



***2012 PRE WORLD R6 RAFTING
CHAMPIONSHIPS,
AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS,
AND NEW ZEALAND NATIONALS
19th – 21st OCTOBER 2012***

New Zealand Rivers Association invites you to the 2012 Pre World R6 Rafting Championships, held in conjunction with the Australian Nationals and New Zealand Nationals - Rotorua 2012

Open and Masters, Men and Womens competitions

Friday 19th October - Time Trial (morning) - Head to Head (afternoon) - Kaituna River

Saturday 20th October - Slalom – Tarawera River

Sunday 21st October – Down River – Rangitaiki River

Youth are invited to participate on the open course or they will be welcomed at the New Zealand Youth Nationals in March/April 2013 on the Youth course.

Rotorua is located in the central North Island. It is a leisurely three hour drive from the gateway city of Auckland (234 km). See Budget Rental cars, official sponsors of the WRC below. Transport options to Rotorua include air, coach, shuttle and self drive. Rotorua has daily air service links with Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and twice weekly (Tuesday and Saturdays) return trans-Tasman flights from Sydney. Rotorua airport is a 15 minute drive from the city.

Rotorua is considered one of New Zealand's top adrenalin destinations. Options include bungy jumping, jet boating zorbing, four wheel driving, white water sledging and of course rafting over the Tutea Falls. Rotorua is a well known mountain bike heaven, home to an extensive network of tracks.

Learn more about Rotorua at www.rotoruaNZ.com

RIVERS: River water temperatures can be as low as 10 degrees Celsius in winter however the Kaituna River is generally warm all year round because it is fed by geothermal springs in the adjoining shallow lake. However paddlers need to be prepared for cold windy conditions, thermals may have to be worn if it is a cold day.



DISTANCES TO RIVERS FROM ROTORUA ARE (approximately):

KAITUNA RIVER - 25 km

TARAWERA RIVER - 60 km

RANGITAIKI RIVER - 81 km

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Located 15 – 20 minutes from the centre of Rotorua, the Kaituna River is the outlet of both lake Rotorua and Rotoiti and is famous for its waterfalls, play spots and deep green gorge. This run has been commercially rafted since 1992 and has become the most popular river run in the North Island. It's 7 metre waterfall drop has earned the badge of the highest commercially rafted waterfall drop in the world.

TIME TRIAL - The race will start in the pool below the 7 metre Tutea Falls and finish in the pool below the bottom hole. It is expected to take approximately 3 minutes. This section of river will test your team's technical skills as there are narrow sweeping bends, strong eddies, seven short grade 3 drops and slide style rapids. There are plenty of places to be slowed down and it will take a full team effort to keep the raft on the fastest moving water.

HEAD TO HEAD - This section of river will be from the control gates to the bottom of the Power House Weir rapid. It will take approximately 2 minutes to race and there are at least two opportunities to pass the opposition.

It starts with a 50 metre flat section, teams then either converge or take different currents leading into the first rapid called the Chute. Things can then change for the team depending on their accuracy as there is a tight left hand turn with a strong eddy on the inside and plenty of water pushing wide on the turn. There is then approximately 200 metres of grade 2 after which the river gorges up into narrow sweeping bends, one to the right, then one to the left leading into the Power House Weir rapid. There are then two options, take the 3 metre waterfall and 6 paddle strokes into the 1.5 metre weir or take the slightly faster shoot on the left that drops you straight on top of the weir. The finish line is 20 metres downstream.

Situated 40 minutes from Rotorua, the Tarawera River drains from Lake Tarawera and falls approximately 30 metres in the 59 km from the lake to the coast flowing through the township of Kawerau, where it forms an ideal section of grade 2-3 rapids with a small flat section in between. The short distance from the source of the river and the surrounding permeable soils ensure that river levels are maintained throughout the year.

The slalom section has a good mix of rapids and eddies with a gating system that allows for simple and quick gate changes. Peter Meikler believes it has the ability to create a difficult slalom course.

Parking 20 metres away from the river, it is a very spectator friendly location.

