

Waipa Short Forest Walks

Explore the Whakarewarewa Forest with these short walks starting from the Waipa MTB Carpark



Mudpool Loop

20 mins | 1.9km



Redwood Loop

40 mins | 3.1km




Trig Loop

60 mins | 3.5km



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Map Features

-  Mudpool
-  Redwood Grove
-  Whaka Lookout
-  Waipa Lookout

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Learn more about the features of each short walk



The Mudpool Loop is a short family friendly walk that takes you past the bubbling mudpool Te Pikitanga ki Whangapipiro. This walk will also take you through two stunning groves of redwood trees. Use the Flood Diversion trail if there's been heavy rain.



The Redwood Loop takes you up steep stairs and into a beautiful Californian Redwood grove planted in 1901. This walk includes some great picnic spots and a fun boardwalk across a swamp. Use the Flood Diversion trail if there's been heavy rain.



The Trig Loop features amazing views from the Whaka Lookout of nearby thermal areas to Lake Rotorua and Mt Ngongotaha. The trig is 428m above sea level and this track has an extra option - the Waipa Lookout with views of the forest to the South. The track has steps and is steep in places.



Emergency in the forest?



If you are in the forest and need emergency assistance or rescue, call the First Response Unit on 0800 942 521

Share your adventure...

Looking for a place to relax after your forest adventure? You'll find Secret Spot Hot Tubs in the Waipa MTB Carpark at the end of your walk



Reconnect

Unwind with family and friends in a cedar hot tub of fresh spring water, overlooking the Whakarewarewa Forest and Puarenga Stream. Craft drinks are delivered to you at the push of a button.



Refuel

Try our mouth-watering smash burgers, chicken satay roti, fries and more. We also have a range of bakery food, craft beer and cider, wine, tea and coffee.



Relax

Rest your tired legs in a Shiny Dip foot hot tub, free with any purchase. Shiny Dips are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



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