



Top walks and rides

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SHORT TRAIL

Pukawa to Omori Walk
Wander through lush native bush along the edge of Lake Taupō. Catch glimpses of the lake and look out for bellbird and tūi in the trees above.

🐾👤 Easy

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FAMILY FUN

Whangamata Stream Trail
A relaxing 7km return forest trail along a beautiful running stream. Family-friendly and you may even spot some trout!

🐾👤 Easy 🚼 Grade 1

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SHORT TRAIL

Rimu Walk
Walk amongst majestic Rimu trees and birdsong. The track climbs to a viewpoint that looks out over the stunning Pureora Forest and Mount Pureora.

👤 Easy

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DAY TRAIL

Waihaha – Great Lake Trails
Towering volcanic rock cliffs, spectacular views, hidden waterfalls and transfer by water taxi are all highlights of this very scenic trail.

🐾👤 Intermediate 🚼 Grade 3

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DAY TRAIL

W2K – Great Lake Trails
A favourite with locals. Journey through stunning native bush and enjoy great views across Lake Taupō and down towards Kinloch.

🐾👤 Intermediate 🚼 Grade 3



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DAY TRAIL

K2K – Great Lake Trails
Flowing downhill, stunning wetlands, secluded beaches perfect for a mid-way swim and sweeping views of Lake Taupō are just some of the highlights.

🐾👤 Intermediate 🚼 Grade 3

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FAMILY FUN

Rangatira Point Track
Stroll through native bush on this scenic lakeside trail to Whakamoenga Point, where you will find flat volcanic rocks perfect for picnicking and swimming.

🐾👤 Easy

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FAMILY FUN

Graffiato Walking Trail
Explore Taupō town centre's hidden laneways and alleys to find walls of vibrant, large-scale artworks created during the annual street-art festival.

🐾👤 Easy

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FAMILY FUN

Great Lake Pathway
This scenic and accessible walkway is mostly flat with plenty of stop off points for picnics, coffee and ice-cream, swims and photo opportunities.

🐾👤 Easy 🚼 Grade 1

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SHORT TRAIL

Mount Tauhara
Climb to the summit at 1,088m and take in stunning panoramic views over Lake Taupō, towards Tongariro National Park and across the central North Island.

👤 Intermediate



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FAMILY FUN

Opepe Scenic and Historic Reserve Walk
Explore rare mature podocarp forest, discover local Māori history and view relics from the historic Opepe township.

🐾👤 Easy

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FAMILY FUN

Spa Park to Huka Falls
Wander along the banks of the beautiful Waikato River from the geothermal Otumuheke Stream in Spa Thermal Park to the spectacular Huka Falls.

🐾👤 Easy

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SHORT TRAIL

Rotary Ride
Ride all the way to Huka Falls (and on to Aratiatia Dam) from Taupō town, following the course of the Waikato River.

🐾🚼 Grade 3

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SHORT TRAIL

Huka Falls to Aratiatia
Ride from Huka Falls to Aratiatia Dam along the banks of the Waikato River. Return or loop back on the other side of the river.

🐾👤 Easy 🚼 Grade 3

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FAMILY FUN

Aratiatia Rapids Lookout
A short, family friendly walk. Witness the Aratiatia Dam flood gates open creating a spectacular flow of water through a narrow gorge.

🐾👤 Easy

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FAMILY FUN

Craters of the Moon
Showcasing natural geothermal activity, this walk includes bubbling craters, steam vents and colourful soils. Wheelchair and buggy friendly.

👤 Easy

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FAMILY FUN

Tokaanu Thermal Walk
Discover steaming hot mineral pools, spluttering mud pools, and trout in the stream on this family friendly short walk next to Tokaanu Thermal Pools.

👤 Easy

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FAMILY FUN

Orakei Korako Geothermal Park & Cave
This boardwalk trail winds through a geothermal wonderland featuring geysers, bubbling mud and amazing silica terraces.

👤 Easy



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SHORT TRAIL

Whakamaru section of the Waikato River Trails
Wind around the edge of Lake Whakamaru, across wetlands and boardwalks, and stand in awe of huge bluffs rising from the lake.

👤 Intermediate 🚼 Grade 3

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MULTI DAY TRAIL

Timber Trail
Explore ancestral Māori land deep in the ancient Pureora Forest Park. Ride a historic tramway and cross an epic 140m suspension bridge. Lodges available.

🐾👤 Grade 3

More info

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DAY TRAIL

Mount Urchin Track
Climbing steadily through beech forest and above the bush line to the Urchin Trig at 1,391m. Enjoy epic views of Lake Taupō and Tongariro National Park.

🐾👤 Advanced

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SHORT TRAIL

Tree Trunk Gorge Track
Journey through native bush, red beech forest, across streams and rivers and over impressive gorges alongside the upper section of the Tongariro River.

🐾👤 Advanced 🚼 Grade 4

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FAMILY FUN

Whakapapa Village walks
Whakapapa Nature Walk, Ridge Track, Taranaki Falls, Mounds Walk and Tawhai Falls are all walks that are easily accessible from Whakapapa Village.

👤 Easy

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SHORT TRAIL

Rotopounamu Track
Circumnavigate the emerald coloured lake which fills a crater nestled into the side of Mount Pihanga. Enjoy picnicking and swimming in the warmer months.