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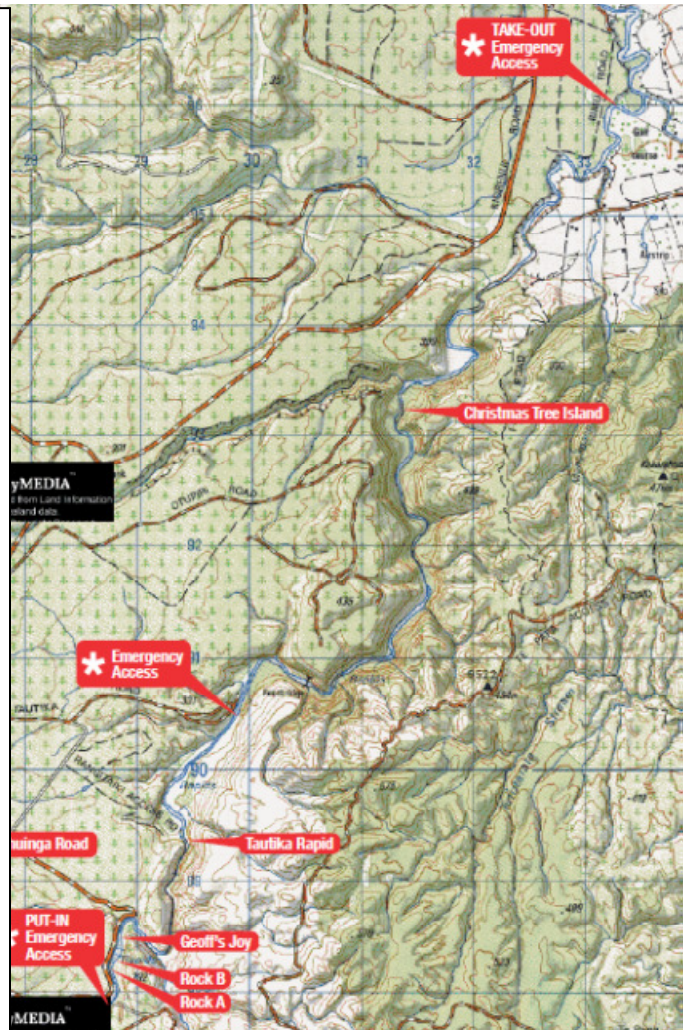
RANGITAIKI

Situated 60 minutes from Rotorua, the Rangitaiki River is a classic North Island river run with lots of technical grade 3 rapids with the added excitement of class four rapids in the first kilometer. The run has lovely scenery, continuous rapids and its 11.5 km length is long enough to tire out the fittest of paddlers.

The start has flat water wide enough for four or more teams. The race length is approximately 45 minutes. The finish line is at the take out, close to where the vehicles are parked.

The first of the rapids is at rock A and B, where New Zealand hosted the world cup kayak slalom in 1991. Technical grade 4 moves, followed by 200m of read and run before dropping into the exciting grade 4 drop of Jeff's Joy. This is a very exciting and fast piece of water. From here there is approximately 3 kms of continuous grade 2 and 3 rapids leading into a grueling flat section of water.

Teams will slog it out, tailing each other in an attempt to make a flat water overtake. About 2 kms later the rivers starts dropping again and team work is crucial as there are so many rocks and rapids to remember, it seems never ending. However the river is still narrow enough to make for fast rapids, fast corners there are plenty of opportunities for rafts to overtake.



PRE EVENT RAFT HIRE:

Rafts will be available for hire for pre event training. To organize this please contact:

Nick Chater - Nick.Chater@waiariki.ac.nz or 027 206 6993

REGISTRATION :

NZ\$50 per team member. Registrations close 20th September 2012 with Raewyn at nzraftingassociation@xtra.co.nz on the Registration form.

FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation is **not** included in the entry fee, however we would like to assist with accommodation options to teams. The Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park is central to the rivers and provides a variety of self catering accommodation to suit teams budgets. Teams are required to self cater for the 3 days of competition.



ACCOMMODATION

LOG CABINS

SELF-CONTAINED
FLATS

CARAVAN SITES

100-BED LODGE

MOTORHOME SITES

TENT SITES

LOG CABINS



Enjoy the park-like grounds of the Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park. It is situated in the very heart of Rotorua's scenic attractions. You can relax in the free thermal pools; walk to the thermal reserve and geysers or to the golf course. Facilities at the holiday park include free mineral pools, free heated swimming pools, free gas BBQ's, camp store, children's playground, games room, internet access, 2 communal kitchens, laundry facilities, TV room, refrigerated lockers, linen & towel hire, on site licensed café, covered walkways, dining room, lounge, shower and toilet facilities. Contact details:

Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park
463 Old Taupo Road (South End)
Rotorua

Phone: (07) 346.3140

Fax: (07) 346.1324

Email: info@rotoruathermal.co.nz

Website: www.rotoruathermal.co.nz/home.html

TRANSPORTATION:

Teams will be responsible for transportation to River sites put in's (maps will be provided at registration). Assistance with shuttles between put in and take out will be provided. Budget Rental cars are the official sponsors to the World Rafting Championships 2013 and offer competitive rates to Pre World competitors.

