

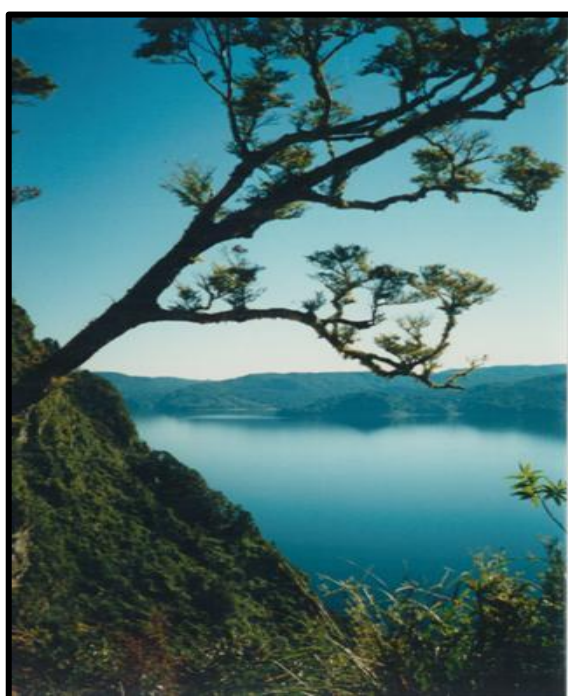
## the best day-walks in **EXCEPTIONAL EASTLAND**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The world's largest Pohutukawa tree (Te Araroa)
- The easternmost point in the North Island (East Cape)
- The first city in the world to see the morning sun, the place where Captain Cook first landed, and the largest carved meeting-house in NZ (Gisborne)
- Natural hot springs in a stunning nikau forest (Morere)
- Limestone caves, pristine lakes, quiet beaches and dramatic bluffs (Te Urewera)
- NZ's highest bridge, with windbreaks to protect the trains from being blown off (Mohaka)
- A totally weird geological formation fit for a belfry (Bell Rock)
- The largest mainland gannet colony in the world (Cape Kidnappers)
- NZ's second largest pa (Otatara)

DATES		4-10 April 2027	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		4 February 2027	
STARTING POINT		Tauranga	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Napier	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1500, 5pax\$1600, 4pax\$1700	
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS	OVERNIGHT	
<p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in <b>red</b>.</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> <p>Participants should be in Tauranga by Saturday evening.</p>			
<b>Day 1</b> Sun	<p><b>Meet and greet. Initial briefing.</b></p> <p><b>Towards the Cape</b></p> <p>Waihirere Falls (30m), <b>East Cape Lighthouse (1h)</b></p>	Hicks Bay	
<b>Day 2</b> Mon	<p><b>East Coast Highlights</b></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Tolaga Bay Wharf (30m), Tatarahake Cliff (30m), <b>Cook's Cove Walkway (2h30m)</b>, Anaura Bay Lookout (30m) &amp;/or Loop Walk (1h30m).</p>	Gisborne	
<b>Day 3</b> Tues	<p><b>Poverty Bay and Environs</b></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p><b>Titirangi Domain (Kaiti Hill, 30m-2h)</b></p> <p><b>Gisborne Riverbanks and Town Beach Walkway (1h)</b></p> <p>Wherowhero Lagoon and Spit (2h)</p> <p><b>Mahia Peninsula Scenic Reserve Track (2h)</b></p> <p>Te Reinga Falls and Scenic Walk (1h30m-2h)</p> <p><i>Morere Springs Scenic Reserve: Cemetery Trk (10m), Ridge Trk (2h), Mangakawa Trk (2h30m), Nikau Loop Track (20m).</i></p>	Wairoa	
<b>Day 4</b> Wed	<p><b>Te Urewera</b></p> <p><i>Walks selected from:</i></p> <p>Lake Kaitawa/Green Lake/Fairy Springs (1h), Lake Kaitawa &amp; Old Maori Trail (2h), Onepoto Caves (1-2h), Lake Track: <b>Panekiri Bluff: Onepoto to No.2 Trig (2h)</b>, Lake Kiriopukae (45m)</p>	Home Bay, Lake Waikaremoana	

