

# BSC Summer Walking Programme Anniversary Weekend (28-30 January 2011)

Guests at member summer rates



## Crater Lake Climb

This 5-7 hour, 9km return walk takes you 1000 metres into the atmosphere from the Knoll Ridge Café to the Dome Shelter.

The climb treats the senses with beautiful views of the whole west-north side of Tongariro National Park and beyond.

As the Dome Shelter draws closer, climbers will come across a large toilet and plateau to have a short break. After this, the terrain eases, with distinct boot trails. The first peak treats you to the Summit Plateau, Te Heu Heu peak and Cathedral Rocks. Then after crossing the Dome Ridge, the final stretch to the Dome Shelter is a well-tracked slope. This is an un-marked walk with no solid track.

## Tongariro Crossing

The Tongariro Crossing is a 6-8 hour, 19.4km one-way walk. Participants get dropped at the top of Mangatepopo Road and follow the track for one hour to Soda Springs (last restroom is here). From here it's a steep walk to the South Crater. The walk from South Crater to the Red Crater (an active vent) takes you to 1886 metres and it's downhill from there, through Emerald Lakes, Central Crater and the Blue Lake.

This trek is fully marked and has mostly man-made or boot tracks.



## Fauna and Rapids

The lower-altitude walks around Whakapapa Village offer examples of hundreds of different fauna that help make Tongariro National Park the heritage area it is. The Silica Rapids (2 hours return) and Taranaki Falls (40 minutes return) walks take you to peaceful areas to relax, read a book and sunbathe.

There are other, smaller walks available such as Mounds Walks (30 minutes return). This is an easy walk up to a lookout area.

Whakapapa Village walks are a good substitute for those not comfortable with the big treks. These walks are low energy, fully marked and tracked.



## Join In

If you wish to come along for the walking programme, please e-mail [robbie.lawrence@bluemutiny.com](mailto:robbie.lawrence@bluemutiny.com) with your details and who's coming with you. You will be booked in for the nights Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th. For these three nights only, **guests can come at member summer rates**: \$15 for adults, \$10 for juniors (under 18). First come first serve!

Get you and your guests booked in and see Tongariro at its best!

The Tongariro Crossing trek and Crater Lake Climb will be held on alternate days. Transport will be arranged for the Tongariro Crossing. Both climbs are condition-dependant. Snow and weather are significant safety issues and may mean one or both of the treks will not be undertaken. You can choose to do both treks or just one, however both will be guided.

Packed lunch and lots of water, cameras, sturdy tramping boots, warm clothing, sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen are a must on these walks. The Tongariro Crossing and Crater Lake Climb are over volcanic terrain and can get steep in places, so moderate fitness is needed.

