

FOOTSTEPS WALKING CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

the best day-walks in **BREATH-TAKING BAY OF PLENTY**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settlements that sit in the shadow of the brooding White Island (Whakatane)
- A waterfall gushing from two nostrils halfway up a cliff (Tarawera)
- The scene and surroundings of NZ's deadliest volcanic eruption (Tarawera)
- Trees and a waterfall surpassing most counterparts overseas (Rotorua)
- The most beautiful thermal lake in NZ, a hidden gem seen by few (Echo Lake)
- The superbly scenic setting of NZ's fastest-growing coastal city (Tauranga)
- Several species of tree that are the tallest or largest in the world (Tauranga)

DATES		3-10 December 2023 / 30 Nov - 6 Dec 2025	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		3 October 2023 / 30 September 2025	
STARTING POINT		Tauranga	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Tauranga	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1000,5pax\$1100,4pax\$1200,3pax\$1300	
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS	OVERNIGHT	
<p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in red.</p> <p>All times given are for a return (out and back) walk, a loop walk, or a linear walk with transport to/from each end.</p>			
Day 1	<p>Eastern Bay Highlights</p> <p><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p>Nga Tapuwae O Toi Walkway (5h)</p> <p>Kohi Point Walkway (3h)</p> <p><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Whakatane River Mouth Trail (1h), Onekawa Te Mawhai Regional Park: Headland and Beach Loop (2h), Fairbrother Loop Walk (1h), Tauwhare Pa Walk (30m), Hukutaia Domain Burial Tree (30m).</p>	Whakatane Ohope or Awakeri Springs	
Day 2	<p>Volcanic Vistas</p> <p><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p>Putauaki (Mt. Edgecumbe) (3-4h, if still accessible)</p> <p>Tarawera Outlet to Humphries Bay (4-5h)</p> <p><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Tarawera River and Forest Walk (2h), Tarawera River Walk (1h), Lake Tarawera-Upper Tarawera River-Tarawera Falls (2h30m), Tarawera Falls (1h).</p>	Whakatane Ohope or Awakeri Springs	
Day 3	<p>Whirinaki Te Pua a Tane Conservation Park</p> <p>Matahina Dam</p> <p>Fort Galatea Historic Reserve</p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Waterfall Loop Track (3h30m), Waiti Falls (1h15m), Arohaki Lagoon (2h), Sanctuary Track (1h), H-Tree Walk (45m), Loop Track (30m), Wiremu Merito Reserve Track</p>	Whirinaki or Murupara	

	(1h), Old Lookout Track (1h), Te Whaiti Nui A Toi Canyon (30m)		
Day 4	Rainbow Mountain (Maungakaramea) Lookout (20m) Summit (2-3h)	Thermal Thrills Echo Lake, Waiotapu (2h) Waiotapu Thermal Precinct (1h, own expense)	Rotorua
Day 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Hot and Cold <i>Longer Options:</i> Tarawera Trail to Hotwater Beach (4-5h) (water taxi back - own expense) Western Okataina Walkway (4-5h) Mt. Tarawera (commercial trip – own expense) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Pohaturoa Track (2h), Blue and Green Lakes Track (1h30m), Lake Okareka Walkway (30m-1h30m), Twin Craters/Ngahopua Track (40m), Hinehopu’s Track (1h), Whakarewarewa Living Village/Buried Village/Te Puia (all three have walking trails but are commercial ventures – entry own expense).</p>		Rotorua
Day 6	Unusual and Unexpected Ohinemutu, Government Gardens , Lake Front and Sulphur Flat (2h) The Redwoods (30m-1h)	Cool Clear Water Okere Falls Reserve (1h) Hamurana Springs (1h, own expense) Te Rerenga Tunnel Walk (1h30m)	Tauranga
Day 7	<p style="text-align: center;">Tauranga Treats <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mount Maunganui Base Track (45m) and Summit (1h30m) Kaiate Falls (1h) Whataroa Falls (2h) with Otanewainuku Trig (1h) Waikareao Estuary Loop (2h-2h30m) Minden Lookout (5m) World’s tallest/largest trees (Bethlehem and Greerton)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.</p>		



Echo Lake, Waiotapu