



# HAMILTON & WAIKATO

## TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

The Hamilton and Waikato region is well known for its nature-based tourism, underground wonders, Middle-earth movie magic and mighty Waikato River. From rolling green hills and stunning black sand surf beaches to Hamilton city's vibrant café scene and iconic events there is something for every traveller.

### HAMILTON GARDENS

Explore the story of gardens through time including Te Parapara, New Zealand's first traditional Māori garden.

### HOBBITON™ MOVIE SET

Experience the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton™ Movie Set.

### WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVES

Enjoy a gentle walk and unique boat ride under thousands of awe-inspiring glowworms.

### ZEALONG TEA ESTATE

Participate in a tasting at New Zealand's only tea plantation, producing organic Oolong tea.

### OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE & NATIVE BIRD PARK

See the Great Spotted Kiwi up close in specialised enclosures.

### RAGLAN SURFING SCHOOL

Enjoy a surfing lesson at New Zealand's first sanctioned surf school.

### WAITOMO ADVENTURES

Head underground and experience blackwater rafting and cave abseiling adventures.

### LAKE DISTRICT ADVENTURES

Explore the Waikato River Trails with guided mountain bike rides or enjoy an evening kayak tour guided by the light of glowworms.

### CYCLE TRAILS

Experience three of New Zealand's Great Rides: the Hauraki Rail Trail, Waikato River Trails and the Timber Trail.

### SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN MAUNGATAUTARI

Discover what the New Zealand forest was like hundreds of years ago on a guided tour.



Waitomo Glowworm Caves



Raglan Beach



Takahē at Sanctuary Mountain