

PIRONGIA TRAILS



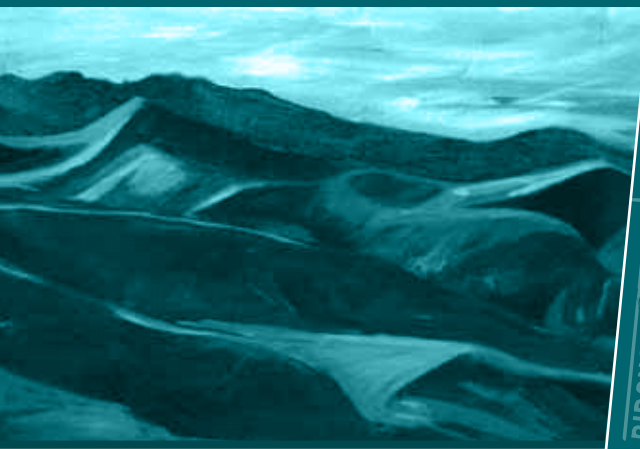
HISTORICAL

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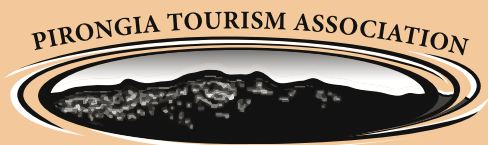
NATURAL WORLD

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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The association comprises a network of local businesses which has as its goal the fostering of sustainable and cooperative tourism ventures and services in the wider Pirongia area. Contact: pirongiatourism@gmail.com or check out our website www.pirongia.org.nz

PIRONGIA; WHERE PEACE IS JUST THE BEGINNING

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Pirongia Heritage and Information Centre

Te Whare Taonga o Ngaa Rohe o Arekahanara
798 Franklin St, Pirongia

p. 07 871 9018

e. pirongia.hvc@xtra.co.nz

Te Awamutu Visitor Information Centre

Visit our friendly team to find out about our local walks, tramping, kayaking, farm visits, historical places, arts & crafts and so much more.

Winner of Best Customer Service Award.

