



LAKE OKATAINA SCENIC RESERVE



The Lake Okataina area was an important link in pre-European routes, when canoes were carried from Lake Tarawera to Lake Okataina. Okataina Road follows one of these ancient portage routes. Lake Okataina Scenic Reserve was gifted to the crown by Ngati Tarawhai in 1921. Today, DOC enjoys joint management with the descendants of this tribe who form the Lake Okataina Scenic Reserve Board. The Lake Okataina Scenic Reserve is a pristine natural area with native bush down to the water's edge. The reserve is rich in birdlife and contains fine examples of rimu, totara, rata and kahikatea.

How to Get There

Lake Okataina Scenic Reserve is 22 km northeast of Rotorua on Okataina Road, off State Highway 30.

Attractions and Facilities

There are numerous walks in the Lake Okataina area, ranging from short walks to day tramping; all are accessed from Okataina Road. The scenic reserve has a number of picnic spots. The lake has safe swimming. There is a boat ramp near a car park at the end of the road. Note: The ramp is difficult to launch from and requires a high skill level. Public toilets are provided.

Please Remember

Dogs, horses, vehicles (including bicycles and motorbikes), fires, removal of plants or animals, camping and hunting without a permit are not permitted in the reserve.

More information

"Walks in the Rotorua Lakes Area" track brochure, available from Tourism Rotorua information centre on Fenton Street, Rotorua.

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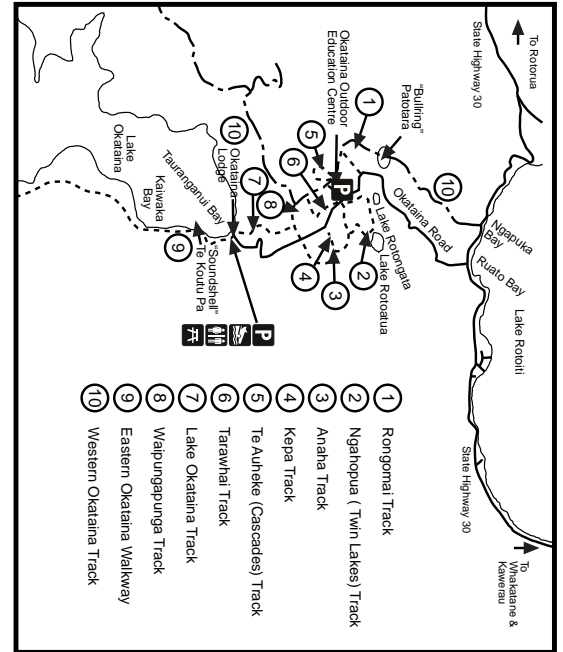
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Protect plants and animals.

Remove rubbish.

Bury toilet waste.

Keep streams and lakes clean.

Take care with fires.

Camp carefully.

Keep to the track.

Consider others.

Respect our cultural heritage.

Enjoy your visit.

Toitu te Whenua (Leave the land undisturbed.)