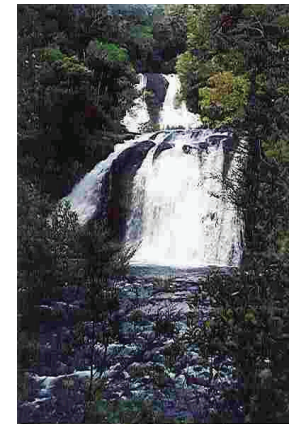
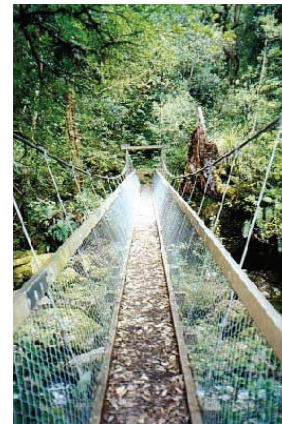


# Camp Kaitawa Handbook



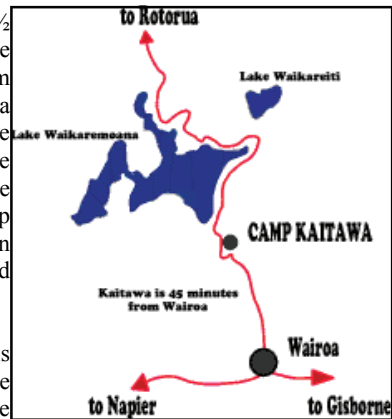
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# Camp Kaitawa

Is a magnificent facility for groups to use right on the doorstep of Te Urewera National Park. It is run by a trust for the Children of Hawkes Bay. Primarily school groups use the camp during the term time, and other groups use it during weekends and school holidays.

Camp Kaitawa is about 45 minutes drive from Wairoa, following State Highway 38 inland from Wairoa.

The camp is found on about 1½ acres of flat land beside Lake Wherowhero, about 1.5km from Lake Waikaremoana. There is a confidence course set up on the southern side of the camp. There is also 4.4 hectares leased for the camp. This includes the camp house, the northern and western sides of lake Wherowhero and the tennis courts.



Te Urewera National Park is very close to the camp, with the park Headquarters being some 20 minutes drive around the lake to Aniwanuiwa.

Camp Kaitawa is an ideal location for caving, fishing, boating, bush walks, pre and early European history, Conservation Studies as well as the full range of Outdoor Education activities.

The camp accommodates 56 people in chalets and dormitories. It has a well appointed kitchen, great dining facilities (that doubles as an activity centre), not to mention modern ablutions and drying room.

If you want to book the campsite for your school or group, please contact our  
Camp Manager 06 837 3806 (phone or fax)

## Before you go on Camp

Before you go on Camp at Kaitawa, there are a number of things to get done. Amongst the jobs to be done are

- Dates checked and booked with the Camp Manager
- Permission from the Principal and Board of Trustees
- Permission to use the Malibu canoes from the BoT
- Parents to come with you (we suggest a 1: 6 ratio, with a minimum of 5 adults)
- Costs and Budget worked out
- Deposit paid (\$100 per group to secure the booking)

Some groups may be asked to supply a bond. This will be outlined when you make your booking.

