The Hauraki Rail Trail is one of the easiest trails in the country to cycle, with the 160km track made up of 5 sections. This allows for a range of scenic day rides to comfortable 3 to 4 day tour rides.

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



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www.haurakirailtrail.co.nz



Te Aroha Mineral Spas

- ✉ Te Aroha Domain, off Boundary Street, Te Aroha
- ☎ 07 884 8717
- 🌐 tearohamineralspas.co.nz

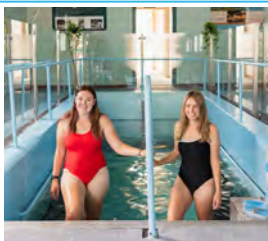
Soak in the natural, silky mineral waters of Te Aroha Mineral Spas, renowned for their healing properties since the 1800s. Nestled in the beautiful Domain at the base of Mount Te Aroha, the private cedar tubs provide the perfect natural setting to relax and unwind. All of our spas have a changing area 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 (pictured) 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.



Adventure Te Aroha

- ☎ 021 123 9321
 - 🌐 adventuretearoha.com
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Te Aroha i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

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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...

- Follow the trail of colourful life-sized cow sculptures: Herd of Cows? is a quirky art installation featuring cows in and around town
- Discover the gallery: Wallace Gallery is home to some of the best contemporary art New Zealand has to offer
- Visit the museum: Learn about the rich history of the region
- 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 a colourful herd of cows. The street art instalment 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 iconic NZ artwork is on display at Wallace Gallery and scenic walks like the Morrinsville River Walk allow visitors to enjoy picturesque countryside.



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Morrinsville i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

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





Herd of Cows? - Morrinsville Street Art

✉ Morrinsville i-SITE, 251 Thames Street, Morrinsville

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

Open 8.30am-4.30pm (Mon-Fri). Weekend and public holidays, please check our website. 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.

Visit Morrinsville Museum

✉ 41 Canada Street, Morrinsville

☎ 07 889 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 permanent exhibition 'Mana Whenua o Piako' featuring the Ngati Hau Kingmakers. View 'The Green Circle' film on dairying through the years.



Wallace Gallery Morrinsville

✉ 167 Thames Street, Morrinsville

☎ 07 889 7791

@ info@morrinsvillegallery.org.nz

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

Open Tues-Fri 10-3, Sat/Sun 11-3.





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 what went into the filming of the award-winning movie trilogies
- Cycle along the Hauraki Rail Trail: The 37km leg from Matamata to Te Aroha offers a comfortable ride through the picturesque farmland –set against the magnificent Kaimai Ranges.
- Explore and learn about the rich history of the buildings, places and people - visit the Firth Tower Museum, the horse sculpture celebrating achievements in the horse racing industry, 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 iconic Firth Tower Museum provides an insight into the area's pioneering history.



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Matamata i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

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Cambridge - Kemureti

Must Do...

- Hop on a bike - or hire one! Known as Cycle Central, Cambridge covers the spectrum of cycling – from a world-class pump track and indoor velodrome to beautiful road rides, BMX & mountain bike tracks and the Te Awa River Ride, it's all on the doorstep.
- 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
- Rural experiences – Enjoy a guided tour - alpacas, sheep, dairy farms, llama, goats, donkeys, bison and black nose sheep
- 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 central North Island. Located

within an hour from Auckland Airport and 15 minutes from Hamilton Airport, Cambridge is also only an hour away from both our east and west coasts.

Exceptional cuisine is on offer at many award-winning deli's 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

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



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Cambridge i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

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For expert advice and bookings for Cambridge - accommodation, activities, attractions and events. Contact the team at Cambridge i-SITE.



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Activities



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Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari

☒ 99 Tari Road, Pukeatua 3880 ☎ 07 870 5180

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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.