1 Gorst Ave, Te Awamutu.

p. 07 871 3259

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w. www.teawamutu.co.nz



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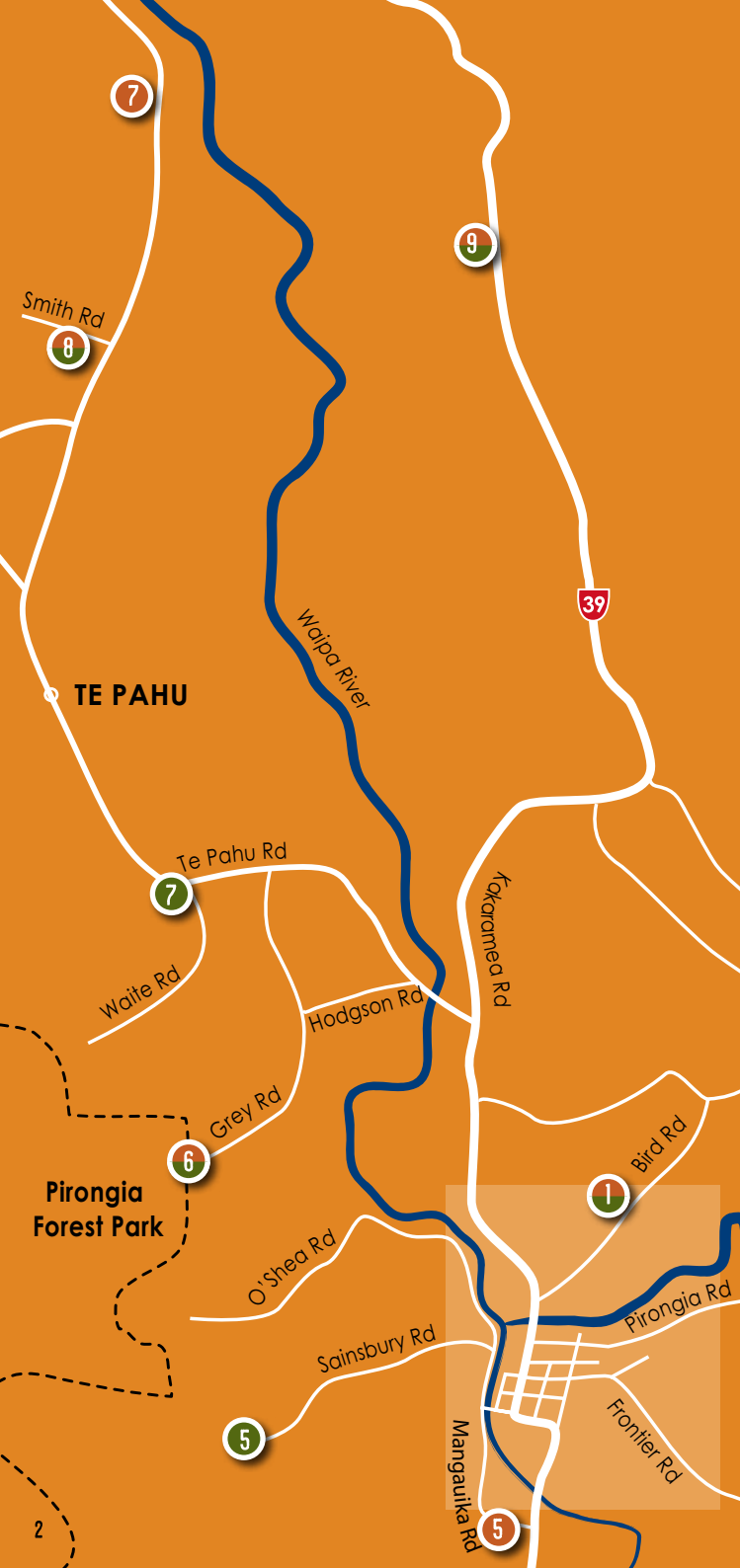
ABOUT PIRONGIA

Mount Pirongia (959 metres) is an ancient volcano central to the 17,000 hectare Pirongia Forest Park that, with its dramatic skyline, is one of the most distinctive features in the Waikato district. The mountain offers many walking tracks of varying lengths and levels of difficulty. Visitors can experience majestic forest, melodic birdsong and pristine mountain streams.

Skirting the eastern edge of the mountain is the Waipa River, which served as the major thoroughfare for pre-European Maori as well as for early colonialists. Established on the eastern bank of the river the military village of Alexandra (later renamed Pirongia) dates back to 1864 when Waikato militia established several redoubts here as a result of the Land Wars of the 1800s.

Pirongia today, with its wide tree lined streets and attractive mountain backdrop is a very pretty village sitting astride SH 39 which serves as a popular route for travellers. The village of Pirongia is growing in reputation as more and more people are stopping to enjoy a bite to eat at one of its excellent cafés or utilizing its lovely picnic spots. It is also developing as an exciting destination which boasts a wide variety of art and craft ware, a very informative Heritage and Information Centre and also a range of other activities including horse-drawn carriage rides, a golf course with resident tui, New Zealand's oldest existing horse racing club, farm stays and rural experiences.





