

A wide-angle photograph of a volcanic landscape, likely the Tongariro Alpine Crossing in New Zealand. In the foreground, two bright turquoise lakes are nestled in the volcanic terrain. The ground is a mix of dark volcanic rock and lighter, sandy-colored soil. In the background, a range of mountains is visible, with the sun rising over the peaks, casting a warm, golden glow across the scene.

**Whakapapa Mountain Club**  
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## WORKING BEE FEBRUARY 2026

Hello ALL Whakapapa Mountain Club members.

This summer we have to re-clad one side of our precious hut and we need your help to do it! You don't need any past experience with building, there will be people there to guide you, we just need as many hands as possible.

That being said, if your are a builder or a specialist in window repairs (for the bunk room), your help would be phenomenal.

We have two proposed dates in February, which are the weekends of

- 21st-22nd
- 28th-1st (March)

If you can help on one of these dates could you please let myself or one of the committee members know so we can plan and confirm the date.

# GET YOUR 2026 EARLY BIRD SEASON PASS NOW!

With a 80% chance of a La Nina climate pattern happening by december this year, IT SCREAMS that next season has the possibility of a great snowfall. Get your passes now and get excited for another season in the Whakapapa Mountain Club.



## 2026 Season Passes

### Super Early Bird

Ended on 14 Nov 2025

Adult 18–64 years	\$499 <small>SAVE \$500</small>
Youth 11–17 years	\$249 <small>SAVE \$250</small>
Child 5–10 year olds can claim a free season pass.	FREE
Infant 0–4 years	FREE
Senior 65–74 years	\$399 <small>SAVE \$200</small>
Super Senior 75+ years	FREE
Student Full-time tertiary	\$499 <small>SAVE \$400</small>
Emergency Services ID required	\$499 <small>SAVE \$400</small>

### Early Bird

On Sale Now Until 30 Apr 2026

#### ANYTIME SEASON PASSES

<b>\$699</b> <small>SAVE \$300</small>	\$999
<b>\$349</b> <small>SAVE \$150</small>	\$499
<b>FREE</b> <small>CLAIM NOW</small>	\$499
<b>FREE</b>	FREE
<b>\$499</b> <small>SAVE \$100</small>	\$599
<b>FREE</b>	FREE
<b>\$499</b> <small>SAVE \$400</small>	\$899
<b>\$599</b> <small>SAVE \$300</small>	\$899

#### WEEKDAY ONLY SEASON PASSES

Adult 18–64 years	<b>\$499</b>	\$799
Youth 11–17 years	<b>\$299</b>	\$399
Child 5–10 years		\$399
Emergency Services ID required	<b>\$399</b>	\$499

#### OTHER OPTIONS AND ADD ONS

Parallel Pass Adult 10 days across winter 2026 & 2027	<b>\$899</b>	
Parallel Pass Youth 10 days across winter 2026 & 2027	<b>\$599</b>	
Platinum Parking Pass Access VIP exclusivity	<b>\$849</b> <small>SAVE \$150</small>	\$999

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# SUMMER EVENTS!

Here are are only a few of the events happening this summer on Ruapehu



## THE RING OF FIRE IS BACK.

After a break since 2023, the revered Ring of Fire alpine ultramarathon around Mount Ruapehu is making its much anticipated return on **Friday 27th March – Sunday 29th March 2026** – this time under the care of the Ohakune Events Charitable Trust, who now also deliver iconic The Goat and Tussock Traverse events AND with new courses!

Known as one of the most demanding and rewarding events on the Aotearoa trail running calendar, the Ring Of Fire takes you on a full circumnavigation of the formidable Mount Ruapehu. It's a true test of endurance – physically, mentally, and spiritually – with rugged alpine terrain, high altitude, and vast volcanic landscapes that will challenge and inspire every step of the way.

Runners traverse a wild mix of desert plateaus, scoria and lava fields, native bush, tussock-covered ridgelines, and clear mountain streams. The journey is tough and beautiful, with big climbs and even bigger views across one of our most treasured landscapes.

Whether you're coming to race, to explore, or to reconnect with this incredible place – welcome back to the Ring Of Fire.

**\* RING OF FIRE ENTRIES OPEN 14TH OCTOBER 2025 – 9AM \***

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27TH - 29TH MARCH, 2026

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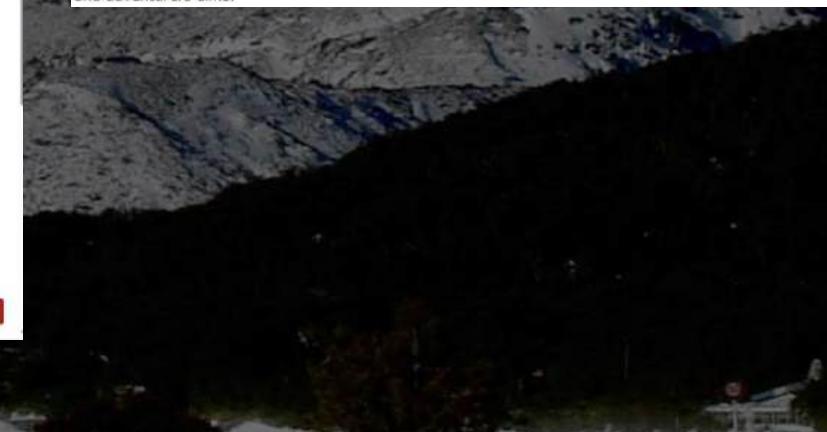
# 17th January 2026

Want to do The Goat next year? We dare you!

The Goat is an exhilarating adventure run from Whakapapa to Turoa Ski Fields on the Round the Mountain track, traversing the western slopes of Mount Ruapehu.

