

WHAKAPAPA

Whakapapa ski area is located on the northern side of Mt Ruapehu, in the North Island of Aotearoa New Zealand, and offers an expanse of varied terrain and arguably some of the most interesting and challenging runs in the country.

KEY MOUNTAIN INFORMATION



Nearest Airport

- Domestic: Taupō Airport
- International: Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland or Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington



Location

- 20 minutes from National Park Village
- 1 hour and 30 minutes from Taupō
- 4 hours and 30 minutes drive from Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland or Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington



Season Dates

June – October



Accommodation

Stay in Whakapapa Village, National Park Village or Ohakune



Rentals

Clothing, skis, poles, boots, snowboards, wristguards & helmets. Gloves and goggles available for purchase



Transport

Regular shuttle services from National Park Village, Whakapapa Village, Turangi and Taupō



Elevation / Skiable area

2320m / 550 hectares



Annual Snowfall

4m & snow factory



Number of Lifts

8 plus 3 carpet lifts (2 covered) for beginners



Terrain

30% Beginner, 45% Intermediate, 25% Advanced



Other Facilities

Sky Waka, Aotearoa's largest gondola, dedicated beginners' area, ski school, equipment rental, café and urgent care



Family Friendly

Full day lesson package for 5 years and above



Lessons

Group/ Private / Adaptive (for guests with impairments)

