



THE REDWOODS, WHAKAREWAREWA FOREST



Known to the locals simply as 'The Redwoods', the beautiful Whakarewarewa Forest is a five minute drive from Rotorua's city centre. The most popular part of the forest available for recreational use is the Tokorangi Triangle. It encompasses 288 hectares of native and exotic trees adjoining the renowned Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, providing an exquisite visual backdrop to Rotorua. In 1901 170 tree species from around the world were planted here to find the species best suited to commercial harvesting. The advantages of Radiata pine, New Zealand's most important commercial species, were discovered as a result. Many other trees did not survive, but the Californian Redwoods thrived and have become a major attraction. The forest is a popular area for picnics, walking, jogging, orienteering and picnics. Furthur out into the forest there are also horse riding and mountain biking tracks available.

How to Get There

Drive along Te Ngae Road to Tarawera Road and right onto Long Mile Road where The Redwoods Gift Shop, Visitor Centre & main carpark is located.

Attractions and Facilities

Among the many short and long walks are:

Redwood Walk (suitable for pushchairs and most wheelchairs, 30mins return), meanders through the 60m tall Californian Coastal Redwoods.

Waitawa Walk (Easy walking, 1hr return). A relaxing and educational walk with a nature trail where many trees and plants are identified.

Quarry Lookout Track (Moderate walking, 1.5hrs return). This track leads to a great view over the redwoods and Lake Rotorua.

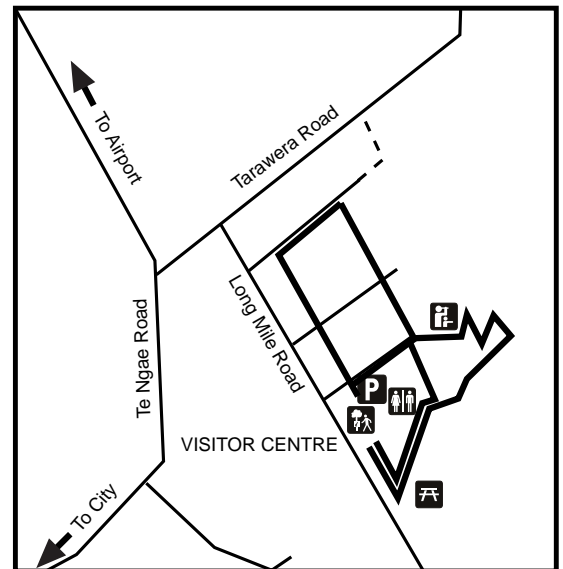
Pohaturua Track (Steep climb, 2hrs return). Takes in superb views of the city and Lake Rotorua, Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and the Waipa Sawmill.

Please Remember

Open fires are not permitted. Dogs must be on a leash.

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.)