### The rates for the camp are as follows (prices are per head per night)

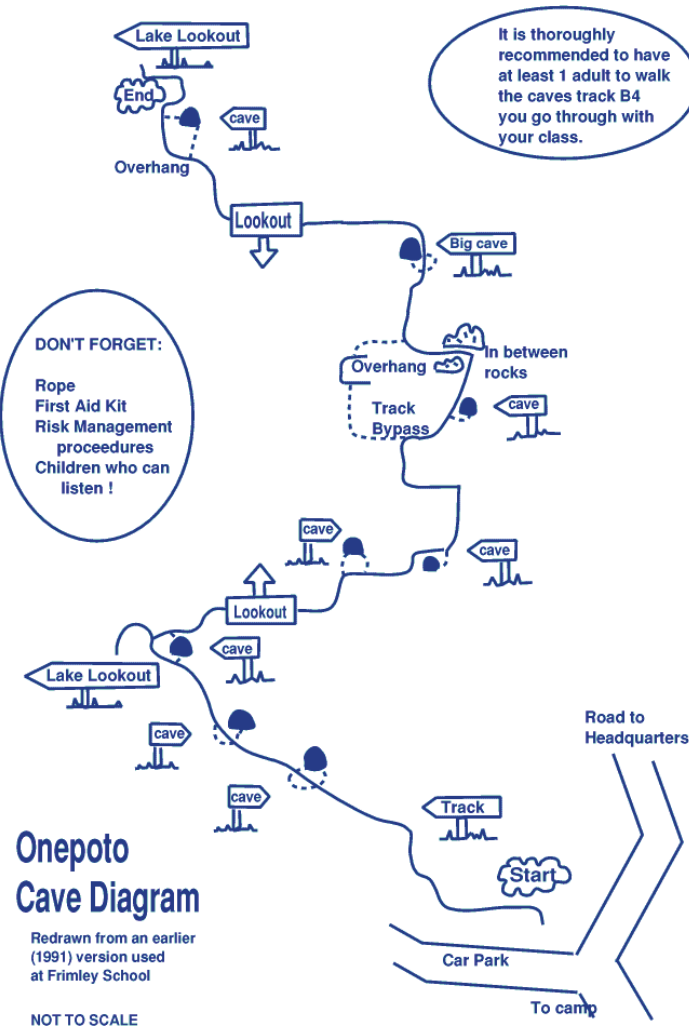
- Primary & Intermediate Groups \$ 4.50 (\$3.50 Term 3)
- Secondary & Youth Groups \$ 7.50 (\$5.00 Term 3)
- Adults \$15.00
- Non school groups school age \$5.00 adults \$15 per head per night

With school groups, the first 10 adults are free. This will maintain a 1:4 ratio for use with the canoes.

Running a parent evening before going on camp is a good idea. It allows you to explain to all parents what your proposed programme will be, as well as a chance to go through the duties for your adult helpers while up at camp.

### Canoes at Camp

Camp Kaitawa has 6 Malibu canoes at the camp for use on Lake Wherowhero. It is essential that school groups get permission from the Board of Trustees before going to camp, otherwise they will not be available for your group to use while you are there.



## **Facilities at Kaitawa**

The main building has 2 dormitories, a dining room and a kitchen.

### **Dormitories.**

Each of the 2 dorms sleep 20 children and 1 supervising adult. Complete with mattresses and pillows (bring pillows please).

### **Dining Room.**

- 6 trestle tables and bench seats
- padded seats
- Piano
- filmstrip projector
- AM radio
- wood fire stove.
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### **Kitchen.**

- Large commercial stove
- Microwave
- AM/FM radio
- Refrigerator
- Pantry
- Crockery for the camp
- Pots & pans
- 3 sinks
- Zip
- Commercial toaster
- Sufficient cutlery
- Cooking equipment
- Tea towels

### **Corridor**

- Refrigerator
- Freezer
- first aid cupboard
- emergency pack
- fire extinguishers
- dinner gong.

### **Store Hut.**

## **Contact Phone Numbers**

Camp Manager	837 3806
Park Headquarters	837 3803
Tuai Store	837 3855
Tuai School	837 3891
Kokako School	837 3874
Kokako Takeaways	837 3777
Tuai Police	837 3824
ECNZ	837 3879
Pig Food Disposal	
Canoe Hire	837 3737
Slide Evening (Julia Cornes)	837 3803

Kaitawa Trust Chairman (06) 844 5257

***Use the Website to help plan your visit:***

**<http://come.to/kaitawa>**

**For other help or queries—ring  
the Camp Manager  
(06) 837 3806**

## **Te Urewera National Park Headquarters**

This is located about 12km from the camp on the well maintained shingle road that takes you to Rotorua. The journey has great views of the lake and the bush. At the H.Q. there are super displays of the Park's mythology, history, flora, fauna and attractions. A superb audiovideo sequence puts all of these elements into perspective for the children. There are also a number of walks that are accessible right at the H.Q.