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Smith Rd

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39

TE PAHU

Waipā River

Te Pahu Rd

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Waite Rd

Hodgson Rd

Kokarama Rd

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Grey Rd

Pirongia Forest Park

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Bird Rd

O'Shea Rd

Sainsbury Rd

Pirongia Rd

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Manguika Rd

Frontier Rd

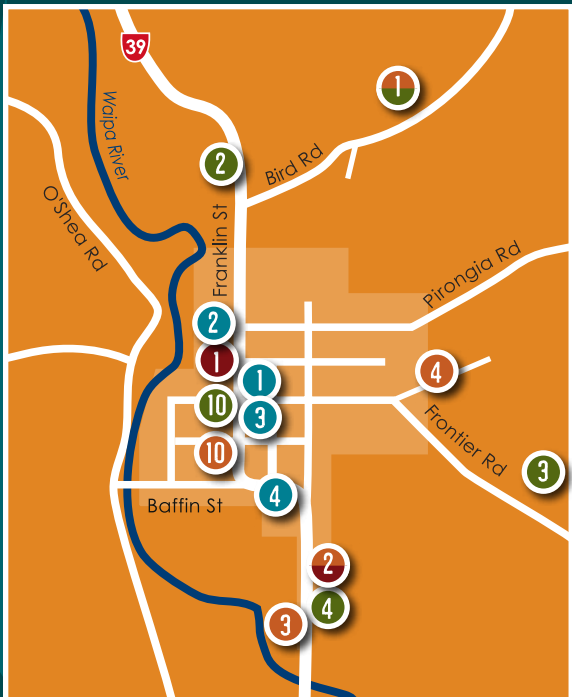
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-  **Natural** venue - see green pages 6 - 9
-  **Art/craft** venue - see blue pages 10 - 11
-  **Food or accomm** - see orange pages 12 -13
-  Venue in more than one category

PIRONGIA MAP



1 PIRONGIA HERITAGE AND INFORMATION CENTRE

Information about Pirongia Village and district, services and organisations, tracks and routes on Mt Pirongia, things to do and places to visit. There are also:

Historical displays on Maori and Pakeha settlement.
Memorabilia.

Family history archives.

Archaeological site information.

Historical tours.

Educational visits.

Conducted group tours by arrangement.

Opening hours:

Friday to Sunday & Wednesday: 10.30am - 3.30pm.

Public holidays: 10.30am - 3.30pm (except Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Days).

Other times by prior arrangement.

Pirongia Heritage and Information Centre

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798 Franklin St, Pirongia

t. 07 871 9018

e. pirongia.hvc@xtra.co.nz



2 PIRONGIA CLYDESDALES AND FUNCTION CENTRE



Function centre, horse-drawn village tours, weddings, birthdays, corporate outings, educational visits. Great caterers, accommodation available. Fun and enjoyment guaranteed!

By appointment only.

1375 McClure St, Pirongia, RD6, Te Awamutu.

p. 07 871 9711 or 021 771 927

e. pirongia.clydesdales@xtra.co.nz

w. www.clydesdales.co.nz

+ PIRONGIA'S HISTORICAL SITES

There are fascinating historical sites and walks to do in an around Pirongia Village. Check out:

- Matakītaki Pa site on Franklin Street.
- Alexandra Cemetery on Oak Lane.
- Alexandra East Redoubt on Aubin Close.
- Alexandra Armed Constabulary Redoubt on Bellot Street (picture below).
- Memorial Hall on Franklin Street.

Information on these and other sites is detailed in 'Historic Alexandra; A guide to historic sites in Pirongia Village' available from the Pirongia Heritage and Information Centre.



HISTORICAL

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1 HIGHGATE GARDEN



Two acres + of attractive 'all year' garden. Facilities for garden groups/bus tours to enjoy their picnic in the tranquil garden with great views of Mt Pirongia.

167 Bird Road, Pirongia, RD6, Te Awamutu.

p. 07 871 9771 / 021 178 7244 e. denic@xtra.net.nz

w. www.highgategarden.co.nz

Hours: By arrangement

Costs: Small charge per person

2 PIRONGIA GOLF CLUB



An attractive, easy-walking course with lush fairways and well-manicured greens. The many native and exotic trees are a haven for birdlife. Visitors welcome.

SH 39, Pirongia

p. 07 871 9640 e. pirongiagolfclub@xtra.co.nz

w. www.pirongiagolfclub.co.nz

Costs: Green fees \$20.00

3 AUKATI FARMS

See real kiwi farming in action. Modern dairy shed, fully automated with observation platform. Owners available during milking to inform visitors and answer questions.

Frontier Road, Pirongia



e. aukatitrust@ihug.co.nz

p. Shirley: 021 671 976

Hours: 2.30 - 4pm 7 days. Bookings essential.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

4 CLOUDY MOUNTAIN CHEESE LTD

Our delicious, creamy, award-winning, cheeses are available from our outlet shop.



