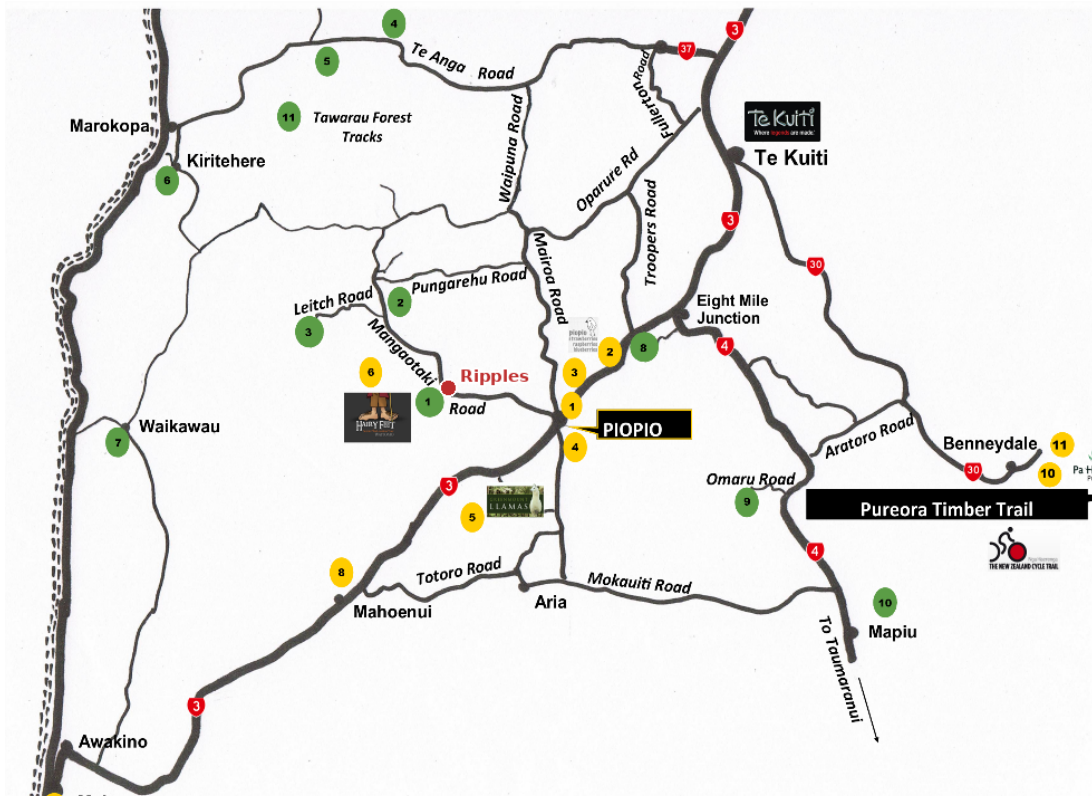


EXPLORE FROM RIPPLES

Activities, walks & scenic drives



Ripples is marked just before Hairy Feet Waitomo when travelling from Piopio.

10-DAY ACTIVITIES GUIDE

Mix and match the days to suit the weather, tides and your pace.

DAY 1 | NEARBY WONDERS

Start close to home with Waitanguru Falls, only 5-7 minutes away. Head into Piopio for lunch at The Fat Pigeon, browse the village shops, then walk Mangaotaki Scenic Reserve. Come home early for swimming, fishing or a quiet afternoon beside the river.

DAY 2 | HOBBIT FILM COUNTRY

Visit Hairy Feet Waitomo, only 500 metres further up Mangaotaki Road. The guided tour takes you beneath the magnificent Denize Bluffs and through landscapes used in The Hobbit. It is a wonderful outing for film fans and anyone who loves extraordinary scenery. Book ahead.

DAY 3 | WILD WEST COAST

Make a day of Waikawau Tunnel Beach and Tongaporutu, home to dramatic black-sand coastline and rock formations. Check the tide before leaving so you can explore safely. Finish with fish and chips at Mokau or Awakino, or stay for a west coast sunset.

DAY 4 | OUR FARM

Guests staying four nights or more can join us for a complimentary private farm tour. Meet the farm dogs, see lambs in spring and travel through our working sheep and beef farm to limestone country, lakes, waterfalls and wide views towards Mt Ruapehu. Along the way, we share some of the farm's film history and stories from productions filmed here.

DAY 5 | WAITOMO

Spend a day exploring Waitomo. Choose from glowworm caves, guided caving or black-water rafting depending on how adventurous you feel. On the way home, add another waterfall or stop for seasonal berry ice cream at Piopio Orchard.

DAY 6 | TIMBER TRAIL

Spend the day on the Timber Trail, one of the region's great outdoor adventures. There are biking options for different abilities, so choose a section or make a full day of it before returning to Ripples.

DAY 7 | TAUMARUNUI ADVENTURES

Head towards Taumarunui for a Bridge to Nowhere jetboat experience or ride the Forgotten World self-drive rail carts through tunnels, farmland and remote King Country scenery.

DAY 8 | A BIGGER DAY TRIP

Head west to New Plymouth and the Taranaki coast, south towards Whakapapa and the Central Plateau, or north to Hamilton Gardens. Over Christmas and January, we highly recommend the TSB Festival of Lights at Pukekura Park in New Plymouth.

DAY 9 | HOBBITON

Many guests make a day trip to Hobbiton, around two hours from Ripples through rolling Waikato farmland. Take your time on the drive and make the journey part of the day rather than rushing there and back.

DAY 10 | STAY LOCAL

After all that exploring, keep your final day close to Ripples. Walk the farm track, swim or trout fish in the Mangaotaki River, browse Piopio's small shops, then come home early for an outdoor bath, BBQ and stars.

Two nights is rarely enough.

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