The Waikato region is famous for Middle-earth movie magic, underground wonders, legendary surf beaches and the iconic Waikato River.

HAMILTON GARDENS
Explore the story of gardens through time including Te Parapara, New Zealand’s first traditional Māori garden at Hamilton Gardens.

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.

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