

## 2 March 2010 - About the International Walks

The International Walks on the weekend of 20/21 March are the highlight of the week of the **Rotorua Walking Festival**.

These walks feature as Walks 23 to 29 in the brochure and programme and provide distances of 5 kms up to a full 42 kms marathon challenge. The walks on the Saturday are in the magnificent and unique Whakarewarewa Forest and on the Sunday through an eclectic mix of geothermal, lakeshore, reserve and urban environments. These walks have been described as some of the best in the world because of the range of scenery in a relatively small area, standard of tracks and friendliness of people. If you are in Rotorua on Friday evening you can also go on a short nocturnal forest walk which starts at 8.30 pm.

While they are called International Walks (they have been developed to an international standard and are part of a network of 23 IML worldwide walks that attract overseas visitors) most people that walk them are locals and other resident New Zealanders. You can find out more about these walks and the full programme of walks or get an entry form by opening the links below. You can enter these walks online or print off the entry form and post with payment to Rotorua Walking Festival, P.O. Box 1120, Rotorua. For the International Walks you can enter as a team, individual or family.

There is much more festival event and International Walks information on our website:  
[www.rotoruwalkingfestival.org.nz](http://www.rotoruwalkingfestival.org.nz)

A Summary of the International Walks is as follows:

- (walk no 23) Sat 20th 10.00am - 1.00pm Whakarewarewa Forest Walk 10 kms in world famous Whakarewarewa Forest, great scenery of forest and bush.
- (walk no 24) Sat 20th 9.00am - 1.00pm Whakarewarewa Forest Walk 21 kms in world famous Whakarewarewa Forest, great scenery of forest and bush.
- (walk no 25) Sat 20th 8.00am - 4.00pm Whakarewarewa Forest Walk 42 kms in world famous Whakarewarewa Forest, great scenery of forest and bush including lakes Tikitapu (Blue) and Rotokakahi (Green).
- (walk no 26) Sun 21st 11:00am - 12.30pm Family Forest Walk 5 kms in world famous Whakarewarewa Forest, gentle walk through magnificent Redwoods (sorry, postal entry only for this 5 kms walk).
- (walk no 27) Sun 21st 10.00am - 1.00pm Fun Walk Experience 10 kms through parks, reserves, lakefront and thermal areas of Rotorua, including tracks next to the waterfront and hot pools.
- (walk no 28) Sun 21st 9.00am - 1.00pm Town Walk Experience 20 kms through the parks, reserves, lakefront and thermal areas of Rotorua, including tracks next to the waterfront and hot pools.
- (walk no 29) Sun 21st 8.00am - 2.00pm Challenge Walk Experience 30 kms through the parks, reserves, lakefront and thermal areas of Rotorua, including tracks next to the waterfront and hot pools.

The International Walks leave from Netherlands Society Clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Road Rotorua (check the particular start times).

The Walking Festival is organised by the Rotary Club of Rotorua West and Event Venues with all proceeds to charity.

kind regards  
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Link to Walking Festival  
Programme:<http://www.nztwodaywalk.org.nz/files/Rotorua%20Walking%20Festival%20Programme%202010.pdf>  
Link to Walking Festival Entry  
Form:<http://www.nztwodaywalk.org.nz/files/Walk%20Festival%20Entry%20Form%20Mailed%202010.pdf>

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