Cambridge Museum

☒ 24 Victoria Street, Cambridge

☎ 07 827 3319

@ admin@cambridgemuseum.org.nz

📧 cambridgemuseum.org.nz

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- @ info@riversideadventures.co.nz
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- ☎ 07 827 4346
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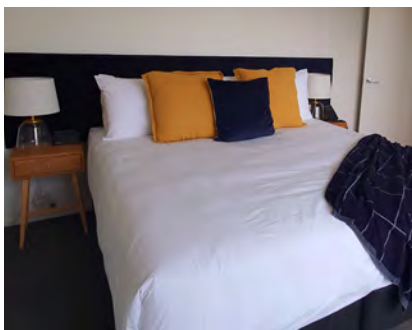
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Te Awamutu and Surrounds



Must Do...

- Get close to nature: Take a guided tour of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari to explore the native ancient forest and wetlands
- Visit Lake Rotopiko: The National Wetlands Centre is the perfect place to see the plants and wildlife of this unique environment
- Meander through lavender farms: Lavender farms in the area produce a range of boutique lavender products with the grounds particularly picturesque 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 fauna can be found at New Zealand's only inland ecological island.

Walking enthusiasts will enjoy the many trails on offer, such as the Lake Ngāroto 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.

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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.

Te Ara Wai Journeys allows you to discover the rich history of the area including its significant New Zealand Land Wars sites, the most famous of which is at Ōrākau just outside Kihikihi. Te Awamutu Museum provides an insight into the area's history and people, showcasing stories and important taonga (treasures) 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 Te Awamutu Produce market on Thursday afternoon during September to May provide the perfect opportunity to sample some of the locally grown produce. The town also hosts the Annual Craft Fair in November welcoming upwards of 10,000 visitors each year.

The area also offers many unique experiences including the chance to visit a lavender farm. Nearby Pirongia is also known for its walks, galleries and cafés.

The Te Awamutu area also encompasses a variety of great golf courses such as the Pirongia and Ngahinapouri clubs.



Dining in Te Awamutu



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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 tower 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.



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Te Ara Wai Journeys

- ☎ 07 872 0085
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- 📄 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

- ☑ 135 Roche Street, Te Awamutu
- ☎ 07 872 0085
- @ museum@waipadc.govt.nz
- 📄 tamuseum.org.nz

Come and explore our unique history. Situated in the heart of the Waikato-Tainui tribes, the Te Awamutu Museum houses the oldest Māori artefact – Uenuku. The main historical exhibit, Waipā – Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho showcases treasured moments and objects in Waipā history. Open Mon- Fri 10am-4pm. Sat and Public Holidays 10am-2pm.



Te Awamutu Space Centre

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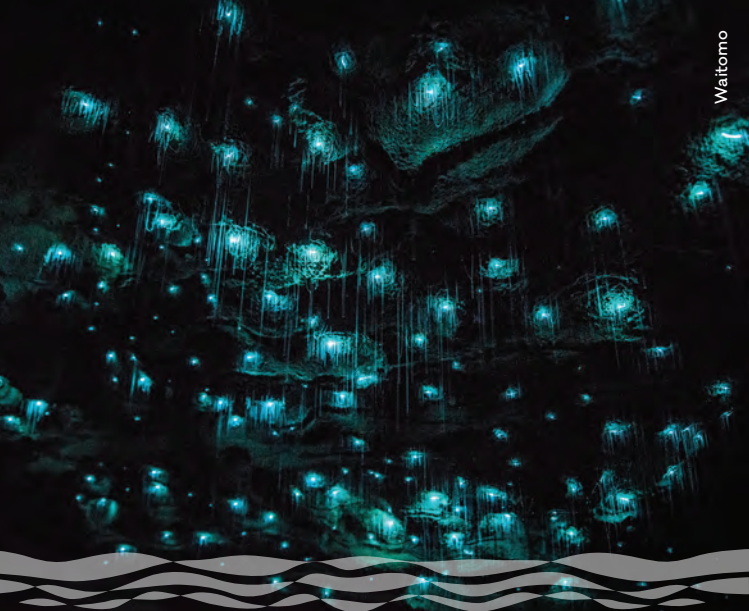
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Te Awamutu Rose Gardens



Waitomo and Surrounds



Must Do...