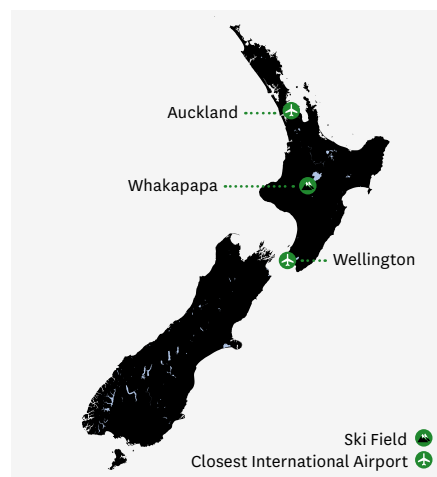


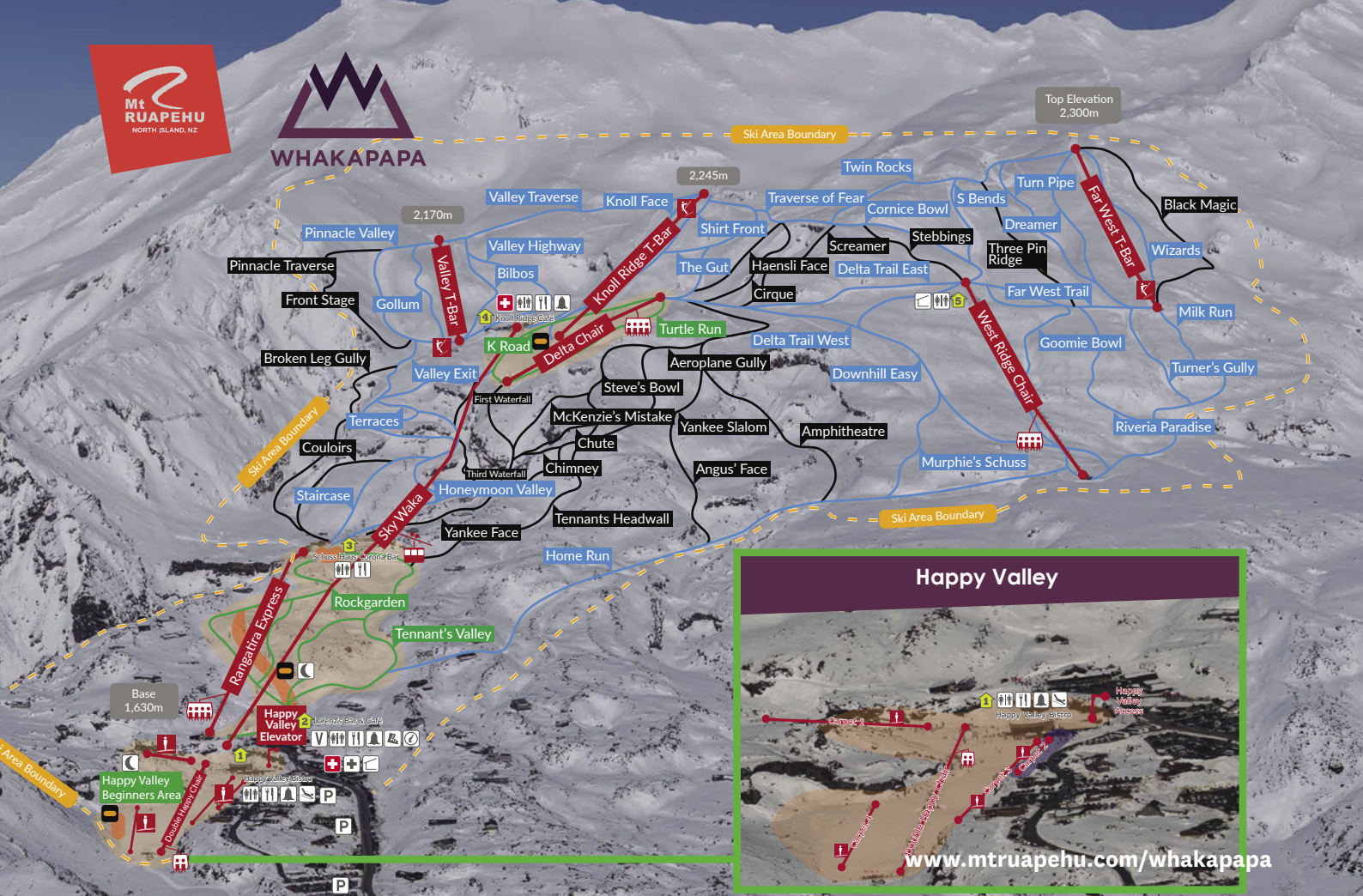
Ski Alternatives

Sightseeing and sledding

TOP TIPS

- Whakapapa has a dedicated beginners area – Happy Valley – which caters for everyone including children.
- Consider accommodation in Taupō for clients with families. While it's a longer drive to the ski field, there are more activities to enjoy off the mountain in case of inclement weather.





LIFT PASSES

Book before end of April for early bird specials

Lift passes can be used at either Whakapapa or Tūroa although there are a few pass types that differ at each ski area, such as First Tracks and Longest Day passes.

Complete beginners might find The Ultimate Pass more suitable. It can be used as a single day lift pass, or redeemed at other local attractions, or activities in Taupō.

STANDARD PACKAGES AVAILABLE

- Lift & Rental:** Book for one day.
- Lift & Rental & Lesson:** Book for one, two or three days. Includes 2 group lessons per day.
- First Timer Intro to Snow:** Includes three-day lift pass, 2 x lessons per day and equipment rental.
- Child Package:** Book for one day. Includes lift pass, equipment, lesson and a healthy lunch.

WHERE TO STAY

There is plenty of accommodation at Whakapapa Village, National Park Village and Ohakune to suits all budgets and tastes.

Or stay further afield in Taupō, which boasts a great range of options for activities on days spent off the slopes.

EATING AND DRINKING

There are a small number of pubs and cafés in the surrounding villages.

Enjoy a beer after a long day on the slopes at The Park Hotel.

Grab a coffee at Station Café, which turns into a fine dining restaurant at night.

SKI ALTERNATIVES

- Enjoy a scenic flight to experience the region's thermal and volcanic activity from the sky
- Try river rafting along the Tongariro River
- Fish the region's well stocked lakes and rivers for rainbow trout
- Choose from one of many short walks or day hikes in the region including the iconic Tongariro Crossing
- Relax in the many geothermal hot pools throughout the region
- Absorb the local Māori culture
- Get the heart racing with a bungy jump, skydive or jet boat



WINTER TEMPERATURE

Average high: **9°C** / 48.2°F Average low: **0°C** / 32°F



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