

TUESDAY 6 JANUARY - WETA WONDERLAND

9.00am - 3.00pm Fitness - medium
Max - 20 people Min age - fit 8
Price - Adult \$10; Child \$5
In 1962 the Mahoenui Giant weta was rediscovered in a gorse-filled paddock in the King Country. Bring your camera and get up close. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at DOC office, 78 Taupiri Street Te Kuiti at 9.00am or the Piopio hall at 9.30am. 45 minute drive. Carpool. Bring lunch, drink, snacks, cool clothing, hat, gloves for gorse protection and sunscreen. Sturdy footwear a must.

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY - TAUMATAMAIRE JOURNEY

9.00am - 4.00pm Fitness - easy
Max - 25 Price - Adult \$35; Child \$25
Journey the Taumatamaire Range, rising to 435 metres. Our local historian and settler descendant will share stories on our tour. After a sausage sizzle and exploring the museum, travel to Bexley Station through a rock tunnel. Not for the travel queasy. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at DOC office, 78 Taupiri Street Te Kuiti at 9.00am. Bus transport provided. Bring drink, snacks, a cup, hat, and sunscreen. Sturdy footwear a must.

FRIDAY 9 JANUARY AND TUESDAY 20 JANUARY DISCOVER THE BOB HORSFALL RESERVE

6.30pm - 8.30pm Fitness - medium
Max 7 Price - Adults \$5
Discover a treasure in the backyards of Otorohanga with a guided walk around the new tracks of the Bob Horsfall reserve. History, landmarks, track construction, geology and wildlife will be part of the talk around the 1km track. Prepare to be impressed. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at the Reservoir Reserve on the corner T-Intersection of Gradara Road and Trapski Drive. Bring drink, snacks, binoculars and a torch. Sturdy footwear a must.



SATURDAY 10 JANUARY - PUREORA CYCLE

10.00am - 4.00pm Fitness - medium
Max - 20 Min age - fit 8
Price Adult \$20; Child \$12
Enjoy the downhill thrill of riding the Timber Trail the easy way. Be transported by shuttle to the trail's highest point, before returning to Pa Harakeke. Cycling distance approx 20km. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at Pa Harakeke, Maraeroa Road Pureora at 10.00am. Bring your own bike, or arrange hire through Pa Harakeke direct (www.paharakeke.co.nz or 07 929 8708). Bring lunch, drink snacks, hat and sunscreen. Sturdy footwear a must.

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY - MOKAU BY THE SEA

9.00am - 3.00pm Fitness - easy
Max - 30 people Min age - fit 6
Price - Adult \$8; Child \$4
Come to colourful Mokaui! Learn how to bait and set a long line, take a trek or enjoy some beachcombing. Haul in the lines and learn how to prepare the catch for cooking. Weather dependent. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at DOC office, 78 Taupiri Street Te Kuiti at 10.00am or the Mokaui Motel at 11.00am. Carpool. Bring lunch, plenty to drink, snacks, swim wear, towel, change of clothes, hat, and sunscreen. Sturdy footwear a must.

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY - TITIRAPENGA TRAVERSE

8.30am - 5.00pm Fitness - fit
Max - 10 Min - fit 12
Price - Adult \$10; Child \$5
This is an old-fashioned tramp focused on walking through the Pureora forest. We will walk for approximately 6 hours. We will not be summiting Titirapenga. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at DOC office, 78 Taupiri Street at 8.30am. Maximum 10 people. Transport provided. Bring lunch, drink, snacks, hat and sunscreen and a raincoat. Sturdy footwear a must.

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY - ENDEAN'S AND BLUE DUCK

9.00am - 4.00pm Fitness - easy/medium
Max - 20 Min age - fit 8
Price - Adult \$25; Child \$15
See Endean's mill, a rare and special relic, before moving further along the Ongaree River where local conservationists are nurturing the endangered blue duck/whio. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at DOC office, 78 Taupiri Street Te Kuiti at 9.00am or Waimiha Sports Club 9.45am. Carpool - drivers, please check your fuel. Costs include entrance to Endean's mill, and a donation to the blue duck project. Bring lunch, drink, snacks, hat and sunscreen. Sturdy footwear a must.

