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## Community

# The Great Walk re-opened for use

THE Waikaremoana Great Walk has been re-opened after heavy snow forced its closure last month.

The Te Urewera Board announced the re-opening on Friday and said it was "looking forward to the return of friends of Te Urewera once again".

Earlier in July an unexpected heavy snow dumping at Waikaremoana caused the temporary closure to the

Waikaremoana Great Walk until safer passage could be assured.

The Waikaremoana tribal biodiversity manager Brown Elia and the Te Urewera team have been repairing and clearing the track for the past three weeks.

Manuhiri visitors to Waikaremoana are advised that there has been some track damage and further snow is still possible. Trampers are advised to

check weather reports and ensure they are prepared for all conditions before heading out to enjoy Waikaremoana.

A closure status still remains for the Waikareiti to Sandy Bay Hut track and the track to Manuoha. Te Urewera staff are still to check and re-open these routes.

Regular updates can be found on the Ngai Tuhoe website.