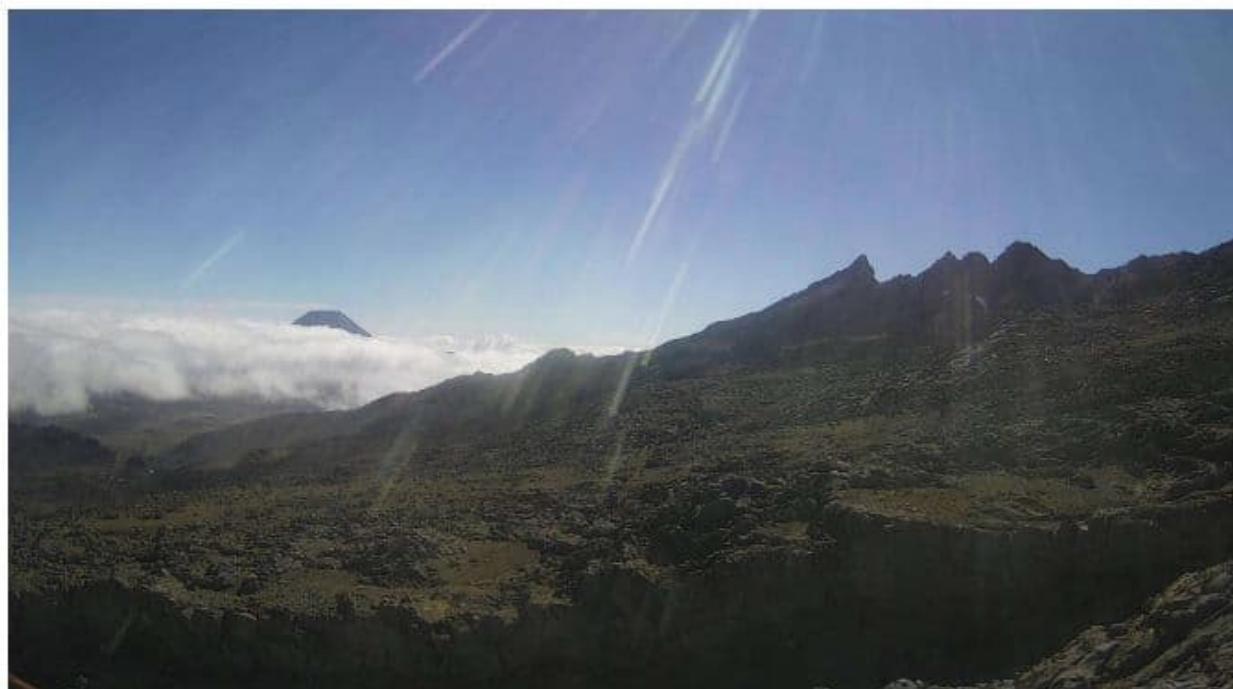
The 20 kilometre (approx.) course has over 1,000 metres of vertical ascent and covers amazing terrain. Pass by stunning scenery ranging from ancient lava flows and scoria fields, mountain beech forest, tussock grasslands, and alpine herb fields to cascading waterfalls, an alpine lake, boulder-strewn rivers, and amazing panoramic views.

This UNESCO Dual World Heritage Area; the Tongariro National Park is a magical place for trail runners and adventurers alike.



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## Webcams



▶ Far West T-Bar



Select time

Mon, Dec 1, 10:17 AM

## DAILY REPORT!

Summer at Whakapapa is on! Sightseeing on the Sky Waka gondola is an amazing way to see the maunga and enjoy delicious food at the Knoll Ridge Chalet. We open at 10am. We looking forward to seeing you here!

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## Forecast

1ST DECEMBER - 6TH DECEMBER

Today 1st December

 9.9°C High  
3.6°C Low

Partly Cloudy

Tue 2nd December

 11.9°C High  
3.7°C Low

Partly Cloudy

Wed 3rd December

 10.4°C High  
5.7°C Low

Heavy Rain

Thu 4th December

 4.8°C High  
2.5°C Low

Rain



## Racks and lockers

The season is here! We have plenty of racks and lockers for the season available, so please contact Angus Ferguson (027-224-1771) for enquiries.

## Window repair

For the upcoming working bee/s we will be fixing some windows in the bunk room. If you or any of your friends have any experience with window repairs it would be highly appreciated if you could get in touch.

## Committee

While all committee roles are currently filled, that doesn't mean there aren't opportunities to get involved. Whether it's lending a hand at events, sharing your skills, or stepping into a future role, your support helps continue the incredible legacy of our club.

If you're keen to volunteer or want to learn more about how you can help, feel free to reach out to the committee—we'd love to hear from you!

## Kim Needham

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**Kim Needham**  
027 338 7272

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Overnight Parking - Club Member Parking

Day Parking Only - Locked 5pm-7am for De-icing

Authorised Parking Only - Next to the Medical Centre

Platinum Membership Parking Only - Next to the Iwikau Shelter

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## Whakapapa Mountain Club Committee 2025

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<b>Ski Racks &amp; Lockers:</b>	Angus Ferguson	027-224-1771	
<b>Hut Stores   Supplies:</b>	Rick Donaldson	021-227-5969	
<b>Support   Legal:</b>	Gene Tomlinson		

### Committee Vacancies

Expressions of interest are welcomed and encouraged. Please reach out to the committee, we look forward to hearing from you!

## 2025 Night Rates

### Members

Adult	\$30
Youth (13 - 17)	\$20
Juniors (5 - 12)	\$15

### Guests

Adult	\$50
Youth (13 - 17)	\$40
Juniors (5 - 12)	\$30

Please add your family name and initial into the reference

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