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GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ

Family Things to Do around Great Lake Taupō

AC Baths Thermally heated public swimming pools. Indoor outdoor leisure pool, two hydro slides, private spas, two 25 metre pools, great family fun. Open from 6am-9pm Mon-Fri and 7am-9pm Sat & Sun. Taupō Events Centre, corner Spa Road and AC Baths Avenue, Taupō.

Action World Fun for all ages! Slides, highwires, trampolines, jungle swings and picnic area. Operating hours vary. 23B Anzac Memorial Drive, Taupō Airport.

Day Walks There are a number of day walks around the area ranging from 30 minutes up to full day walks. Walks and hikes brochure available from the Taupō or Turangi i-SITE Visitor Centres. From \$3.

Great Lake Shuttles Bike hire and Mountain bike trails shuttle service and back. Suitable for 12 year olds and older. Local walks shuttle – walk some of the amazing one day or multi-day walks around this stunning area! Phone 021 656 424.

Honey Hive Watch bees in their glass viewing hives and sample a myriad of honey products. Café on site. Open daily, free admission. Situated in the Wairakei Tourist Park.

Horse Treks through pine forests with views of Craters of the Moon. Pony rides also available. Check with Taupō or Turangi i-SITE Visitor Centres for times.

Huka Prawn Park New Zealand's only Prawn Park and home to the famous "Shawn the Prawn". Park's activities include "Shawn's Walk", prawn fishing and "Killer Prawn Golf". Dine in Taupō's only Riverside Restaurant. Open 7 days.

Huka Falls River Cruise Awesome views of Huka Falls and the Waikato River, great platform for photography. Sheltered and indoor seating. Set daily departure times, duration 1 hour 20 minutes. Adult \$35, Child \$15.

Indoor Climbing Wall 432 sq metres of climbing area with 30 different climbing routes. Open 3:30 pm – 9 pm Mon – Fri, closed Sat, 1 pm – 7 pm Sun (hours vary due to bookings in main stadium). Fitness Centre also available. Taupō Events Centre, corner Spa Road and AC Baths Avenue, Taupō.

Kayaking Explore the Waikato River by kayak. This is a scenic, gentle, flat water paddle that includes a swim in natural hot pools. Children as young as 3 can ride along with an adult.

Lake Cruises Various boats and yachts cruise Lake Taupō daily. View the famous Maori Rock Carvings. Check with the Turangi or Taupō i-SITE Visitor Centres for details. Prices vary. Lake Taupō Boat Harbour, Taupō.

Lilliput Farm Enjoy a stroll through a tree-lined lane viewing animals and birds. Picnic area, garden, play huts, swings etc, pony rides available. Open 10 am – 2 pm weekdays and 10 am – 4 pm weekends & school holidays. Located at 136 Link Road, turn left off SH1 north of Taupō.

Lion Express Train Children's rides on a small monorail. Operates from 10 am Public and School Holidays; weekends during summer (weather permitting). Check with Turangi and Taupo i-SITE Visitor Centres during winter months. Tongariro South Domain, Taupō.

Mind Junction Interactive activities for all the family. Maze, Golf Simulator, Model Railway, Remote Control Boats, Flight Simulator and more! Café and puzzle shop on site. Prices vary. Open daily from 10 am – 4 pm. Situated 10 minutes north of Taupō on SH5, towards Rotorua.

Mountain Biking There are a number of tracks, from easy to hard rides in the area. Bikes available to hire, for further information and maps visit the Taupō and Turangi i-SITE Visitor Centres.

Lake Taupō Museum of Art and History Home of the Pure Ora Garden of Wellbeing, winner of Gold at the 2004 Chelsea Flower Show, permanent and temporary displays and exhibitions. Open daily 10 am – 4:30 pm, closed Good Friday and Christmas Day. Story Place, Taupō.

Orakei Korako View geysers, silica terraces, hot springs, boiling mud pools and the majestic Ruatapu Cave in the Hidden Valley. Located 25 minutes north of Taupō off SH1.

Parks and Reserves There are a number of parks and reserves to enjoy at no cost! Pack a picnic and a rug and enjoy!

Playgrounds in Taupō Tongariro South Domain by the Superloo, Mere Road Park, Spa Park, Taupo Community Park on corner Heuheu & Titiraupenga Streets, Wharewaka Point and McDonalds!

