WELCOME TO RUAPEHU

Escape to Ruapehu, just half a day and a world away from our biggest cities, you’ll arrive in a living landscape that’s home to ancient rainforests, active volcanoes, sacred mountains, tranquil rivers, and two of our cherished national parks.

Discover Ruapehu’s striking natural beauty on one of our many unforgettable outdoor experiences such as the world-famous Tongariro Alpine Crossing and Whanganui Journey, or choose from these ski areas, countless cycle trails and a wealth of other leisure activities. Add to captivate history and fantastic visitor services, and you’ve got a holiday destination with something for everyone, all year round.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

WHEN TO VISIT
Ruapehu has something for everyone, all year round. Summer is particularly popular for hiking, mountain biking and water-based activities such as the Whanganui Journey, while in winter the region is transformed into a beautiful white wonderland with seamless skiing and other snow activities. Spring and Autumn serve up some spectacular weather with fewer crowds and top conditions for enjoying the many ski season activities.

SAFETY IN THE OUTDOORS

mountain-safety.org.nz

- Plan your trip: Seek local knowledge, plan the route you will take and the amount of time you can reasonably expect it to take.
- Tell someone your plans: and leave a time and date for when to raise the alarm if you haven’t returned.
- Be aware of the weather: Check the forecast and expect weather changes.
- Know your limits: Challenge yourself within your physical limits and experience.
- Take sufficient supplies: Make sure you have enough food, equipment and emergency rations for the world-class scenario. Take an appropriate means of communication.

Enjoy the sacred places of other tribes as you leave our special place.
Haere ora atu me te aroha nui.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

For comprehensive, impartial information and booking services for accommodation, activities, attractions and travel within Ruapehu and New Zealand wide, contact a Ruapehu i-SITE on 0800 647 483 or visit us in Ohakune, Taumarunui, or Whakapapa Village.