



## Know the drama. Feel the power.

### 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, and the seven craters of Waimangu Volcanic Valley were formed.

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.

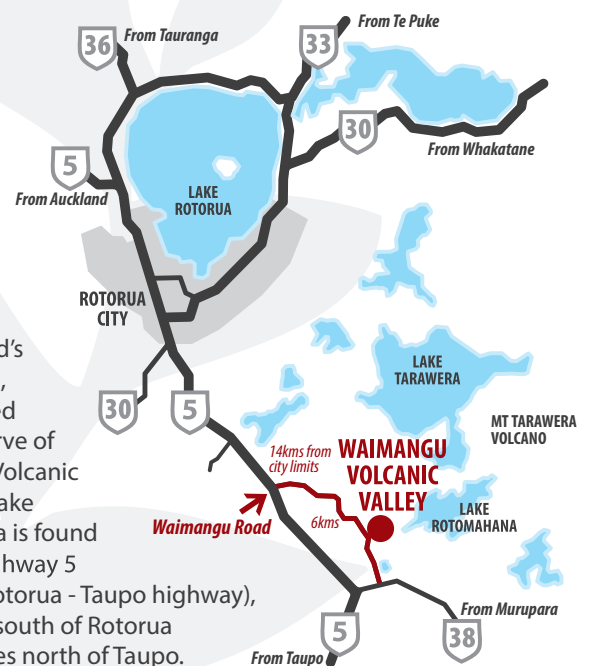
Discover the power and wonder of the Valley's geothermal activity, manifested by features such as devilish Inferno Crater, steaming Frying Pan Lake and mysterious Echo Crater. You'll revel in the diverse walks and hikes around the craters, as you pass hot streams, living silica terraces, pools of bubbling mud, rare and unusual plants and hissing fumaroles. Panoramic views will enthral 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.

And if you find yourself in Rotorua without transport, contact us to join one of our tours. We'll pick you up from your city hotel, bring you to Waimangu and deliver you back when your volcanic adventure is over.

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 in 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 - 16.40 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

**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).

Adult: NZ\$38.50  
Child (6-16 years): NZ\$12.00  
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.

Adult: NZ\$45.00  
Child (6-16 years): NZ\$12.00  
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 easy hike on Mt Haszard Trail (uphill bush trail), followed by a 45 minute cruise on Lake Rotomahana.

Adult: NZ\$83.50  
Child (6-16 years): NZ\$24.00  
Child under 6 years: Free

#### Guided tours to and including Waimangu Volcanic Valley from Rotorua

*For all independent travellers and groups*

#### Volcanoes & Rainforest

The old and the new celebrating Rotorua's unique biodiversity as we get to know Waimangu Volcanic Valley and Whirinaki Rain Forest. Includes guided Whirinaki Forest and Waimangu Volcanic Valley walking tours, Lake Rotomahana boat cruise with full commentary, picnic lunch and coach transfers from Rotorua Hotels.

Adult: NZ\$325.00  
Child (6-16 years): NZ\$162.00  
Child under 6 years: Free

#### Geothermal Wonderland

A journey of discovery through Waimangu Volcanic Valley and Waiotapu. Experience Rotorua's unspoilt geothermal areas on a half day tour through spectacular geothermal activity and stunning volcanic landscapes. Includes Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland walk, mud pools and Lady Knox Geyser, guided Waimangu Volcanic Valley walking tour, and coach transfers from Rotorua Hotels. There will be time available to purchase lunch, at own cost, at Waimangu Volcanic Valley.

Adult: NZ\$150.00  
Child (6-16 years): NZ\$75.00  
Child under 6 years: Free



All prices are valid at 01 May 2017 and are subject to change without notice.

#### 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 Arika 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, Hinemihi, 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 Arika Bush Walk (1.5km) Lake Tarawera Cruise.

**Note:** This tour may be affected by high winds on the lakes, or the boat being out of service for maintenance at specific times during winter each year. Please check availability between May and August.

**Other departure times upon request**  
Prices on application to  
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