Cathy and Peter Lang
1481 McClure St, Pirongia
p. 07 871 9216

e. cheese@cloudymountain.co.nz

w. www.cloudymountain.co.nz

Hours: Weekends, 10am - 5pm or by appointment

5 WAIPA MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

The Waipa Mountain Bike Club is developing a range of family-friendly mountain bike trails in Sainsbury Road Forest on the slopes of Mt Pirongia.



w. www.waipamtb.org.nz
for more information.

6 PIRONGIA FOREST PARK LODGE

Outdoor adventure! Stay at the Lodge or day visit. Try archery, climbing, abseiling, canoeing, caving, flying fox. Great for school/youth groups, management training or family days.



Grey Road, Pirongia

p. 07 871 9570

w. www.pfplodge.org.nz

e. warden@pfplodge.org.nz

Open: 7 days,

almost year round

Cost: Available on request

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7 HELIWORK WAIKATO LTD

A variety of services from scenic flights to flight training, filming/ photography, weddings, charter. We also provide a wide range of agricultural work.



427 Te Pahu Road, RD 5, Hamilton
p. 07 825 9997,

Alister: 027 491 2443, Lynda: 027 491 2450

e. alister@heliworxwaikato.co.nz

w. www.heliworxwaikato.co.nz

Costs: Call or email for bookings or prices.

Vouchers available.

8 KARAMU TRAIL TRACK

Horse Trekking: interesting, affordable guided horse treks for all abilities.

Children's lead ponies.

Canoes, walks.



Smith Road, Karamu, 15 minutes west of Hamilton

p. 07 825 9809 e. bookings@ktt.co.nz

w. www.ktt.co.nz

Weekends, public holidays, school holidays or by arrangement. Bookings essential

9 SHAILERS FARM TOURS

Informative tours of a 400 cow dairy farm on quad bikes with homestay option available. Afternoon tour includes milking the cows.



1447 Kakaramea Road, RD10, Hamilton

p. 07 825 2729

e. info@shailers.co.nz

w. www.shailers.co.nz

Tour times: 9:00am or 3:30pm. Cost / person: \$30

Bookings essential. Minimum number 2, maximum 8

10 PIRONGIA TE AROARO O KAHU RESTORATION SOCIETY

Dedicated to the restoration of native ecosystems on Mt Pirongia, the largest tract of unbroken native bush in the Waikato. We offer guided walks, a free podcast of the Mangakaraa Nature Walk and an Environmental Activity Centre in Pirongia Village. See www.mtpirongia.org.nz and follow us on Facebook.



11 iTOUR NEW ZEALAND

Let a local tour guide show you the places we love. Jill Brookes is happy to customise Pirongia-based or Waikato-wide tours to suit your interests and budget. iTour - i'll Take Over U Relax



p. 021 892 330
e. jill@itournewzealand.co.nz
w: www.itournewzealand.co.nz

+ PIRONGIA MOUNTAIN WALKS / TRACKS

There are many walking and tramping opportunities on Mt Pirongia from short easy walks, like the Maungakaraa Nature Walk, through to more demanding trips over the summit. For more information and maps contact the Department of Conservation www.doc.govt.nz



1 ANTIQUES AT PIRONGIA

Appreciating antiques

We have antiques, collectables, jewellery and furniture. We sell on behalf. Furniture restoration service available.

On the corner of Franklin and Crozier Streets (in the old part of the pub)

p. 07 871 9550

e. antiquespirongia@xtra.co.nz

Open: 7 days, 10am – 4.30pm (mostly)



2 BIRDSONG GALLERY



New Zealand arts & crafts, merino garments, jewellery, and gifts.

700 Franklin St, Pirongia

p. 07 212 2221 w. www.birdsonggallery.co.nz

Open: 6 days, 10am - 4pm

Closed: Tuesdays.

3 PIRONGIA COUNTRY MARKETS

Produce and crafts. Held in all weathers, indoors and outdoors, on the last Sunday of each month. Usually 9am - 2pm

Pirongia Memorial Hall

p. Shirley Scott

07 871 9536

for enquiries



4 BAFFIN ST GALLERY / STUDIO

Paintings and artist's prints, reproductions and cards. Artwork by Hilary Ramage. Lavender oil grown and distilled on this property.