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY - MAROKOPA TUNNEL

9.30am - 4.00pm Fitness - medium
Max 20 Min age fit 8
Price - Adult \$10; Child \$5
A four-hour return tramp leads to a 17-metre high limestone arch. The walk includes farmland, bush, and the tunnel. Wet feet possible. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at the Waitomo Discovery Centre at 9.30am. Carpool - drivers, please check your fuel before leaving home. Bring: drink, snacks, lunch, hat, sunscreen and a torch. Sturdy footwear a must.

FRIDAY 16 JANUARY/SATURDAY 17 JANUARY -

MAPARA KOKAKO ODYSSEY

Overnight 3.00pm Friday - 2.00pm Saturday
Fitness - medium Max 18
Min age - fit 8 Price - \$30; Child \$12
Don't miss the chance to hear the dawn chorus and catch a glimpse of the elusive kokako. Listen to the fascinating story of kokako recovery and the acclaimed Mapara project. Overnight accommodation is in the Green Plan Lodge, located 5 minutes drive from the reserve. Trip includes light evening meal and bush brunch. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at DOC office, Taupiri Street, Te Kuiti at 3.00pm. Carpool. 45 minute drive to Mapara. Tea, coffee, milo and cold drinks supplied. A full fact sheet will be available upon booking.

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY - 25 YEARS WITH THE

SUMMER PROGRAMME

10.00am - 2.00pm Fitness - easy/medium
Max - 40 No cost
The celebration to mark 25 years of the North King Country Summer Programme will be held at the Green Plan Lodge, Mapara. Join us for a sausage sizzle lunch, tributes to departed friends Nancy Jensen and Arthur Cowan and a chance to share memories and catch up with others who have supported the programme through the years. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at Green Plan Lodge on Mapara South Road. The lodge is adjacent to Arapito Partnership No.28. Maximum 40 people. Lunch, tea, coffee, and cold drinks supplied. Walk options are medium fitness and will require sturdy footwear.

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY - RUAKURI BY NIGHT

8.00pm - 10.00pm Fitness - easy
Max 20 Min age - fit youngsters well supervised
Price - Adult \$10; Child \$5
This fun walk, suitable for families, will begin at the carpark to the Ruakuri walk. Enjoy the karst formations by torchlight, and hopefully see glow worms on the track. If you've walked the Ruakuri track during the day, come walk it at night. It's a whole new experience. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at the carpark to the Ruakuri walk, Tumutumu Road Waitomo. Bring drink, snacks and torch (preferably headlight). Sturdy footwear a must.

MONDAY 19 JANUARY - KERITEHERE FOSSIL HUNT

11.30am - 6.00pm Fitness - fit
Max 20 Min age fit 10+
Price - Adult \$10; Child \$5
Join John Ash in the search for Pterosaurus fossils. These ancient winged reptiles inhabited the planet from about 200-80 million years ago. Bones have been discovered on previous excursions, encased in boulders derived from an outcrop of Moeaota Conglomerate, at the extreme end of the shore platform that extends south from Kiritehere beach. Expect a long hike down the rocky coast from Keritehere. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at the Waitomo Discovery Centre at 11.30am. Maximum 20 people. Transportation by carpool - drivers, please check your fuel before leaving home. Bring: lunch, snacks, drink, medications, a pack, walking poles, hat, sunscreen and a geological hammer if you have one. Sturdy footwear a must.

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY - KAWHIA - TE MAIKA AND THE BIRD SANCTUARY ISLAND

8.00am - 4.00pm Fitness - easy
Max 15 Min age - fit 8+
Price - Adult \$35; Child \$30
Step back in time with a trip across Kawhia Harbour on the Kotuku to the remote settlement of Te Maika at its southern entrance: the inspirational setting for stories by author James McNeish. Learn of the pre-European and early history of the area with local historians Barbara Inia and kaumatua John Kaaiti. We will visit the iwi owned island bird sanctuary on the return trip, conditions permitting. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.** Meet at the Otorohanga Train Station at 8.00am or at the Kawhia Wharf at 9.30am. Carpool from Otorohanga. Maximum number 15. Bring: drink, snacks, lunch, hat, sunscreen, wet weather gear for boatrike. Sturdy footwear a must.