- Head underground at the Waitomo Caves: From adrenalin-fuelled fun to guided tours giving insights into the geological and human history of the area – and glowworms everywhere
- Go walkabout in Waitomo: From impressive waterfalls to limestone outcrops, some studded with 25 million year old fossilised oysters, to verdant native forest and 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 power 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: Kawhia Hot Water Beach is one of the Waikato's hidden gems – visit 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 for Te Kuiti to see the larger than life bronze statue of rugby legend Sir Colin Meads then visit the Gallagher Meads Brothers exhibition for insights into Sir Colin and his brother Stan, both former All Blacks.



A bucket-list destination, the 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 black water rafting 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 more about the natural underground.

Marokopa Falls and Ruakuri Walkway, offer stunning landscape views in the area. Pureora Forest Park is home to the picturesque Timber Trail, a Great New Zealand Ride that can be biked or hiked.

The Waitomo area 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 Trollshaws Forest in *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*.

The stunning black sands and ocean rollers of the west coast of the Waikato region can be found at Mokau, Awakino, Waikawau where access is via a tunnel dug with picks and shovels in the 1900s, Marokopa and Kawhia, where visitors can dig their own natural hot water spa at low tide.

New Zealand's sheep shearing capital, Te Kuiti, has not one but two impressive statues – one of the local farmer and rugby legend, Sir Colin Meads, the other depicts local farmer and renown sheep shearer Godfrey Bowen.

Te Kuiti also marks its longstanding sister city friendship with Tatsuno in Japan with a traditional Japanese garden that is open to the public and features Japanese and native New Zealand plantings as well as a traditional Japanese torii or gate and a pagoda.

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Come and look at fossils and bones from caves around Waitomo.

Watch our free movies about glowworms and cave exploration in New Zealand.

Learn about the geology and history of Waitomo.

Challenge yourself with our cave crawl and measure your height beside our life-size replica moa.

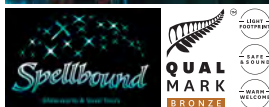
Open daily (except Christmas Day), with extended hours in peak season. Check our website for details.

\$5 entry for adults and one child free with each paying adult.

Spellbound Glowworm & Cave Tours

✉ 334 Boddies Rd, Te Kuiti, 3981
 ☎ 0800 773 552
 @ info@glowworm.co.nz
 📧 glowworm.co.nz

The Spellbound Glowworm Cave is the only one where you can enjoy a totally spellbinding 20 minute boat ride under 1000's and 1000's of glowworms. Your small group tour has exclusive use of the cave throughout. We allow photography, so bring a camera to catch those truly magical memories. The tour includes two caves, hot drinks and biscuits.



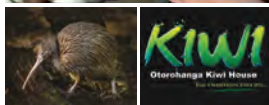
Ōtorohanga Kiwi House

✉ 20 Alex Telfer Drive, Ōtorohanga 3900
 ☎ 07 873 7391
 📧 kiwihouse.org.nz
 @ bookings@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) 10am-4pm depending on alert levels. Last admission at 3.15pm.



Waitomo Caves Zipline Park

- ✉ 24 Te Anga Road, Waitomo Caves
- ☎ 027 252 2929
- 📧 waitomocavesziplines.co.nz

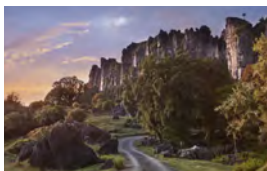
Experience New Zealand's most action packed guided Zipline Tour. Fly high over Waitomo on an epic 1km, 10 zipline circuit.



Hairy Feet Waitomo Scenic Film Location Tour

- ✉ Near Waitomo ☎ 07 877 8003
- 📧 hairyfeetwaitomo.co.nz

Join 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
- @ stay@waitomopark.co.nz 📧 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.

