



How the world began



WALKING, HIKING AND BOAT CRUISES

THE BEGINNING

Imagine the quiet, early morning hours of June 10, 1886. Suddenly the earth begins to tremble. Brilliant lightning storms fill the sky. Explosions begin to rent the air, becoming increasingly louder and more powerful.

On that fateful morning, New Zealand's Central North Island was rocked by a series of violent earthquakes, climaxing in the cataclysmic eruption of Mount Tarawera as it split itself in two, destroying the surrounding area, burying four villages, killing more than one hundred and twenty people and opening the earth along a 17 kilometre rift. Lake Rotomahana exploded to twenty times its size, the seven craters of Waimangu Volcanic Valley were formed, and the world famous Pink and White Terraces were covered forever.

Today, Waimangu Volcanic Valley is an exciting destination for people of all ages and levels of fitness. As you enter our gates, you will be greeted by bird song and the hushed serenity of the New Zealand bush. But don't be fooled by this initial impression! Venture further, and Ruamoko, the Maori God of Volcanoes, stands in silent challenge as you begin your walk through his domain.

Discover the power and wonder of the Valley's geothermal activity, manifested by features such as devilish Inferno Crater, steaming Frying Pan Lake and mysterious Echo Crater. You'll revel in the diverse walks and hikes around the craters, as you pass hot streams, living silica terraces, rare and unusual plants and hissing fumaroles. Panoramic views will enthrall photographers and families are happy to find that the size of the valley gives children plenty of room to run off some energy!

There are walks to suit everyone, but our shuttle bus is always nearby should you stray too far and need a little help to get back to the entrance. There you can browse our well stocked gift shop or relax on the outdoor terrace of our modern café, enjoying delicious food and drinks while listening to the songs of our native birds.

Qualmark accredited and multiple New Zealand Eco-Tourism Award Winner, Waimangu is equally enjoyable in Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.

WHERE IS WAIMANGU VOLCANIC VALLEY?



Situated on New Zealand's North Island, the protected Scenic Reserve of Waimangu Volcanic Valley and Lake Rotomahana is found off State Highway 5 (the main Rotorua - Taupo highway), 20 minutes south of Rotorua or 45 minutes north of Taupo.

WHEN IS WAIMANGU VOLCANIC VALLEY OPEN?

Waimangu is open daily all year from 08.30

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Last admissions are as follows:

Waimangu Highlights Walk: Last admission: 15.30 for 17.00 close, except during January - 16.30 for 18.00 close

Waimangu Easy Walk: Last admission: 15.00 for 17.00 close, except during January - 16.00 for 18.00 close

Waimangu Hiking Tour: Recommended last admission: 14.30 for 17.00 close, except during January - 15.30 for 18.00 close

Lake Rotomahana Cruise (Cruise only): Cruise departs from Waimangu Visitor Centre at 10.00, 11.00, 12.50, 14.35, 15.15 (16.10 January). Last check in: 15 minutes prior to above departure times.

Waimangu Walking Tour & Lake Rotomahana Cruise Combo: Recommended last admission: 14.00 for 17.00 close, except during January - 15.00 for 18.00 close

Waimangu Hiking Tour & Lake Rotomahana Cruise Combo: Recommended last admission: 13.30 for 17.00 close, except during January - 14.30 for 18.00 close



Waimangu Volcanic Valley
is a founding member of
Rotorua Sustainable
Tourism Charter

Visitor Options: Ask our reception staff for help to choose the best option for you. Disabled access to Waimangu Volcanic Valley is limited. Please contact us for details.

What to bring and wear: Flat shoes, camera, comfortable clothing, rain or sun protection as necessary, baby pushchair if required. For the advanced hiking option, good walking shoes with treaded soles are recommended.

What if I don't speak English? Waimangu provides all visitor material for self guided walks and the boat cruise in English, French, German, Spanish, Dutch, Italian, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Hebrew, Mandarin, Hindi, Portuguese and Slav. We also have basic fact sheets in Czech, Hungarian and Swedish.

WHAT ARE THE PRODUCT OPTIONS AND WHAT WILL IT COST?

From the Waimangu Volcanic Valley Visitor Centre

For all independent travellers and groups

Waimangu Walking and Hiking

Easy walks of varying lengths and duration along crater walkways, mainly downhill and flat, with an optional hike on the Mt Haszard Trail (an uphill bush trail).

	<i>Retail</i>
Adult:	NZ\$42.00
Child (6-16 years):	NZ\$14.00
Child under 6 years:	Free

Lake Rotomahana Boat Cruise

A 45 minute cruise around beautiful Lake Rotomahana, viewing geothermal sights around the edge of the lake that can only be seen from our vessel.

	<i>Retail</i>
Adult:	NZ\$45.00
Child (6-16 years):	NZ\$14.00
Child under 6 years:	Free

Waimangu Walking & Hiking / Lake Rotomahana Boat Cruise

Easy walks of varying lengths along crater walkways, mainly downhill and flat, with an optional hike on Mt Haszard Trail (uphill bush trail), followed by a 45 minute cruise on Lake Rotomahana.

	<i>Retail</i>
Adult:	NZ\$87.00
Child (6-16 years):	NZ\$28.00
Child under 6 years:	Free



Guided Tours of Waimangu Volcanic Valley

For all independent travellers and groups (must be prebooked).

Explore this pristine piece of nature with one of our amazing guides. Full of knowledge, the guides are available to be prebooked to host any of your visitors. Covering geothermal features, native plants and birdlife, and Maori cultural history of the area your guests will love being hosted and guided. Available for anyone from individuals up to larger groups the Waimangu guiding service is a real value add to any booking. From 1.5 hours to half and full day we have you covered. Enquire for rates, more information and availability.



Picnics and dining at Waimangu Volcanic Valley

With a full service kitchen and café facilities Waimangu is well placed to provide your visitors with all manner of excellent dining options. For tour groups we have gourmet picnics (for pick up or delivery down into the valley), buffet and plated lunch options, and morning and afternoon tea offerings as well. Enquire for rates, more information and availability. Fully licensed.

Group Tour including Waimangu Volcanic Valley

For all groups of 10 or more adults with own Transport

Waimangu Round Trip

Suggested itinerary:

09:00 - Own transportation from Rotorua accommodation

09:30 - **Waimangu Walking or Hiking Tour**
Guided or self-guided (choice of walking / hiking paths up to 4.0km)

11:30 - **Lake Rotomahana Boat Cruise** with full commentary. Picnic lunch on board

12:10 - **Te Ariki Bush Walk.** Regenerating native forest, Mt Tarawera, wonderful lake vistas, uninhabited wilderness area (total 1.5km - 300 metres uphill, 1.2 km easy downhill).

12:40 - **Lake Tarawera Boat Cruise** with full commentary

13:35 - **Arrive at The Tarawera Landing.** Met by own transport. View historic Maori rock paintings

14:00 - **Transfer back to Rotorua.** Alternatively, continue sightseeing (Buried Village, Blue & Green Lakes Lookout, Rotorua Sights, etc).

Notes for Group Tours: For groups with their own coaches, the coach will be required for transfers from Rotorua to Waimangu (one way), and from Lake Tarawera back to Rotorua (one way).

All Round Trips include: Waimangu Walking / Hiking - (1.5km to 4.0km easy downhill), Lake Rotomahana Cruise, Te Ariki Bush Walk (1.5km) Lake Tarawera Cruise.

Other departure times upon request
Prices on application to
nature@waimangu.co.nz

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