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WORKING BEE FEBRUARY 2026

We had a wonderful weekend up at the hut during this summers working bee. John Needham and Steve Herdman put in a huge effort all weekend, showing us young folk how its done. They went up early on Friday and spent the day prepping in the freezing cold. Saturday then turned it on for all those who made the journey and we had an absolute stunner! Many hands do make light work and we got through the majority of the re-cladding and a lot of deep cleaning. Sunday the weather turned cold, however, after Saturdays effort we didn't have much to do and wrapped everything up around midday. Thanks so much to all of you who came up and helped out, and congrats to our newest member Ben who spent hours on his hands and knees scrubbing the bathroom floors!

The hut is all prepped and ready to go for the season ahead - we can't wait to see you up there!



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2026 Season Passes

Super Early Bird
Ended on 14 Nov 2025

Early Bird
On Sale Now Until 30 Apr 2026

Final Release
From 1 May 2026

ANYTIME SEASON PASSES

Adult 18-64 years	\$499 SAVE \$500	\$699 SAVE \$300	\$999
Youth 11-17 years	\$249 SAVE \$250	\$349 SAVE \$150	\$499
Child 5-10 year olds can claim a free season pass.	FREE	FREE CLAIM NOW	\$499
Infant 0-4 years	FREE	FREE	FREE
Senior 65-74 years	\$399 SAVE \$200	\$499 SAVE \$100	\$599
Super Senior 75+ years	FREE	FREE	FREE
Student Full-time tertiary	\$499 SAVE \$400	\$499 SAVE \$400	\$899
Emergency Services ID required	\$499 SAVE \$400	\$599 SAVE \$300	\$899

WEEKDAY ONLY SEASON PASSES

Adult 18-64 years		\$499	\$799
Youth 11-17 years		\$299	\$399
Child 5-10 years			\$399
Emergency Services ID required		\$399	\$499

OTHER OPTIONS AND ADD ONS

Parallel Pass Adult 10 days across winter 2026 & 2027		\$899	
Parallel Pass Youth 10 days across winter 2026 & 2027		\$599	
Platinum Parking Pass Access VIP exclusivity	\$749 SAVE \$250	\$849 SAVE \$150	\$999

GET YOUR
2026 EARLY
BIRD SEASON
PASS NOW!

With cold snaps coming through already - this season is going to be good!!!!

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SUMMER EVENTS!

Here are are only a few of the events happening this summer on Ruapehu - to find out more use this link:

[Ruapehu Events - Festivals, Adventures - Visit the Region](#)



Rally Taumarunui 2026

Taumarunui | 01 Aug

High-speed gravel action returns to Ruapehu this August!

Time: August 2026

Location: Taumarunui

Ruapehu's roads are calling! Rally Taumarunui returns with high-speed gravel action, spectacular scenery, and family-friendly fun. Watch top NZ rally teams in action from spectator-friendly viewing spots, enjoy local food and coffee, and explore community stalls. Free entry for spectators makes this an unforgettable day out. Stay tuned for route maps, competitor announcements, and community updates.

Follow the [Rally Taumarunui](#) page for the latest updates leading up to the big day.

Rally Returns to Taumarunui August 2026



RING OF FIRE
RUAPEHU | NEW ZEALAND

27TH - 29TH MARCH, 2026

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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 ***

Sign up to our newsletters below for the latest news and updates.

60KM

100KM

100KM

100 A

OHAKUNE BEER FESTIVAL

EASTER WEEKEND - SAT 4th APRIL
KINGS OHAKUNE

RUAPEHU BREWING LADS ROOTS THE BEER ENGINE
BREWING BREWING BREWING

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Webcams



Top of the gondola

Select time

Tue, Mar 3, 10:22 AM



Forecast

3RD MARCH - 8TH MARCH

Today 3rd March



2.5°C High
-1.3°C Low

Partly Cloudy

Wed 4th March



8°C High
-1.7°C Low

Fog

Thu 5th March



12.9°C High
1.5°C Low

Clear Sky

Fri 6th March



10.5°C High
3.7°C Low

Clear Sky

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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.

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!

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your home with
Kim and she will
donate \$1000
to Whakapapa
Mountain Club



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Drop Zone - 5-minute Parking

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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Secretary:	Nick Twaddle		
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Subscriptions:	Angus Ferguson	027-224-1771	
Hut Maintenance:	Paul Burton	027-571-0050	
Publicity:	Jaden Kaempfe	022-197-5464	
Health & Safety:	Louis Vierboom	027-705-0516	
Cups & Trophies:	Kim Needham	027-338-7272	
Ski Racks & Lockers:	Angus Ferguson	027-224-1771	
Hut Stores Supplies:	Rick Donaldson	021-227-5969	
Support Legal:	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

National Bank

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[Click Here to Book!](#)

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