



EVERYONE'S PLAYGROUND

IF YOU LOVE THE OUTDOORS THIS AREA IS FOR YOU!

Escape into the beautiful Whakarewarewa Forest. As one of Rotorua's most spectacular natural assets it is famous for the magnificent stands of towering Californian Coastal Redwoods.

Here you can experience some of the finest walking and mountain bike trails in the world. Not to mention taking in superb panoramic views of Rotorua city, lake and surrounding district or relaxing at one of the many picnic spots along the way.

ENTRY TO THE FOREST, TRACKS AND GIFT SHOP & VISITOR CENTRE IS FREE.

There are some short accessible track options available.



ENJOY & EXPLORE

Get all the recreational advice, maps and track information you'll need from the friendly staff at The Redwoods Gift Shop & Visitor Centre!

WALK & HIKE

There are 6 sign posted walking tracks starting from the Redwoods Gift Shop & Visitor Centre that cater for beginners & leisure walkers through to hikers looking for an extra challenge. Take a 1/2 hour stroll, an all day hike or something in between - it is up to you! All the walks start off through the beautiful Redwood Grove. Hiking further afield will take you through a diverse range of native plants and exotic trees and lead you to spectacular views.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

One of the oldest mountain bike networks in the country, these master crafted trails are an unbeatable blend of riding surfaces, topography and scenery. 90km of continually evolving trails caters for all levels of riders, from beginners and family groups through to experts looking for extreme action.

Entry to the forest is free so bring in your own bikes or hire them from one of the many hire outlets in Rotorua.

ORIENTEERING & EXPLORER TRAILS

Orienteering in The Redwoods is a simplified version of orienteering. A compass is not required - just good observation skills! A children's or beginners course and an advanced course are available.

Encourage the kids to explore on the Junior Explorer Trails. They are educational and fun too!

HORSE RIDING

Undertaken on dedicated horse trails and forestry roads. A variety of trails wind through the trees and take in views of Rotorua city, lake & surrounding countryside.



Tall & Majestic

The Coastal Californian Redwood (Sequoia sempervirens) originates from a narrow strip down the coast of America. In their natural habitat their lifespan is 600 years and they can grow as tall as 360 feet (110 metres) with bark growing up to 12 inches (30 centimetres) thick.

In The Redwoods, Whakarewarewa Forest the largest trees now stand at around 219 feet (67 metres) tall and 66.5 inches (169 centimetres) in diameter.

EXPERIENCE AT WORK OR AT PLAY

- The Original Redwood Forest Sails for small or large groups, corporate functions, weddings and events.
- Meeting Room with private courtyard.
- Ultimate multi sport event venue.
- Educational Guided Group Tours - bookings essential.



HERE & NOW

The Tokorangi Forest, lovingly known as The Redwoods, is part of the greater Whakarewarewa Forest which encompasses 5667 hectares (13993 acres) of native & exotic trees adjoining the Blue & Green Lakes and the world-renowned Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, providing an exquisite visual backdrop to Rotorua.

Today the Redwoods & Whakarewarewa Forest are managed by The Rotorua District Council & Kaingaroa Timberlands respectively. Although much of the forest is a productive plantation forest where all facets of the plantation management cycle can be seen from time to time, the benefits of the area to the local community and visitors are recognised and extensive recreational areas are set aside for your enjoyment.



LESSONS IN HISTORY

170 tree species from all over the world were originally planted in the Whakarewarewa Forest from 1899 making it the first exotic forest in New Zealand. The intention was to see which ones could be grown successfully as timber trees in the central North Island. Radiata pine's outstanding comparative advantages were discovered as a result of these plantings, and it has become the most important commercial species in the country.

While many of the trees planted did not survive the conditions, 6 hectares (15 acres) of majestic Californian Redwoods planted in 1901 proved to thrive and form the heart of the recreational forest.

The place to go for all your track maps, forest information & original NZ gifts.

The Redwoods friendly shop staff can help you make the most of your unique forest experience with up to date information and advice. It is also the perfect place to find an extra-special keepsake, to remind you of your visit to The Redwoods, Whakarewarewa Forest and to New Zealand.

The Gift Shop features an extensive range of quality handcrafted native wooden gifts and a wonderful range of gifts inspired by nature...from natural skin care products, to books, puzzles, jewellery, ceramics and stationery plus much much more.

Supporting New Zealand made products; all proceeds from the shop go back into the maintenance of tracks and facilities at The Redwoods.

There are picnic and toilet facilities available and ample parking right outside the door.



HOURS

SUMMER (October to March)

Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 5.30pm

Weekends & Public holidays - 10.00am to 5.00pm

WINTER (April to September)

Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 4.30pm

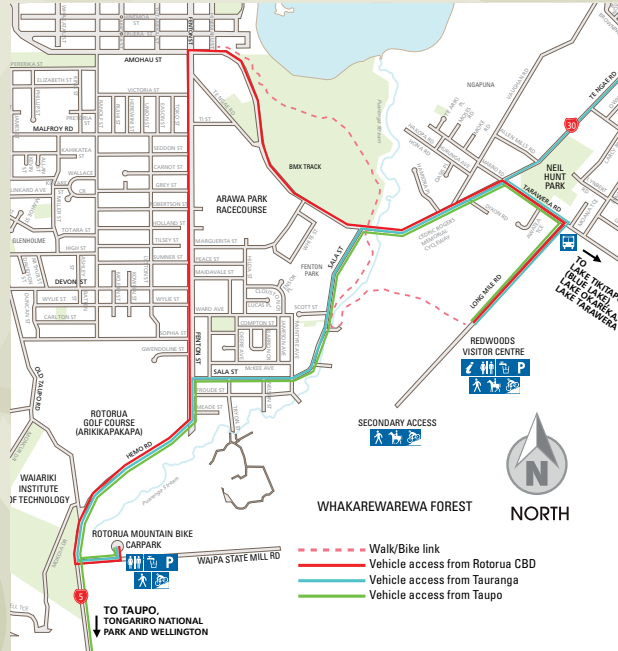
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The main gates are open for vehicle access at 5.30am and close at 8.30pm. You can walk/bike in at any time. **We encourage use of the forest in daylight hours only for your own safety.**

HOW TO GET THERE

The Redwoods and Whakarewarewa Forest is located just 5km from Rotorua city centre. It takes about 5 minutes by car, 20 minutes by bike or about 1 hour to walk. The City Ride bus service also passes by the end of Long Mile Road.

When you visit you will be breathing fresh forest air. Please respect the environment and other people in this smoke-free designated area.



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