Rafting Leisurely family float trips or the ultimate White Water Rafting adventure for those with children 10 and older. Raft the Rangitaiki River (grade 3 – 4) or the Tongariro River (grade 3).

Riverside Market Held every Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. Fresh produce, arts and crafts, clothing, beauty products and so much more! Car boot sale 1st Saturday of every month. Riverside Park, Taupō.

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Rock n' Ropes High ropes course. Suitable for all ages. Trapeze, high log and giant swing. Situated in the Wairakei Tourist Park.

Segway at Taupō Segway Personal Transporters available for hire on hourly basis, weekends and holidays, for guided tours. Next to the Taupō mini golf, school holidays, weekends and in summer months, normally 10:30 am – 5 pm or until batteries run out.

Starlight Cinema Centre Five theatres, check newspapers or phone 378 7515 for viewing details. Located in the Starlight Arcade, between Horomatangi and Tamamutu Streets, Taupō.

Taupō Hot Springs Spa Mineral outdoor and private pools. Dragon hydro slide and children's interactive playground. Massage for health and Day Spa. Open 7 days, 7:30 am – 9:30 pm. Located on SH5, the Napier-Taupō Highway.

Taupō Mini Golf 18 holes of fun on the lakefront. Open 7 days, from 9am to late. Northcroft St, Taupō.

Volcanic Activity Centre Experience the 6.3 Edgecumbe earthquake in the Earthquake Simulator. See if you can make the volcano erupt! Continuous audio-visual presentation. Open daily Mon – Fri 9 am – 5 pm, weekends 10 am – 4 pm. Situated in the Wairakei Tourist Park.

Wairakei Terraces Look back in time to the pink and white terraces; stroll round our Maori village; soak in our hot, healing thermal pools – or come to one of our famous Evening Concerts. Daytime 9 – 5

Whitewater World World's first 4D cinema experience. Raft the world famous Central Plateau Rivers from your seat in Taupo town centre! 47 Ruapehu Street. Open 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Family Things to Do in Turangi

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Mountain Biking There are a number of easy to hard rides in the area. Bikes are available to hire, go to the Taupō and Turangi i-SITE Visitor Centres for further information and maps.

Playgrounds Turangi: McLaren Park, Ohuanga Road, Taupahi Reserve and Taupahi Road.

Southern Lake Taupō Mini Golf 18 themed holes. Open daily 9am-5pm (later in summer). 19 Ohuanga Road, Turangi.

Tokaanu Thermal Pools Thermally heated outdoor pool plus private pools. Open 10 am – 9 pm. Mangaroa Street, Tokaanu.

Tokaanu Stream Kayaking Enjoy kayaking down the Tokaanu Stream, out onto the lake and then back up the Tokaanu Canal if you are feeling energetic. Hours and prices on application. 355 State Highway 1, Turangi.

Tongariro National Trout Centre View wild Taupō trout in the Waihukahuka Stream through the underwater window, or feed trout in the children's pond. Lots of displays to see including the hatchery and visitor centre. Lovely bush setting, BBQ and picnic facilities. Trout food available to purchase. Open daily 10am – 3pm. SH1, just south of Turangi.

Vertical Assault Café and Climbing Wall with 26 routes, 14 metre vertical climb, 20 metre lead climb. Open daily 10am-6pm. Ngawaka Place, Turangi.

Family Things to Do in Mangakino

Pureora Forest Park The park's 78,000 hectares has numerous impressive bush walks, from 30 minutes to 4 hours, beneath towering Totara, Rimu and Matai. Amid the native bush is the spot marking the centre of the North Island. Visit New Zealand's oldest Totara tree 'Pouakani' and discover the various mountain bike tracks in the forest park. Climbing the Forest Tower takes you up into the forest canopy which will get you even closer to the bird life – including the exotic Kokako and the shy Kaka.

Cruising on Lake Maraetai – Sit back, relax and enjoy a 2 hour cruise on board the historic paddleboat Otunui, as it cruises past wetlands and interesting landscape features along Lake Maraetai to the Whakamaru Dam or up the Managikino Stream. Full commentary is offered, with a licensed bar on board, and a ramp for disabled access. The Paddleboat Company ph 07 883 3720.



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