## **While at camp**

*You must take all your rubbish away with you—be ready and bring the bags!*

### **Fire Drill**

Before your first night you need to have arranged with the camp manager a fire drill. This is an important requirement of your visit.

### **Drying Room**

The drying room operates very well, if the following simple guidelines are followed.

- Clear out any dry clothes before reloading the racks
- Leave the door closed, don't keep checking on the drying—the room will lose its effectiveness very quickly
- Unload the drying room as soon as practical—don't keep heating dry clothes.
- Don't add wet clothes to nearly dry clothes, it will slow the whole process down.

### **Malibu Canoes**

As mentioned before, these are for your use if you have permission from your BoT and the Principal. This must be obtained prior to coming on camp and the Camp Manager must be aware of this.

Supplies are kept in here for camp use, disinfectant, detergent, toilet paper, soap, mops, brooms, toilet and scrubbing brushes, buckets etc...

### **Chalets and huts.**

These have between 2 and 4 beds or bunks, complete with mattresses pillows (bring pillowcases please) and small electric heater.

### **Equipment Store.**

- Tents, poles, groundsheets,
- packs,
- Tomahawks and hand tools,
- PE Gear,
- rescue stretcher,
- fire irons, billies, fry pans
- lawn mower,
- Malibu canoes and trailer.

### **Toilet Block.**

- Male and female toilets,
- 3 pans for females,
- 2 pans & 1 urinal for males.

### **Ablution Block.**

- Showers and hand basins for both male & female.
- Good hot water supply.
- Sanitary disposal units in female section.
- Washing machine.
- 2 toilets
- Drying Room with electric heating.
- Storage area with luggage trolley, spades, rakes, axe etc..
- Vegetable preparation area with sinks.
- Firewood storage area.

**What you can do there.**

Camp Kaitawa is a great base for an exciting adventure up in the magnificent Ureweras. There are walking, caving, swimming, fishing, canoeing to name but a few.

### Walking

There are many interesting walks within easy reach of the camp, within easy reach of the main road and the Aniwaniwa Visitor Centre. The tracks are well graded and clearly signed. They range in length from 5 minutes to whole day walks. Times on signposts used in the Park are for people of average fitness and allow time to take photographs etc...

The Visitor Centre is at 600m above sea level, so weather can change very quickly. Please make sure your groups have the right gear for what might happen doing your walks.



The Te Urewera National Park Visitor Centre is a very helpful location to get information, not to mention a real must for the children to visit. Phone 837 3803.

### Caving

At Onepoto there are caves that are great to take the children through. Check the website for more details. There is a cave track map with the maps in this book. Cave trips should only be undertaken if an experienced guide is in charge or the



teacher is thoroughly familiar with the caves area.

### Canoeing

Malibu canoes are available for use at camp, BUT only if written permission has been gained from your Board of Trustees prior to going on camp.



### Confidence Course

Above the camp is a confidence course. Children should only use it with adult supervision. Please report any damage to camp manager.

### Power Generation Visits

These are arranged through, but there is plenty to see without going into the power generation buildings. Check the website for other details as well.

### Some points to note

1. Don't let children leave the camp area without permission or adult supervision.
2. Be careful of the pipeline, it must not be tapped on, walked on or hit with anything.
3. Because of the water temperature, swimming is not advised by primary school groups. If you do, it must be under strict supervision, controlled by a teacher and your Board of Trustees must have given permission.
4. Take good gear for all your trips away from the camp site. This should include :
 

1st aid kit	emergency pack
coats etc	warm clothing
good lunches	emergency food
5. Establish & practice good procedures for moving on roads and tracks, as well as stopping while on walks. On the roads, the children should keep to the RIGHT except on blind corners.
6. Establish & practice frequent checks that all members are accounted for. A buddy system AND number off combined system works very well.