

## Destination reserves

Rotorua is famous for its lakes and the opportunities they offer for swimming, fishing, kayaking and other water sports. This brochure provides information about some of our most popular destination reserves and some of our best kept secrets. Please enjoy these areas and treat them with respect.

## Reserve user information

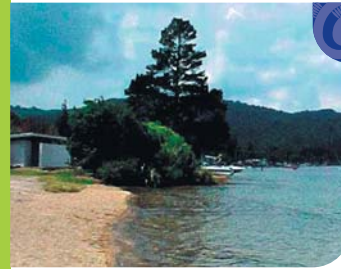
- Visitors are advised to bring their own drinking water as potable water is not always available.
- Camping is not permitted on any reserve, unless otherwise stated.
- Ski lanes are depicted by black and orange poles. For your own safety do not swim between the poles.
- Please dispose of your rubbish in the bins provided or preferably take it away when you leave.
- Please ensure you control your dog(s) at all times to avoid upsetting other reserve users and clean up all excrement. Dogs are not allowed in playgrounds.
- Please ensure children are supervised at all times when swimming.
- Please respect the environment and the wildlife that makes its home on our reserves.
- Electric BBQs are provided on many Council reserves. These are coin operated and run for about 20 minutes on 2 x 50 cent coins.
- Fires are not to be lit on any reserves.

## Facilities key

	Walking track		Fishing		No fires
	Barbeque		Ski lane		No camping
	Picnic tables		Windsurfing		Camping
	Playground		Jetski lane		Dogs on leash
	Boat ramp		Swimming		No dogs
	Toilets		Wheelchair access		Wildlife area
	Cafe/restaurant				

## 1 Hamurana

This reserve is located along Hamurana Road, on the northern shores of Lake Rotorua. The reserve is a popular spot for shoreline trout fishing, particularly at the mouth of the Hamurana stream. Lake waters are shallow and provide safe swimming for children.



## 2 Hinehopu

Hinehopu Lakeshore Reserve is situated on Tamatea Street at the eastern end of Lake Rototoi. This reserve is popular for shoreline fishing. Water skiing is permitted during the months of December-February only. The Hinehopu (Hongi's) track adjoins this area. The bush and walkway are managed by Department of Conservation.



## 4 Okataina

Situated at the end of Lake Okataina Road, this reserve is managed by the Department of Conservation. It is a pristine, natural area with native bush down to the water's edge. There are several walkways in this area that provide access to the Okataina Scenic Reserve. **Please note: This boat ramp is difficult to launch from and requires a high skill level.**



## 5 Hannahs Bay

This large, flat area lies between the Rotorua Airport and the shores of Lake Rotorua. An all mobility playground, horse bridle trail and a dog exercise area are among the facilities provided. The wetland area contains a regenerating Kahikatea forest and raised wheelchair accessible walkway. The reserve also provides large open spaces for recreational activities. The beach is popular for swimming, windsurfing and has access lanes for jet-skis and water skiing.



## 3 Matahi Spit

Located off State Highway 30, on the east side of Lake Rotoma, Matahi Spit is suitable for all sorts of water sports events. It is a popular location for water skiing, kayaking, windsurfing, jet skiing and swimming. The lagoon at the back of the reserve is a locally notable wildlife habitat.

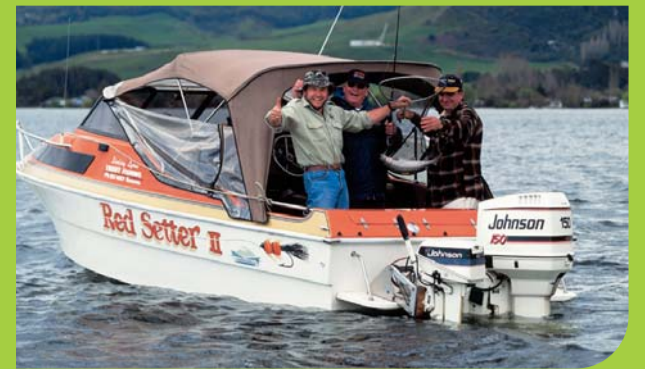


### Dog areas for Hannahs Bay Reserve



## 6 Lakefront

The reserve is family orientated with attractions such as the Volcanic Playground and kiosks which offer helicopter rides, boat trips out to Mokoia Island, fishing trips and cruises around the lake. The Rotorua Walkway passes through the Lakefront Reserve. This reserve is within walking distance of the city centre and is close to restaurants and cafes. The reserve is often used for regular activities such as craft markets, amusements, pony rides and concerts.



