

Firmin Lodge

KAWERAU ADVENTURE HUB

Nestled in nature between the Tarawera River, forest, parks and trails, Firmin Lodge is the ideal base for any adventure experience.

Outdoor Education

Schools, teachers, scouts and guides can explore bush craft, trail walking, kayaking, rafting, water safety, mountain biking and many more outdoor adventure activities in the area. Best of all, everyday can end with a soak in Kawerau's free hot pools.

Whitewater Rafting

Competitive, social and leisure rafting are popular on the Tarawera River. Join the experts and raft the grade two and three rapids in Kawerau, or journey into the Tarawera Forest and enjoy a leisurely family- friendly rafting or tubing adventure.

Kayaking

Kawerau is the only town in New Zealand with a purpose-made natural white-water slalom course on its doorstep. The Tarawera River's grade two and three rapids are perfect for canoe slalom competitions and training camps.

Lakes Tarawera and Rotoma provide flatwater kayaking opportunities. Adventure kayakers can enter the Tarawera River ten kilometres below the Tarawera Falls and kayak all the way to Kawerau.

Swift Water Rescue Training

The Tarawera River's grade two and three white-water rapids are ideal for swift-water-rescue training.



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Trekking and Trail Running

Grab a permit and head to the trails. Explore our sacred Maunga Putauaki, trek to the Tarawera Falls and Lake, and for hiking enthusiasts, explore the trail through to Lake Okataina.

Kawerau Township has a network of park, garden and trail walks from ten-minute strolls through to two-hour walks.

Mountain Biking

Just ten minutes' drive from Firmin Lodge is Onepu Mountain Bike Park, with single track and forest trails ideal for beginner and intermediate riders.

The Tarawera River Trail is ideal for beginner and intermediate level riders.

Fishing

Trout fishing is literally at the back doorstep of Firmin Lodge, right on the Tarawera River. A short walk away is Ruruanga Stream and within 20-30 minutes' drive, fishers can explore Lakes Tarawera, Rotoma and Okataina. Fish and Game Licences can be obtained at the Kawerau i-SITE.

Sports Clubs and Teams

Firmin Lodge is the perfect base camp for sports training camps and competitions. Kawerau provides affordable facilities for rugby, football, hockey, netball, basketball, roller derby and more...

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This facility sleeps 60 people, and there is no limit for outdoor events. The venue is the ideal event HQ with modern comfort, power, security, storage and plenty of space, both inside and out.

Kawerau's event calendar currently hosts the Tarawera Ultramarathon, King of the Mountain, New Zealand Canoe Slalom Champs, Gravity Sport 6 Hour Adventure Race and Seriously Social Rafting Competitions plus many more...



Contact the Kawerau i-SITE for more information on these activities and Tarawera Forest Access Permits.