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#### **GREAT LAKE TAUPO**

### Rainy Day Things to Do around Great Lake Taupō

AC Baths Thermally heated public swimming pools. Indoor outdoor leisure pool, two hydro slides, private spas, two 25 metre pools, great family fun. Open from 6am-9pm Mon-Fri and 7am-9pm Sat & Sun. Taupo Events Centre, corner Spa Road and AC Baths Avenue, Taupō.

Crafty Trout Brewing Co Brewery tours daily 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Closed Tuesdays. Brewery, Giftware and Bier Kafe. 135 Tongariro Street.

Day Walks Put on your wet weather gear and enjoy some of the many walks in the area. A *Guide to Walks and Hikes* brochure is available from the Taupo i-SITE Visitor Centre.

**Great Lake Shuttles** Bike hire and Mountain bike trails shuttle service and back. Suitable for 12 yr olds and older. Local walks shuttle – walk some of the amazing one day or multi day walks around this stunning area! Phone 021 656 424.

Huka Honey Hive Watch bees in their glass viewing hives and sample a myriad of honey products. Café on site. Open daily, free admission. Situated in the Wairakei Tourist Park.

Huka Prawn Park New Zealand's only Prawn Park and home to the famous "Shawn the Prawn." Park's activities include "Shawn's Walk", prawn fishing and "Killer Prawn Golf". Dine in Taupō's only Riverside Restaurant. Open 7 days from 9am.

Indoor Climbing Wall 432 m<sup>2</sup> of climbing area with 30 different climbing routes. Open 3.30pm-9pm Mon-Fri. Closed Sat. 1pm -7pm Sun (hours vary due to bookings in main stadium). Fitness Centre also available. Taupō Events Centre, corner Spa Road and AC Baths Avenue, Taupō.

Lake Cruises Various boats and yachts cruise Lake Taupō daily. View the famous modern Maori Rock Carvings. Check with the Turangi or Taupō i-SITE Visitor Centres for details. Prices vary. Lake Taupō Boat Harbour, Taupō.

Lava Glass Glassblowing, Gallery and Café

Renowned glass artist Lynden Over. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm. Located at 165 State Highway 5, just north of Wairakei.

Mind Junction Interactive activities for all the family. Maze, Golf Simulator, Model Railway, Flight Simulator, Remote Control Boats and more! Café and puzzle shop on site. Prices vary. Open daily from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Situated 10 minutes north of Taupō on SH5, towards Rotorua.

River Rafting Ideal wet weather entertainment for people who are going to get wet anyway! Tongariro and Rangitaiki River options.

Starlight Cinema Centre Five theatres, check newspapers or phone 378 7515 for viewing details. Located in the Starlight Arcade, between Horomatangi and Tamamutu Streets, Taupō.

Taupo Bungy and Cliffhanger Join thousands of jumpers from around the world who have taken the plunge with Taupo Bungy or swung with the Cliffhanger. Their unique cantilever bungy platform that sits 47 meters above the Waikato River is designed to hold you and 99 others. Located on Spa Road.

**Taupō Hot Springs Spa** Mineral outdoor and private pools, Dragon hydro slide and children's interactive playground. Massage for health and Day Spa. Open 7 days, 7:30 am-9.30pm. Located on SH5, the Napier-Taupō Highway.

**Taupō Museum** Home of Ora – Garden of Wellbeing, winner of Gold at the 2004 Chelsea Flower Show, Maori treasures, Taupō Stories and NZ Art Displays. Open daily 10am-4.30pm, closed Good Friday and Christmas Day. Story Place, Taupō.

Taupō Quad Adventures Get down and dirty in the mud. Great fun in the rain with wet weather clothing provided. Situated 20 minutes north of Taupō on SH1.

**Trout Fishing On Lake Taupō**. Catch a wily trout or two in warm, covered boats. For rates and further information contact the Taupō and Turangi i-SITEs.

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Volcanic Activity Centre Experience the 6.3 Edgecumbe earthquake in the Earthquake Simulator. See if you can make the volcano erupt! Continuous audio-visual presentation. Open daily Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, weekends 10am-4pm. Adult

\$10, Child \$6, Family \$26, Pre-schoolers free. Situated in the Wairakei Tourist Park, off SH1 north.

Whitewater World World's first 4D cinema experience. Raft the world famous Central Plateau Rivers from your seat in Taupo town centre! 47 Ruapehu Street. Open 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

### Rainy Day Things to Do in **Turangi**

**Artworks** Pihanga Art Gallery — Turangi Mall. Purchase local asrtists' work.

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**Genesis Energy Aquatic Centre** Indoor Heated Pools. Open 7 days 12 pm – 6 pm. Towncentre, Turangi.

Kayaking Wet suits available for hire—ideal in the rain. Meander past hot pools and boiling mud. Self guide the spring fed trout laden Tokaanu Stream, explore the wetlands. OR kayak the Kuratau River and Lake Taupō—prices to suit all ages. Check with the Taupō or Turangi i-SITEs for prices.

**Lake Cruises and Fishing Charters** Check with the Taupō or Turangi i-SITEs for details, prices vary.

**Tokaanu Thermal Pools** Thermally heated outdoor pool plus private pools. Open 10 am – 9 pm 7 days. Mangaroa Street, Tokaanu.

Tongariro National Trout Centre View wild Taupō trout in the Waihukahuka Stream through the underwater window, or feed trout in the children's pond. Lots of displays to see including the hatchery and visitor centre. Lovely bush setting, BBQ and picnic facilities. Trout food available to purchase. Open daily 10am–3pm (1 May-30 Nov); 10am-4pm (1 Dec-30 Apr). SH1, just south of Turangi.

Tree Trunk Gallery & Adventure Mini Golf Mini golf with each hole a unique feature of the Volcanic Plateau. Next to New World

Supermarket.

**Turangi Public Library** Open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm, Saturday 10.00 to 1pm.

Vertical Assault Café and Climbing Wall with 26 routes, 14 metre vertical climb, 20 metre lead climb. Open daily 10 am – 6 pm. All day pass. Ngawaka Place. Turangi.

White Water Rafting Ideal wet weather entertainment for people who are going to get wet anyway! Tongariro and Rangitikei River options.

### Rainy Day Things to Do in Managakino

Cruising on Lake Maraetai – Sit back, relax and enjoy a 2 hour cruise on board the historic paddleboat Otunui, as it cruises past wetlands and interesting landscape features along
Lake Maraetai to the Whakamaru Dam or up the
Managakino Stream. Full commentary is offered,
with a licensed bar on board, and a ramp for
disabled access. The Paddleboat Company
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