## 7 Boyes Beach

Located on Millar Road, Lake Okareka, Boyes Beach is particularly popular during the summer months for activities such as swimming and picnicking. A short walkway connects the reserve to Steep Street Reserve. From 15 December to 1 March inclusive dogs are not allowed on the reserve between the hours of 9am to 7pm. Outside this time dogs can either be leashed or unleashed but must be controlled at all times.



## 8 Stoney Point and Rangiu Bay

Located on Spencer Road, Lake Tarawera, Stoney Point is used for such local events as the annual Spring Fair as well as a site for weekend barbecues and boating. The reserve extends from Stoney Point south to Rangiu Bay and Boatshed Bay. The Tarawera walkway passes through the reserve. Rangiu Bay is a popular shoreline fishing area in summer.



## 9 Okareka Walkway

This 5.5 kilometre return walk starts at Acacia Road and follows the lake edge to the Okareka Outlet. The walk features farmland, beach, lake and wetland scenery, expansive views and wildlife. It is part of an ongoing re-vegetation project aimed at improving water quality and re-establishing wildlife habitats. The 500m boardwalk provides assisted wheelchair access to the wetland area.



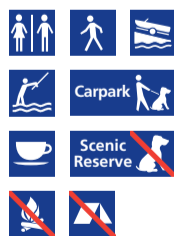
## 10 Blue Lake

**(Lake Tikitapu)**  
This reserve is located on Tarawera Road and is an ideal spot for picnicking. The Blue Lake is an exceptionally popular site for water sports such as water skiing, jet skiing, rowing and power boat racing. Special conditions apply for water skiing and information on this can be obtained from the signs located at the boat ramp. A walk around the lake through the mature Douglas Fir plantation is approximately 5km's in length and takes around 1.5 hours. The south side of the lake also has good swimming beaches which are accessible from the walkway and from the Lookout Carpark between the Blue and Green Lakes.



## 11 Tarawera Landing

**(Punaromia)**  
The Tarawera Landing is located at the end of Tarawera Road and is the closest point of access to Lake Tarawera. The Landing is so named as it is the traditional point of landing and departure of scenic boat tours on Tarawera and nearby Rotomahana. Regular launch trips still leave from the Landing and a cafe and restaurant is located in the Carpark area. The Landing is surrounded by scenic reserve administered by the Department of Conservation. Short walks lead to the mouth of the Te Wairoa Stream and to the orchard and Tuhourangi rock paintings. The Landing is a notable shoreline trout fishing area, particularly in autumn.



## 13 Lake Ohakuri

**(Whirinaki Arm)**  
This reserve is located on Whirinaki Valley Road, 4.5km south west of Ngakuru. The lake and reserve are used mainly for boating, particularly for waterskiing. Lake levels in this area can rise and fall dramatically due to electricity generation.



## 14 Waikite Valley Thermal Pools

This hot pool complex is located on Waikite Valley Road. It has a main splash pool with adjoining toddlers beach area, a sit and soak pool and private spas. It also has a cafe and restaurant facilities and an adjoining camping ground. The entire complex is leased to a private operator. Phone 333 1861 for bookings or further information.



## 12 Hot Water Beach

Hot water beach is accessible by boat only and is administered by the Department of Conservation. There is a self-registration, user pays camping area on site and hot bathing on the lake edge.



## 15 Lake Okaro

This reserve can be accessed from Waimangu Road. This lake is an important wildlife habitat for water birds such as the grey teal, paradise shelduck and dabchick. The lake is popular for trout fishing and waterskiing. Water quality is not as good as other lakes in the area due to run-off from surrounding farms. It is however quite safe for recreational activities.



## 16 Guy Roe Reserve

Guy Roe Reserve is located on Brett Road, Lake Rerewhakaaitu. The reserve area, commonly known as the Homestead Arm, has been a popular fishing spot for many years. Camping is permitted on part of the reserve and an honesty box is provided for payment. The reserve is also popular for picnics and boat access to the lake. Other camping areas are also provided further around the lake by the Department of Conservation.



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## 17 Rerewhakaaitu Domain



Located on Ash Pit Road, on the south side of Lake Rerewhakaaitu, the Domain is locally used for rugby, soccer, cricket and tennis. The Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo Association hosts their annual rodeo at the Domain. The Domain is a popular base for water skiing on Lake Rerewhakaaitu, although boat launching is not easy and may be best done at the Guy Roe Reserve.



## 18 Butchers Pool

This free hot mineral pool is located on Broadlands Road, 1.8km south of the Reporoa Village. The entrance is sign posted from Broadlands Road. Butchers Pool has recently been upgraded to replace the timber lining and changing facilities. The mineral water is piped directly from an adjacent spring. Bathers are advised to keep their heads above water at all times to avoid the risk of contracting amoebic meningitis. **Please note: this pool is unsupervised.**



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