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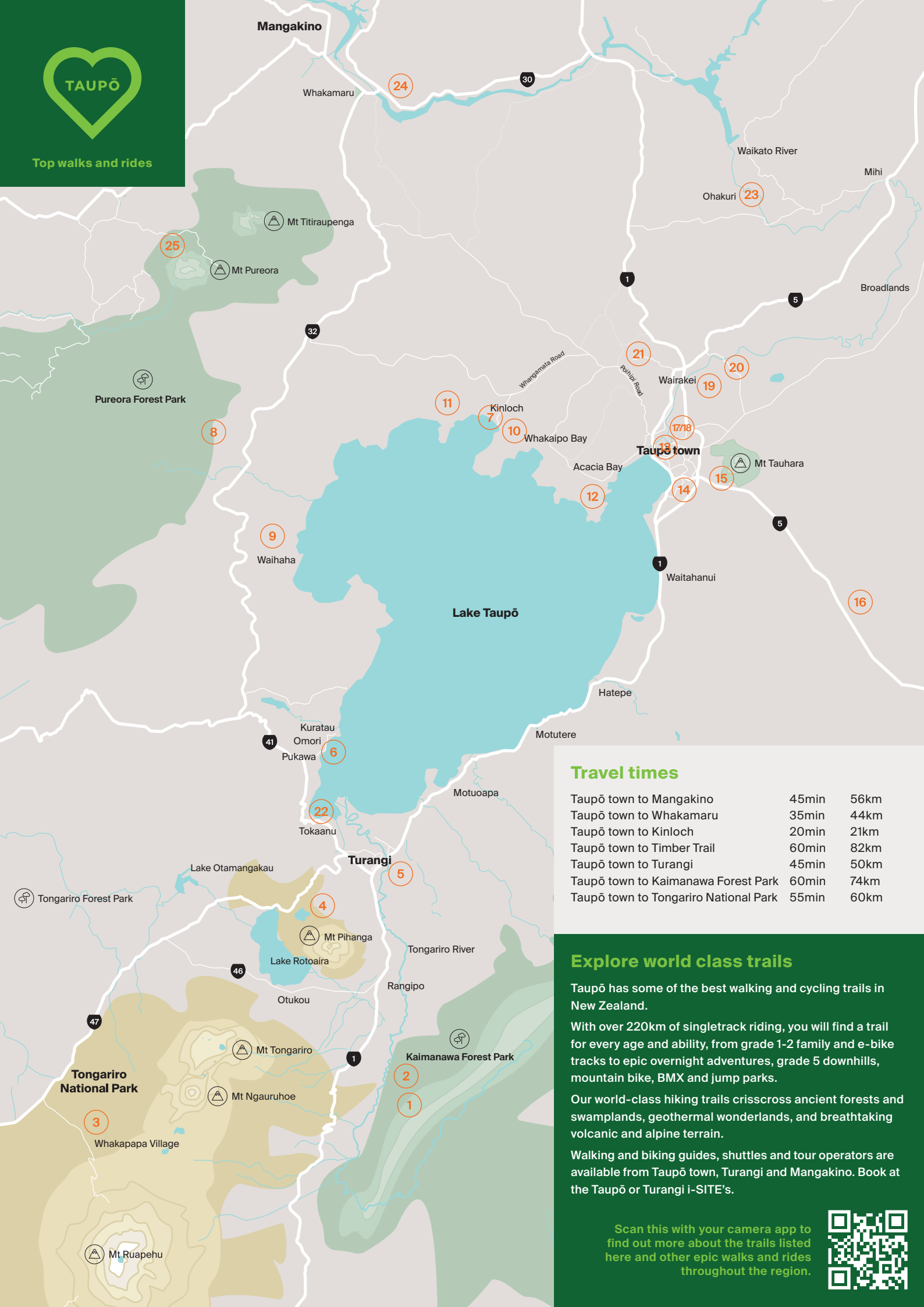
FAMILY FUN

Tongariro River Trail
Starting in Turangi, this scenic looped trail follows the Tongariro River through rolling farmland and native bush with magnificent views and two swing bridges.

🐾👤 Easy 🚼 Grade 2



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Travel times

Taupō town to Mangakino	45min	56km
Taupō town to Whakamaru	35min	44km
Taupō town to Kinloch	20min	21km
Taupō town to Timber Trail	60min	82km
Taupō town to Turangi	45min	50km
Taupō town to Kaimanawa Forest Park	60min	74km
Taupō town to Tongariro National Park	55min	60km

Explore world class trails

Taupō has some of the best walking and cycling trails in New Zealand.

With over 220km of singletrack riding, you will find a trail for every age and ability, from grade 1-2 family and e-bike tracks to epic overnight adventures, grade 5 downhills, mountain bike, BMX and jump parks.

Our world-class hiking trails crisscross ancient forests and swamplands, geothermal wonderlands, and breathtaking volcanic and alpine terrain.

Walking and biking guides, shuttles and tour operators are available from Taupō town, Turangi and Mangakino. Book at the Taupō or Turangi i-SITE's.

Scan this with your camera app to find out more about the trails listed here and other epic walks and rides throughout the region.