<p><b>Day 5 Thurs</b></p>	<p><b>Te Urewera</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>  <b>Lakes Waikareiti and Ruapani Loop (5h),</b>          Lake Waikareiti-Sandy Bay (row in/walk out) (4-5h).  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  <b>Lake Waikareiti Shelter (2h30m)</b>          Hinerau Track (30m), <b>Aniwaniwa Falls (20m),</b>  <b>Papakorito Falls (5m), Lou’s Lookout (45 mins),</b>          Ngamoko (3-4h), Tawa Walk (40m).</p>	<p>Home Bay,          Lake          Waikaremoana</p>
<p><b>Day 6 Frid</b></p>	<p><b>Boundary Stream Mainland Island and Nearby</b>  <i>Longer Option:</i>          Boundary Stream Walkway with Shine Falls (4h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  <b>Bell Rock Loop (3h), Shine Falls (1h30m)</b>          Kamahi Loop (2h), Tumanako Loop (1h)          Waipapa Falls (2h), Te Ana Falls (30m), Stingray Bay          (1-2h), Tangoio Falls (1h), <b>Lake Opouahi Loop (40m),</b>          Lake Tutira Refuge and Country Park (20m or 1h30m).</p>	<p>Napier</p>
<p><b>Day 7 Sat</b></p>	<p><b>Hawke’s Bay Highlights</b>  <i>Longer Option:</i>  <b>Cape Kidnappers Walkway (5-6h – if open).</b>  <i>Shorter Options:</i>  <b>Art Deco Guided Tour (2h),</b> Art Deco self-guided (1h),  <b>Te Mata Peak Walkway (1-2h),</b> Whakamaharatanga          Walkway and Ahuriri Estuary (2h30m), Otatarā Pa          Historic Reserve Loop (1h), Monckton Scenic Reserve          (1h), Maraetotara Falls Heritage Walk (20m).   <b>Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.</b></p>	



Lake Waikaremoana  
 from Panekiri Bluff

## FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

### ***Booking Conditions for excursions within New Zealand***

1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. Phillip Donnell and *Footsteps Walking and Travel Club* are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip. Everyone participates entirely at their own risk. The separate waiver form must be completed.
3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be refunded. The minimum number for any given trip is four participants.
4. *Footsteps* reserves the right to make any modifications to the trip that may be necessary. The walks undertaken each day are determined by group consensus, but as far as possible we endeavour to meet your personal preferences and aspirations.
5. Registrations should be made *as early as possible* in order to obtain optimal outcomes. Once we reach "critical mass" the trip moves from "orange light" status to "green light" status and the earlier that happens the better because people can then book flights and make arrangements with confidence.
6. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration Form. A deposit of \$250 per person is paid at the time of registration. The balance is paid *one month* prior to the trip's commencement date.
7. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (*Footsteps*: PJ Donnell/Katrina Tulip). Please write your surname and the name of the trip (=geographical area) in the reference box.
8. The final decision on whether a trip will proceed is made *two months* prior to its projected commencement date, or *earlier if the minimum number is met*. If booking transport/flights to and from the trip, it is recommended that you wait until after the trip is confirmed to proceed, or have travel insurance cover, or are able to change flight bookings to another timeframe. All participants will be informed *immediately* if a trip becomes viable *ahead of time*.
9. Cancellations. If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise *Footsteps* in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not.  
It will be appreciated that any trip requires bookings to be made on behalf of each participant, and the closer we get to a trip's commencement, the more difficult it becomes to alter these and thereby recover costs, usually because the availability of alternatives shrinks, or because of the policies imposed by our suppliers. That is why we need a buffer, but we endeavour to keep cancellation fees to a bare minimum. Under "normal" conditions, cancellations up to 60 days prior incur a \$50 cancellation fee. For 59-30 days prior, \$100 is deducted. For 29-15 days prior, \$150 is deducted. After 14 days prior, you lose your deposit of \$250. However, every case is determined on its merits and these fees may be modified or waived. If you find a suitable replacement person, the cancellation fees will be waived.
10. Personal travel insurance is highly recommended.

***Registration and waiver forms are below...***

**FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND**  
***Trip Registration Form (for excursions within New Zealand)***

Complete and send this (and the Waiver form) to our postal address (see base of page) or scan and email. The deposit required is \$250 per person. Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank Footsteps P J Donnell/Katrina Tulip 38-9002-0435674-03 (with covering email please, or your surname/name of trip in reference column).

Trip(s) for which you are registering:

Trip Dates:

Your full name(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s)

Postal address

Day phone

Night phone

Mobile

Email

Date(s) of birth

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the trip information and booking conditions. I / We enclose the deposit of \$250pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due date (one month before the trip commences).

Signed and dated by each person registering:

**Send to :** Footsteps Walking and Travel Club, 3/B Te Arawa Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga 3112.  
Email: [footstepsanz@gmail.com](mailto:footstepsanz@gmail.com) (scanned forms are acceptable).

**FOOTSTEPS WALKING and TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM**

**PROVIDER:** Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)(“Footsteps”)

**PARTICIPANT:**

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(“the Participant”)

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant:

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Date:

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