



### Purpose of indicator

Rotorua provides many recreational opportunities and walkways are a significant element. By calculating the total length of walkways, it can be determined whether enough walkways have been provided for the community or whether more needs to be done.

### Current information and trend

In 2006 the Lake Rotoma Walkway was constructed, increasing the total length of walkways by 3 km, or 7.5%.

Within the district there are 91.5 km of tracks which are administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC). The walkways shown in Table 7.5 do not include walking tracks on DOC or privately owned land. An important provider of amenity and recreational opportunities in the Rotorua district is the Whakarewarewa forest. The forest has many walking tracks and provides recreational opportunities for walkers, bikers and horse riders.



Other tracks in the district allow access to places of natural and cultural heritage, such as the Hinehopu/Hongi's Track (Table 7.6).

### What the community said

More than two thirds of respondents (69%) stated that they were either very satisfied (19%) or satisfied (50%) with the walkways in their local area.

Table 7.5 Urban and rural walkways on publicly owned land

Walkway	2001/02	2005/06
Eastern walkway (shared/walk/cycle)	4.9km	4.9km
Utuhina stream	7.8km	7.8km
Puarenga stream	7.0km	7.0km
Ngongotaha stream	5.0km	5.0km
Waiwhero stream	1.6km	1.6km
Waingaehe walkway	1.0km	1.0km
Tihi-O-Tonga walkway	2.6km	2.6km
Lake foreshore Rotorua (shared/walk/cycle)	2.6km	2.6km
Lake foreshore Ngongotaha	1.8km	1.8km
Okareka walkway	2.8km	2.8km
Tarawera lakeshore	3.5km	3.5km
Lake Rotoma walkway (new)		3.0km
Total	40.1km	43.1km

Source: Rotorua District Council, 2006

Table 7.6 Department of conservation walking tracks 2006

Track	Length
Okere Falls tracks	1.2km
Hinehopu/Hongi's track	2.2km
Rotoma Bridle track	1km
Lake Okataina tracks	50.6km
Lake Tarawera tracks	11.7km
Isthmus track	1.2km
(Rotomahana/ Tarawera)	
Rainbow Mountain tracks	3.5km
Blue Lake track	5.5km
Mokaihaha track (Mamaku)	4.0km
Mangorewa track	9.0km
Kaharoa Kokako track	1.2km
Te Waihou walkway (Waihou River)	4.7km
Total	91.5km

Source: Department of conservation, "walks in the Rotorua district"  
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## ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE



### In 15 minutes

- ✓ If you are thinking of having a gathering let your neighbours know so that they are aware that there will be some noise.
- ✓ Plan noisy activities such as using a chain saw or mowing the lawn after 8am and finish by 6pm.
- ✓ Join your local community or Landcare group. These groups sometimes undertake projects such as the Lake Okareka walkway.
- ✓ Join the Rotorua Mountain Bike Club and help build and maintain some mountain bike tracks
- ✓ Avoid lighting fires when it is very still. The smoke is more likely to hang about and cause what is called an inversion layer.
- ✓ Don't burn rubbish, plastics or tyres. The rubbish can be taken to the landfill and plastics and tyres can be recycled.



### In 1 hour plus

- ✓ Use and enjoy the existing cycleways and walkways.
- ✓ When considering moving into an area do some research on the types of activities that go on in that area. Is there a school, rugby field or industry near by?
- ✓ Use only dry seasoned material for your fire. Moist material does not burn as hot and produces more smoke.
- ✓ Consider alternative heating options such as heat pumps.
- ✓ Insulate your home so that you use less wood. This will also save you money.

## WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION AND IDEAS

### Air quality

Ministry for the Environment  
[www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz)

Environment Bay of Plenty  
[www.envbop.govt.nz](http://www.envbop.govt.nz)

Environment Waikato  
[www.ew.govt.nz](http://www.ew.govt.nz)

### Walkways

Department of conservation  
[www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)

### Noise

Rotorua District Council  
[www.rdc.govt.nz](http://www.rdc.govt.nz)

### Green building design

Smarter Homes  
[www.smarterhomes.org.nz](http://www.smarterhomes.org.nz)

Consumer Build  
[www.consumerbuild.org.nz](http://www.consumerbuild.org.nz)