812 Baffin St, Pirongia

p. 07 871 9890

021 161 5872

e. hilary@hilaryramage.co.nz

w. www.baffinstreetgallery.co.nz

Open: by appointment or when the sign is out.



5 WHAT'S THE STORY?



Line drawings of plants and animals for illustration requirements. Paintings (oil pastels) by commission.

p. 07 871 8778

e. sonia@whatsthestory.co.nz

w. www.whatsthestory.co.nz

+ PIRONGIA'S ANNUAL CRAFT DAY

Held on the first Saturday of the September school holidays - every year. A great family day out with crafts, art, plants and food. stalls, music and more.



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ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD IN PIRONGIA

1 HIGHGATE B&B

Two large bedrooms available, substantial continental breakfast included. Very peaceful.

Open 3pm - 10am or by arrangement.

167 Bird Road, Pirongia, RD6, Te Awamutu

p. 07 871 9771 or 021 178 7244

e. denic@xtra.net.nz w. www.highgatebandb.co.nz

2 PIRONGIA CLYDESDALES FARMSTAY

Comfortable B&B accommodation with picturesque farm surroundings, stables and mountain views.

1375 McClure Street, Pirongia, RD6, Te Awamutu.

p. 07 871 9711 or 021 771 927

e. pirongia.clydesdales@xtra.co.nz

w. www.clydesdales.co.nz

3 SOMERSAL B&B / GARDEN WEDDINGS

Idyllic garden setting alongside Waipa River with superb mountain views. Four queen bedrooms, sleeps 10. Also available for garden wedding ceremonies, wedding photos, garden parties, tours and high teas.

1724 McClure Street, RD 6, Te Awamutu

p. 07 8719199

e. info@somersal.co.nz w. www.somersal.co.nz

4 PENNY LODGE B&B

Spacious home with rural views on quiet, no-exit road close to village.

Two double rooms available with shared bathroom.

90 Penny Road

p. 027 3156509 or 07 8719139

e. jillyfraser@windowslive.com

5 MANGAIKA B&B

Great view of Pirongia and surrounding farmland.

2 rooms (King /2 king singles). Own bathroom facilities,

own lounge room. A little bit of home away from home.

35b Mangauika Road, Pirongia. Cost: from \$120.00

p. 07 871 9232 or 0276 266 371

e. gordon.suzanne@xtra.co.nz

6 PIRONGIA FOREST PARK LODGE / CABINS

Self contained accommodation, cabins/lodge, based in Pirongia Forest Park. Open 7 days, all year. Grey Road, Pirongia. Cost: Available on request
p. 07 871 9570 e. warden@pfplodge.org.nz
w. www.pfplodge.org.nz

7 HARMONY HOURS HEALING RETREAT

Beautiful rural homestay with organic focus and complementary therapies. Very large upstairs room with 1 queen and 1 single bed.
1385 Te Pahu Road
p. 07 825 9877 e. relax@harmonyhours.co.nz
w. www.harmonyhours.co.nz

8 KARAMU TRAIL TRACK FARMSTAY

Kitchen, laundry, BBQ, Sky TV, Internet
37 Smith Road, Karamu
p. 07 825 9809 e. bookings@ktt.co.nz
w. www.ktt.co.nz

9 SHAILERS B&B

A luxurious homestay with a unique breakfast menu. Three rooms available as single, twin, queen or super king with private bathrooms or en suite.
1447 Kakaramea Road, RD10, Hamilton
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e. info@shailers.co.nz w. www.shailers.co.nz

10 PERSIMMON TREE CAFE / MOTORHOME PARK

In Pirongia village, 20 minutes south of Hamilton on SH39. Fantastic Menu, great venue. Group bookings. Out-catering service available. Motorhome park on site.
p. 07 871 9288 or 027 354 3430
e. info@squareonecater.co.nz
Open: 7 days, 9am - 4.30pm

PIRONGIA TOURISM ASSOCIATION

