

Programme of events

Note: Details are provisional and subject to confirmation



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Friday 4 September

Powhiri - welcome

Official welcome at Murumurunga Marae by Ngati Whare. Karakia will also be given for the release of kokako back into Whirinaki Forest. All welcome.

Time: 10:00am

Meeting place: Murumurunga, Te Whaiti

Bioblitz schools activities

A chance for schools from the districts to learn from various NZ experts about everything that inhabits Whirinaki.

Time: 12.30pm

Meeting place: Recreation camp

Bookings essential - contact Mike Jones

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Mangamate campground opening

Official opening and karakia to mark the extensive re-development of Mangamate Waterfall campground.

Time: 1:00pm

Meeting place: Mangamate campground shelter

Gala dinner

A great opportunity to partake in an indigenous inspired meal at the Novotel, Rotorua and celebrate where Whirinaki has got to in the last 25 years. Guest speaker: Dr. David Bellamy. Entertainment will include an auction of Whirinaki-related memorabilia with any proceeds being put back into Whirinaki conservation.

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Novotel, Rotorua

Bookings essential - contact The Organiser,

Ph: 07 343 1732, theorganiser@rotoruanz.com

Tickets: \$150 each

Saturday 5 September

Dawn chorus guided walk

Hear the bird song in the Whirinaki Ecological Management Zone (WEMZ). Guided walk with DOC experts.

Time: 6:00am

Meeting place: The Village Green, Minginui for transport to site

Bookings essential, so we don't scare the birds!

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Bioblitz

Learn what fungi, liverworts, creepy crawlies and other things that inhabit Whirinaki from a host of experts.

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Meeting place: The Village Green, Minginui for transport to site

Moerangi track opening

Official opening and karakia of realigned dual purpose track. For those who are keen join with the Rotorua Mountain Bike Club and be one of the first to ride the track.

Time: 10:00am

Meeting place: The Village Green, Minginui for transport to site

Contact: TBC

Orienteering for the family

Get lost in Whirinaki with a course designed for family groups from Rotorua Orienteering Club around the Recreation Camp.

Time: 1:00pm

Meeting place: The Village Green, Minginui for transport to site

Contact: TBC

Reunion dinner

Recall tall stories from days gone by, celebrate today's successes and toast Whirinaki's future. Join the party at the marquees next to the Minginui clubrooms. Some kai provided, but BYO drinks and something to share.

Time: 4:00pm onwards

Meeting place: The Village Green, Minginui
Contact: TBC

Sunday 6 September

Ringatu church service

An opportunity to experience a uniquely New Zealand faith.

Time: Early morning. **Still to be confirmed**

Meeting place: Murumurunga Marae

Forest tours

Guided walks, talks and rides with Whirinaki tourism operators, clubs, whanau and friends.

Time: 10:00am onwards

Meeting place: The Village Green, Minginui for transport to sites

Finer details still to be confirmed.

H-tree wheelchair track opening

Official opening and karakia for Whirinaki's first wheelchair friendly track. Be one of the first to give it a wheel! Suitable for most modes of mobility device.

Time: 2:00pm

Meeting place: Fort Road, Whirinaki

Poroporoaki - farewell

Official closing of events and farewell from Ngati Whare to the weekend's guests.

Time: 4:00pm

Meeting place: Fort Road, Whirinaki

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