

Legend of Adventures

- 4WD Rides
- Alpacos
- Art
- Carrot
- Climbing Wall
- Coffee
- Cycling
- Dinosaurs
- Disc Golf
- Feasting
- Fly Fishing
- Gardens
- General Store
- Glow-worms
- Golfing
- Great Ride
- Great Walk
- Heaps of birds
- Helicopter
- Historic Site
- Horse Rides
- Hot Tub
- Jet-boating
- Mini golf
- Museum
- Paddling
- Rail cart
- Skiing
- Sky Waka Gondola
- Tanks
- Train Station
- Viewing
- Volcano
- Walking
- Waterfall
- Whio
- Yoga

The Adventure Highway



The Adventure Highway

Discover a highway of adventures

The Adventure Highway connects adventurers with adventures. From little everyday adventures to big, oh my gosh, memories of a lifetime adventures. And if your idea of adventure includes a world-famous chocolate éclair and your nose in a book, the Adventure Highway is perfect for relaxed adventurers who want to dig a bit deeper to discover hidden gems.

Choose your adventure:

Great riding adventures

Ruapehu is proudly home to two of the New Zealand Cycle Trails Great Rides with the Timber Trail and the Mountains to Sea - Ngā Ara Tūhono. So don't forget to bring your bike. Or hire one from one of our local operators.

Great walking (& paddling) adventures

The Adventure Highway connects with 2 of DOC's 'Great Walks' (one is actually a paddle down the Whanganui River) and there are heaps of really really good walks in the Ruapehu district.

National Park adventures

The Adventure Highway connects two National Parks. Whanganui and Tongariro. Breathe in that fresh national park air.

Alpine adventures

High altitude, volcanic landscapes, snow, skiing, Sky Waka.

Whanganui River adventures

Fly fishing, canoeing, kayaking, jetboating, camping, a living legal entity.

Rail adventures

Rail carts, railway heritage, marvellous engineering, the Raurimu Spiral, the Last Spike, railway museum, train stations galore.

Natural adventures

Pureora Forest, Whanganui National Park, Tongariro National Park, don't forget your Tiaki Promise.

Relaxing adventures

Exercise your taste buds, local markets, bush walks, hot tubs, hiking, biking, stargazing from your doorstep.

Animal adventures

Largest alpaca farm in NZ, the Dinosaur House, rural sheep stations.

Adventurous itineraries:

Check out the Legend of Adventures on the map for icon names

Self discovery



Family fun



Outdoor action



Leisurely



Water based



Two wheel enthusiast



ADVENTURE HIGHWAY CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Hiking shoes
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Jacket and sunglasses
- ☐ Native plants / birds of NZ identification books
- ☐ Tiaki Promise
- ☐ Sense of adventure
- ☐ Sense of humour
- ☐ Geology of NZ field guide (optional)
- ☐ Hearty appetite
- ☐ Picnic blanket
- ☐ Bikes if you have them
- ☐ Friends and family
- ☐ Essential medical supplies
- ☐ Phone and charger

In Ruapehu, in the heart of the Central North Island, you'll discover adventures on majestic mountains, enchanting rivers and through mist filled forests. The Adventure Highway represents the start or end of so many adventures in our part of the world that we decided to put as many as possible on one map to make it easier for you to join them together to create a journey of a lifetime, or at least a wonderful weekend.

Points of Interest

search me:

- 1 Omaru Falls
- 2 Timber Trail
- 3 Pureora Forest
- 4 Taumarunui
- 5 Whanganui River
- 6 Kakahi glowworms
- 7 Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail
- 8 Whakahoro
- 9 Owhango
- 10 Raurimu Spiral
- 11 Tongariro National Park
- 12 Forgotten World Adventures
- 13 Whakapapa Village
- 14 Mt Ruapehu
- 15 National Park Village
- 16 Sky Waka
- 17 Bridge to Nowhere
- 18 Ohakune Old Coach Road
- 19 Raetihi
- 20 Dinosaur House
- 21 Ohakune
- 22 Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park
- 23 National Army Museum

More great search terms:

Whanganui National Park
Waterfalls in Ruapehu
Tongariro Alpine Crossing
Rail history Ruapehu
Johnny Nation's choc eclairs
Whanganui River
Whanganui Journey
Nevalea Alpacas
Tiaki Promise