

Lake Waikaremoana Guided Walk Information



Duration: 4 days / 3 nights. Trips depart Rotorua by 8am and return by 6pm. We pickup from all central Rotorua accommodations.

Fitness Required: The Lake Waikaremoana Guided Walk is graded as a moderate hike. You need a reasonable level of fitness, agility and sense of adventure! Track surfaces vary from well-formed paths to rough terrain broken by tree roots, rocks and mud. The terrain is undulating while the track follows the lake edge, and there is a moderate climb and descent of about 600 metres over the Panekiri Ridge. The walk is a challenge that people of all ages and abilities will relish. You will need to be able to carry a medium sized backpack (average weight 7kg) for 4-6 hours for the last two days. Pack cartage can be arranged by prior request. We encourage you to walk at your own pace and the daily schedule allows ample time for slow walkers. The guides offer support and advice, and we take plenty of rest and refreshment breaks each day. Our support boat is nearby and can transport injured or unwell walkers to the end of the track. If you are not a regular walker we suggest you begin a walking regime 6-8 weeks before departure. Begin by walking for an hour, 3 or 4 times a week; with at least one longer walk (3+ hours). Gradually increasing the distance you walk, carrying a backpack, and staircase or hill climbing will leave you even better prepared. If you have any doubts about your fitness or would like to discuss this with us then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Group Size: Maximum group size is 13 walkers and 2 guides. Minimum number required to run a trip is 4 walkers. Small groups enable us to provide a personal service, give our walkers a more intimate nature experience, and create a friendly relaxed atmosphere. Our trips tend to attract likeminded people, so most people find the social environment very enjoyable. Larger groups may be accommodated on the Urewera Discovery Tour or custom tours. Please contact us to discuss this.

Food: From the time you are picked up in Rotorua all your food and drinks are provided. Picnic lunches are made fresh daily and include delicious sandwiches, fresh fruit of your choice, and energy snacks to keep you sustained throughout the day. At most of the lunch stops you will also have the comfort of a hot or cold drink.

After an exhilarating day outside you will have worked up an appetite. You will be greeted with a hot or cold drink and pre-dinner nibbles when you arrive at each hut. A hearty dinner follows: a traditional New Zealand main; seasonal vegetables or fresh garden salad; and no Kiwi meal would be complete without pudding (dessert), and tea or coffee. Enjoy a selection of NZ wines with your evening meals. We take pride in preparing nutritious and innovative New Zealand-style "bush cuisine".

Breakfast offers a selection from fruit, cereal and toast, to a cooked breakfast of bacon and eggs, pancakes or porridge. Just what you need to start a great day in the outdoors!

Any special dietary requests or requirements are happily provided for. Please let us know at the time of booking and we will do our best to cater for your needs.

Accommodation: On the Lake Waikaremoana Guided Walk we stay in public Department of Conservation huts. These are authentic NZ bush huts, located in stunning natural surroundings. They are clean and dry, and



provide fresh drinking water, bunk beds with mattresses, outside toilets, separate cooking and communal areas, and heating. This is a true wilderness experience with no electricity or cell-phone coverage!

The huts have cold water only. We supply hot refresher towels, and the lake has great swimming in the summer months. It is likely that we will be sharing the huts with other walkers, but a booking system ensures no overcrowding. If hut accommodation isn't your cup of tea, we can do custom tours using lodge-style accommodation. Please contact us to discuss the options.



Guides & Safety: Your safety is of paramount importance to us. Our guides are trained outdoor enthusiasts, who take pride in providing a safe, efficient and friendly service. All guides are trained in first aid, and carry first aid kits and emergency radios. A support boat is nearby if needed. Guides provide everything from a warming cup of tea or coffee to an evening briefing on the next day's walk. If circumstances require, your guides have the skills and expertise necessary to adapt your day's walk to suit fitness, weather or track conditions.

Weather: It is essential to be well prepared when walking in New Zealand, as the weather can change rapidly. Although you may be walking in our summer season, rain, cold and wind can occur at any time of year. Lake Waikaremoana is located in a rainforest, so it is likely to rain for some of the time you spend there. We provide good raincoats and recommend wearing hiking boots so you will be comfortable in any weather conditions.

What to bring: You do not need any specialist gear for this walk, except for a good pair of hiking boots or shoes, and some warm non-cotton clothing (polar fleece, polypropylene or wool). We lend good quality 40 litre backpacks, raincoats, sleeping bags, liners & pillows, or you can bring your own. A detailed equipment list will be supplied on confirmation of booking.

Fishing: The first 2 days of the walk provide ample opportunities to try your luck at catching one of Lake Waikaremoana's elusive trout! Both spin and fly-fishing is allowed in Lake Waikaremoana. Please bring your own fishing gear. You must have a fishing license, which can be bought in Rotorua or at Waikaremoana.

Bookings: We require a NZ \$250 per person, non-refundable deposit to confirm a booking, with the balance due one month prior to trip departing. Please use our online booking form or phone us to make a reservation.

Cancellation Fees: 50% if cancelled between 30 and 8 days prior to departure. 100% if cancelled within 7 days of departure.

Walking Legends assumes no responsibility for any injury, damage, loss or delay. We reserve the right to cancel or alter any trips and departure dates for any reason. We recommend that you take out travel insurance. This standard precaution does not reflect any likelihood of any incident occurring during your walk.

In the unlikely event that Walking Legends cancels a trip before departure due to insufficient numbers, extreme weather conditions, or any other circumstance, a full refund of all payments will be given.

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