



TE AROHA WALKS



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Te Aroha township, developed in the 1880s as a spa town, has 22 springs, 15 of which are hot. The Domain retains the look of Edwardian times with formal gardens and many of the old bathhouse buildings. Mt Te Aroha is the highest point in the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park at 952m.

the Forest Park except for hunting, with a current permit. Mine tunnels and shafts are dangerous and may be hidden by vegetation. Keep to official tracks and do not enter tunnels unless they are clearly marked for public access.

Attractions and Facilities

Howarth Memorial Wetland Loop Walk

(Easy walking, 1hr return)
The main access is at the Old Railway Bridge across the Waihou River. Other access points are at the netball courts at Spur Street, Stanley Road and Ritchie Street.

This attractive wetland wildlife refuge has been created by local members of the Fish and Game Association from a swamp formerly used as a rubbish dump. One successful result has been the establishment of a native grey teal population. The track meanders around a pond, with boardwalks giving access to hides and great places to view grey teal, kingfisher, pied stilt, white faced heron, pukeko and black shag.

Te Aroha Domain

The domain, on Boundary St, hosts two walks. The Lower Walk (20mins one way) and the Upper Walk (25mins one way) can be combined for a 45min loop track. Both start at the Mokena Geyser, the world's only hot soda water geyser. The Lower Walk visits the No. 21 magnesia spring, once used to treat stomach ailments, and the No. 20 iron spring, for anaemia. The Upper Walk continues, visiting a large kauri tree before descending steps and returning to No. 21 spring.

Te Aroha Mountain

(Steep and rough in places, 2-4hrs return)
This walk starts as the Whakapipi Lookout walk (1.5hrs return) from the Domain and finishes at the Mount Te Aroha summit. From the lookout the track dips through a small saddle, then climbs to the summit. As the track climbs the forest changes, with rimu and miro becoming more common. Still higher, silver beech and nei nei become noticeable.

The summit has spectacular 360° views over the Kaimai Range and the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Taranaki are visible on a clear day.

Return by the same track or take the Ridge Track/Tui Track back to the Domain.

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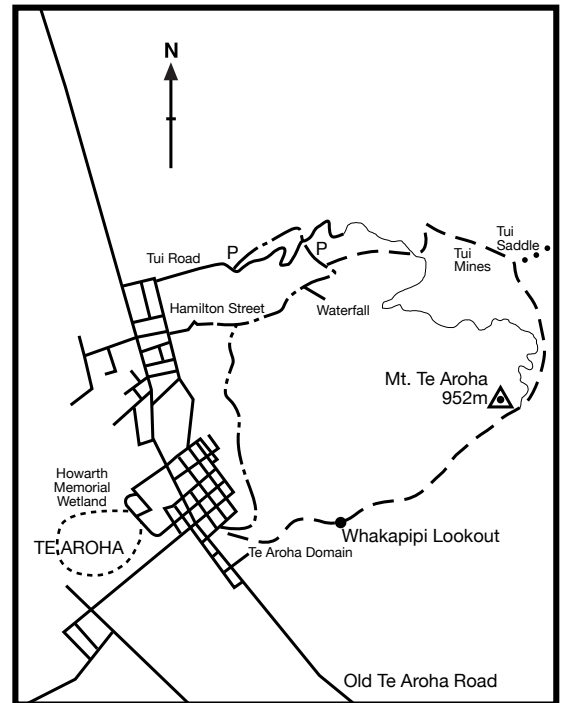
Horses, Vehicles (including bicycles and motorbikes), fires, removal of plants or animals, and hunting without a permit are not permitted in the Forest Park. No dogs are permitted in

More information

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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.)