CARS, 4WD'S & MINIVANS

GROUP A
SUB COMPACT MANUAL - EDMR
Toyota Yaris or similar
Manual,
5 door hatchback
\$40 + GST per day



GROUP F
FULL SIZE WAGON - FWAR
Toyota Highlander
or similar
Automatic,
5 door wagon
\$64.89 + GST per day



GROUP B
COMPACT MANUAL - CDMR
Toyota Corolla
Hatch or similar
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GROUP P
INTERMEDIATE 4WD* - IFAR
Toyota Rav4 or similar
Automatic,
5 door 4WD



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Toyota Corolla
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Automatic,
5 door hatchback
or 4 door sedan
\$43.56 + GST per day



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Automatic,
5 door 4WD
Diesel



GROUP D
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Toyota Camry or similar
Automatic,
4 door sedan
\$53.33 + GST per day



GROUP V
LUXURY MINIVAN* - PVAR
Toyota Previa or similar
Automatic,
5 door minivan
\$95.11 + GST per day



GROUP E
FULL SIZE SEDAN - FEAR
Ford Falcon or similar
Automatic,
4 door sedan
\$58.67 + GST per day



GROUP L
12 SEATER MINIVAN* - LVMN
Toyota Hiace/
Ford Transit
Diesel
Manual/Automatic,
12 Seater Van
\$95.11 + GST per day



*Available at selected locations / limited availability. Conditions apply.

Small suitcase Large suitcase Medium suitcase

All passenger cars, 4wds and minivans are airconditioned.

Passengers seated
including the driver

Please note the above costs are for the daily hire rate only, a further 5% discount will be honoured per hire. Please also note, this excludes: insurance, airport fee (\$40 + GST) where applicable, one-way fee's where applicable, Fuel and any miscellaneous charges. Daily rates current approx. pricing for leisure hires as promised.

Please note these daily rates can fluctuate as the event is not until October.

BCD FOR NZ RIVERS ASSOCIATION DISCOUNT IS: **E003000**

Bookings can be made through: <http://www.budget.co.nz/default.aspx?BCD=E003000&IATA=0086026C>

NZ have Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 15%.

NEW ZEALAND LOCATIONS

With a network of 42 locations throughout both the North and South Islands, Budget offers a wide distribution of rental locations throughout New Zealand.

NORTH ISLAND	Address	Phone	Fax
Auckland Airport	Domestic Terminal	(09) 256 8448	(09) 275 7096
Auckland Airport	International Terminal	(09) 256 8453	(09) 256 8452
Auckland Downtown	163 Beach Road	(09) 976 2270	(09) 976 2229
Auckland East Tamaki	10 Trugood Drive	(09) 272 3980	(09) 272 3981
Auckland Manukau	605b Great South Road	(09) 263 8916	(09) 263 8910
Auckland North Shore	71 Weirau Road	(09) 443 1555	(09) 443 6111
Auckland Penrose	374 Church Street	0800 58 58 58 (09) 525 3687	(09) 525 1631
Gisborne Airport	Aerodrome Road	(06) 867 9794	(06) 867 9704
Hamilton City	4 Vialou Street	(07) 838 3585	(07) 839 3699
Hamilton Airport	Airport Terminal	(07) 838 3585	(07) 839 3699
Karikari Downtown	33 Karikari Road	(09) 407 7147	(09) 407 7147
Karikari Airport	Airport Terminal	(09) 407 7147	(09) 407 7147
Napier Airport	Main North Road	(06) 835 5166	(06) 835 6765
New Plymouth	Cnr Gill & Gower Streets	(06) 758 8039	(06) 758 3887
New Plymouth Airport	Airport Terminal	(06) 758 8039	(06) 758 3887
Palmerston North Airport	Airport Drive	(06) 356 8565	(06) 357 0171
Petone	35a Annie Huggan Grove	(04) 568 6100	(04) 568 6051
Rotorua	1230 Fenton Street	(07) 348 8127	(07) 346 1078
Rotorua Airport	Airport Terminal	(07) 345 5001	(07) 346 1078
Taupo	108 Rifle Range Road	(07) 378 9764	(07) 377 8867
Taupo Airport	Phone City Office	(07) 378 9764	(07) 377 8867
Tauranga Airport	Jean Batten Drive	(07) 574 2299	(07) 574 2298
Wanganui	1 Purnell Street	(06) 345 5122	(06) 345 5584
Wanganui Airport	Airport Terminal	(06) 345 5122	(06) 345 5584
Whakatana	5 King Street	(07) 308 6399	(07) 308 4355
Whakatana Airport	Airport Terminal	(07) 308 6399	(07) 308 4355
Whangarei	23 Hannah Street	(09) 438 7292	(09) 438 2584
Whangarei Airport	Airport Terminal	(09) 438 7292	(09) 438 2584
Wellington City	81 Ghuznae Street	(04) 802 4548	(04) 384 6470
Wellington Interislander Ferry Terminal		(04) 473 7588	(04) 384 6470
Wellington Airport		(04) 388 0987	(04) 388 0989



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: *The 19th – 21st October is a long weekend in New Zealand, called Labour Weekend.*

You are advised to make Accommodation and Rental Vehicle bookings early to ensure bookings.