

the best day-walks in TOP-NOTCH TAUPO AND TUMULTUOUS TONGARIRO HIGHLIGHTS

- NZ's largest lake, created by the biggest volcanic eruption on the planet (Taupo)
- Millions of litres plunging through a narrow gorge like a washing machine (Huka Falls)
- The 3 magnificent volcanoes in our first national park, a World Heritage Area (Tongariro)
- NZ's worst railway disaster and carrot capital (Tangiwai/Ohakune)
- New Zealand's most famous and popular one-day walk (Tongariro Crossing)
- One of New Zealand's most spectacular examples of railway engineering (Raurimu)
- New Zealand's largest totara tree (Pouakani)
- The area where they catch a trout and shoot a deer in the same morning (Rangipo)
- Forest giants and melodious birdsong in a forest saved from the axe (Pureora)
- Walkways, waterfalls and rapids along our longest waterway (Waikato River)

DATES		14-20 March 2027	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		14 January 2027	
STARTING POINT		Taupo	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Taupo	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1500, 5pax\$1600, 4pax\$1700	
DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	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> <p>Participants should be in Taupo by Saturday evening.</p>			
Day 1 Sun	<p>Meet and greet. Initial briefing.</p> <p>Huka Highlights Spa Park to Huka Falls (1h) Huka Falls to Aratiatia Rapids (2h) Craters of the Moon (1h, entry own expense) Wairakei Steamfields</p>	<p>Craters and Graves <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mt. Tauhara (2h30m-3h) Opepe Graves Historic Reserve (30m-1h) Taupo nui a Tia/Great Lake Walkway (Lion's Walk) (up to 3h)</p>	Taupo
Day 2 Mon	<p>Tongariro Treasures <i>Walks selected from:</i> Waihohonu Hut and Historic Waihohonu Hut (3-4h) (or part thereof) Lake Rotopounamu (45m to lake shore and return, 2h circuit) Tongariro Trout Centre Walk (30m), Tongariro River Walkway (1h30m), Tokaanu Thermal Walk (30m), Tree Trunk Gorge (1h30m), Pillars of Hercules (15m), Pukawa to Omori walk (2.8km return, 2h).</p>		Tokaanu
Day 3 Tues	<p>Tongariro National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Rotokawa Tarns, Waitonga Falls, Blyth Hut (5-6h)</p>		Ohakune

	<p style="text-align: center;">Old Coach Road Walkway (4h) Lake Surprise (5h) Mangaturuturu Hut (4-5h) Old Blyth Track (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Waitonga Falls (2h45m), Rimu Walk (15m), Mangawhero Forest Walk (1h), Mangawhero Falls Walk (15m), Lake Rotokura (30-45m).</p>	
Day 4 Wed	<p style="text-align: center;">Tongariro National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Mount Ruapehu Crater (7h) Tama Lakes (5-6h) Whakapapaiti Valley (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Whakapapa Nature Walk (15m), Mounds Walk (20m), Tawhai Falls (20m), Ridge Walking Track (30-40m), Taranaki Falls Loop (2h), Whakapapanui Walking Track (2h), Silica Springs (2h30m).</p>	Whakapapa or National Park
Day 5 Thurs	<p style="text-align: center;">Tongariro National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Tongariro Alpine Crossing (6-8h) Mount Tongariro Summit and return (5-6h) Mount Ngauruhoe (6h) Ketetahi Springs and return (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Soda Springs (2h), Te Porere Redoubt (45m), Mount Pukeonake (1h), Mangatepopo-Whakapapa Village (3h).</p>	Whakapapa or National Park
Day 6 Fri	<p style="text-align: center;">Pureora Forest Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Mount Pureora (via Link and Toitoti Tracks) (3-4h) Mount Pureora (from Link Rd and return) (3h) Mount Titiraupenga (4h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Waipapa Loop (30m), Totara Walk (30m), Link Road to Centre of North Is (1h30m), Centre of North Island (15m), Forest Tower (20m), Pouakani Totara (40m).</p>	Pureora or Mangakino
Day 7 Sat	<p style="text-align: center;">Lakeside Loping <i>Longer Options:</i> Orakau-Kawakawa Bay-Kinloch (5h) Kinloch to Kawakawa Bay and return (4h) Whakaipo Bay to Kinloch (4h30m) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Waihaha Valley/Tieke Falls (2-3h) Rangitira Point (1h30m), Rangitira and Whakamoenga Tracks (2h30m), Tahunatara Point (1h30m), Mapara Walkway (20m).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Return to Taupo. Farewell Dinner. Trip ends.</p>	



Tongariro Crossing



Tieke Falls, Waihaha



Mount Pureora

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 (scanned forms are acceptable).

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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

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

PARTICIPANT:

(“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:

Date:
