

# Te Urewera ready to treat the visitors



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS	
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	
Wednesday, December 23:	8am - 7pm
Thursday, December 24:	8am - 8pm
Friday, December 25:	<b>CLOSED</b>
Saturday, December 26:	<b>CLOSED</b> (Family Day)
Sunday, December 27:	8am - 6pm
Monday, December 28:	8am - 6pm
<b>NEW YEAR</b>	
Thursday, December 31:	8am - 7pm
Friday, January 1:	<b>CLOSED</b>
Saturday, January 2:	8am - 6pm
Sunday, January 3:	8am - 6pm

  

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Fresh Lamb BBQ Chops	New Season Sweetcorn 2 cobs for	Pams Butter 500 grams

POPULAR landmarks at Te Urewera are now ready for use this summer.

Yesterday the Hopuruahine Bridge was re-opened at Lake Waikaremoana after it was closed following a cable failure in October.

Three tourists fell eight metres when one of two suspension cables gave way causing the 65m bridge to flip to one side.

The tourists were unharmed.

Now the Hopuruahine Bridge is reinstated and ready for manuhiri (visitors) as they head off on their Waikaremoana adventures.

Another Waikaremoana and Te Urewera institution are the dinghies at Lake Waikareiti.

The boat hire facility has been out of action for over a year after an adult and two young boys had a boating accident there.

They were airlifted from the area after being blown off-course in their hired dinghy in October 2014.

Those hiring boats now must also have a personal locator beacon.

Boat hire rates are the same as before —

\$20 for four hours or \$60 for 24 hours and an additional charge of \$15 for a personal locator beacon.

Te Urewera Waikaremoana biodiversity staff have inspected the boats and strengthened a weather system, and have reinforced the safety messages in the hire agreement.

Sandy Bay Hut is located on the shore of Lake Waikareiti and it takes about 30 minutes in good conditions to row there, or four to five hours to walk around the lake to the hut.

As Lake Waikareiti is 900m above sea level, weather can change suddenly but the islands and headlands offer shelter from strong winds.

If conditions deteriorate people can always walk back rather than risk rowing back.

The history of the row boats began in 1950 when the Tourist Hotel Corporation ran the operation in association with its Lake House Hotel until 1970.

The boat hireage was then taken over by Te Urewera National Park Board.