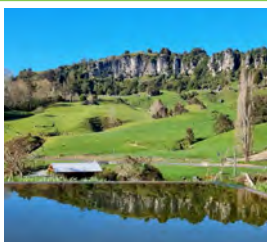
Ripples Retreat - Waitomo

- ☎ 027 826 8500
- 📧 stayatripples.co.nz
- @ trudy@stayatripples.co.nz

Ripples is an authentic, luxury riverside chalet in rural NZ, designed down to the smallest detail. Ideal for a couple or family to spend quality time together, a perfect home base for adventure seekers to do as much or as little as you want.

LOTR fans will love the film history whilst enjoying a quintessentially Kiwi stay, full of serenity and style.

*Wi-Fi *Sleeps 5* Outdoor bath *Beautiful



Timber Trail Lodge

☎ 0800 885 6343
 @ stay@timbertrailodge.co.nz
 📧 timbertrailodge.co.nz

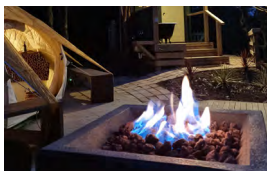
A warm welcome awaits at the heart of the Timber Trail. Biking packages with shuttles, accommodation and meals make it easy!



Te Tiro Cottages & Glamping

☎ Angus 021 222 1278
 or Rachel 027 379 2356
 📧 www.waitomocavesnz.com

Cottages, glamping, glowworm grotto, stars, fantastic views, sunsets and sunrises, pet friendly, walks, peaceful, relaxed, farm setting.



Waitomo Village Chalets - Home of Kiwipaka

✉ Hotel Access Rd, Waitomo Village
 ☎ 027 850 6582
 📧 waitomovillagechalets.co.nz

In heart of Waitomo village. Private chalets & quality backpackers. Great for groups.



Ōtorohanga i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

✉ 21 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga ☎ 07 873 8951
 ☎ 0800 122 665 @ otovin@xtra.co.nz

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



Waitomo i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

✉ 21 Waitomo Village Rd, Waitomo Caves
 ☎ 07 878 7640 📧 waitomocaves.com

@ info@waitomodiscovery.org

Free, friendly, impartial help. Cave bookings, activities, tours, beds, transport, guides and maps.



Te Kuiti i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

✉ 160 Rora Street, Te Kuiti ☎ 07 878 8077
 @ tkisite@waitomo.govt.nz 📧 waitomo.govt.nz

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



Te Kuiti



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- Itinerary planning and information
- Bookings nationwide - accommodation, transport, activities, attractions
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Hamilton i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

- ✉ ArtsPost, 120 Victoria Street,
Hamilton
- ☎ 07 958 5960
- @ info@visithamilton.co.nz
- 🌐 visithamilton.co.nz

Morrinsville i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

- ✉ 251 Thames Street, Morrinsville
- ☎ 07 889 5575
- @ manager@morrinsvillenz.co.nz
- 🌐 morrinsvillenz.co.nz

Te Aroha i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

- ✉ 102 Whitaker Street, Te Aroha
- ☎ 07 884 8052
- @ info@tearohanz.co.nz
- 🌐 tearohanz.co.nz

Matamata i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

- ✉ 45 Broadway, Matamata
- ☎ 07 888 7260
- @ info@matamatanz.co.nz
- 🌐 matamatanz.co.nz

Cambridge i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

- ✉ Cnr Queen & Victoria St,
Cambridge
- ☎ 07 823 3456
- @ info@cambridge.co.nz
- 🌐 cambridge.co.nz



Te Awamutu i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

- ✉ 1 Gorst Avenue, Te Awamutu
- ☎ 07 871 3259
- @ consultant@teawamutuinfo.co.nz
- 🌐 teawamutuinfo.co.nz

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- 🌐 waitomocaves.com

For more information visit: www.isite.nz



Useful Information

Emergency Calls:

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

Hospitals

Waikato Hospital
183 Pembroke Street
Hamilton City
07 839 8899

Anglesea Clinic Urgent Care
cnr Anglesea & Thackeray Street,
Hamilton City
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

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