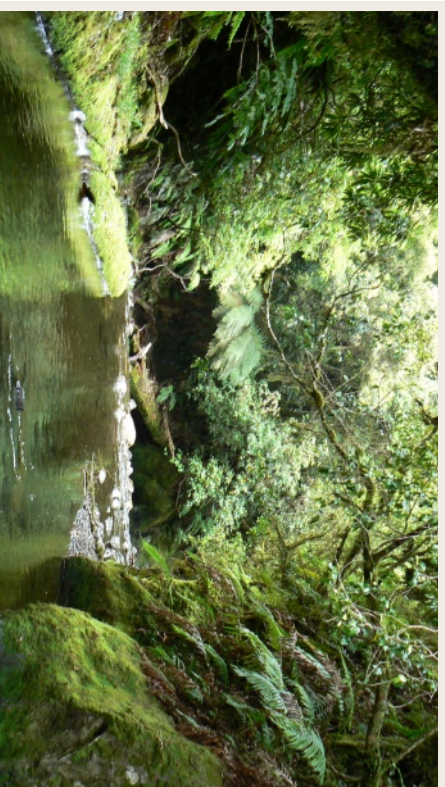
Ruakuri walk



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Taunata-nature	8	9 Bob-Horfeill	10 Pureora cycle
14 Eudean's	15 Marokopa	16 Mapara	17 Mapara 25 th celebration
21	22 Kawhara-Te Mataka		

HOW HARD WILL IT BE?

Easy: suitable for all the family - slower easy walking
 Medium: two to four hours walking, may include hills, streams and rougher tracks
 Fit: four to six hours walk usually over steeper rougher tracks or routes. Check each trip for recommended age for children.



Marokopa tunnel walk



WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Day pack
- Sunglasses
- Own medication, including antihistamines
- Sturdy footwear, preferably tramping boots
- Hat and sunscreen
- Drinks, including a cup
- Raincoat
- Lunch for full day activities
- Warm clothes
- Snacks for energy

HOW DO I MAKE A BOOKING?

All bookings should be made by contacting the i-SITE Te Kuiti Visitor Information Centre (opening hours: Mon - Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm; Saturday 10.00am - 2.00pm). Phone (07) 878 8077, Fax (07) 878 5280, email iksite@waitomo.govt.nz

All bookings must be prepaid and are not confirmed until payment has been received. To avoid disappointment book early. EFTPOS and credit card now accepted!

Please make cheques payable to North King Country Summer Nature Programme and post to NKC Summer Programme, C/- i-SITE Te Kuiti visitor information centre, Rora Street, Te Kuiti 3910.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A TRIP IS CANCELLED?

In the event of a cancellation, participants will be contacted by phone the day before the trip is scheduled. Refunds will only be made in the event of a trip being cancelled by the organising committee.

DISCLAIMER

The guides reserve the right to exclude from any activity persons not adequately prepared or equipped for the conditions that may be encountered. Children must be accompanied by an adult unless specified otherwise.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	5	6 Weta	7 Taunata-nature
11 Mokau	12	13 Titirua-penga	14 Eudean's
18 Ruakuri	19 Keritihare	20 Bob-Horfeill	21

Welcome to the 2015 Northern King Country Summer Programme. Our programme provides the chance for visitors and locals, young and old alike, to join exciting tours to discover the rich heritage of the region. Recreation opportunities, conservation tours, cultural and historical trips - there is something for everyone to enjoy.
 The Northern King Country Summer Programme has been running for 25 years. The programme is organised by local community organisations that have a common goal to promote the King Country and its incredible heritage.



Female Mahoenui giant weta

