



2025 PARTICIPANT NOTES

**TREK THE FOREST
ROTORUA**



A note from our title sponsor, Aramex

Aramex New Zealand is proud to be the naming rights sponsor of the 2025 Kiwi Walk & Run Series. What a terrific initiative, inspiring kiwis to get out and enjoy this beautiful country of ours. With 18 Regional Franchises and more than 300 courier franchisees delivering around New Zealand every day, Aramex is part of your local community. You may have known us in the past as Fastway Couriers. Now part of the global Aramex group, we deliver across town and around the world. Make sure you look out for the Aramex pitstops on the course. We'll be handing out some sweets to deliver you to the finish line



Mark Little - CEO

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**ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL**
Te kaunihera o ngā roto o Rotorua



Event Schedule

Friday 17 October

- 2pm** - Optional Friday event check in opens
 - 4pm** - Optional Friday event check in closes
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Saturday 18 October

- 7:00am** - Event check in opens
 - 8:30am** - Event check in closes
 - 8:45am** - Participant briefing at start line
 - 9:00am** - Event start (All distances) see below
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Please seed yourself accordingly at the start line. We will do wave starts every 3 minutes in this order:

1. Long Course runners (pink wristbands)
2. Mid Course runners (blue wristbands)
3. Short Course runners (yellow wristbands)
4. Long Course walkers (pink wristbands)
5. Mid course walkers (blue wristbands)
6. Short Course walkers (yellow wristbands)

Venue and Parking

Venue

Blue Lake (Lake Tikitapu).
Tarawera Rd, Rotorua

Carparking

At the end of Tarawera Rd.
Event Village is on the
grass parch just above the
Blue Lake.



Accommodation

The Blue Lake Top 10 Holiday Park is offering event participants up to 15% off accommodation bookings to assist with your weekend away.

They are located just across the road from the event village start & finish line!

Book through their website www.rotoruaibluelaketop10.co.nz and use the following codes:

10% off all roofed accommodation (2 night minimum stay) – *TREKROOM2025*

15% off all sites (no minimum stay) – *TREKSITE2025*



Cupless Event

Please note we are a cup free event! So please bring a trail cup (or any reusable cup) for the on course pitstops, alternatively, we have official Aramex Kiwi Walk & Run Series branded CamelBak Podium bottles available for **\$25 each**. These can be purchased at the Registration tent onsite or via Race Roster as you enter the event.



Walk n Talk

Great trails, great conversations! We love a good walk and talk, and we hope you do too! That's why we've placed conversation placards along the trails to spark fun and meaningful chats along the way.

What small things brighten your day?

What's something new you've tried recently & loved?

What do you wish you had spent more time on when you were younger?

Results

Results will be sent to you via email on the same afternoon as the event. These will also be available on our website at the same time – www.kiwiwalkrun.co.nz/results/

Wristbands and Course Signage

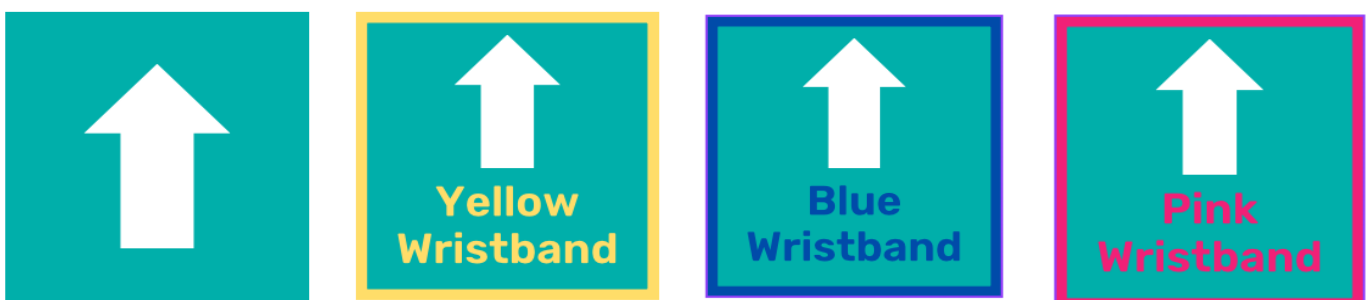
You will received a coloured wristband when you check in at event
– this wristband relates to the distance event you've chosen as per below:

- Long Course – Pink wristband
- Mid Course – Blue wristband
- Short Course – Yellow wristband



On course, you will all be following the green arrows, UNLESS you come to a junction or a splitting of the distances, then please follow the arrow with the boarder colour that matches your event wristband. Pink boarder for long course, blue boarder for mid course or yellow boarder for short course.

Additionally, there are **red** tree tags every few hundred meters as markers that you're heading in the right direction.



Rules

- All roads and open, please treat accordingly when crossing them. New Zealand road rules apply
- Please seed yourself accordingly at the start
- Knowing the course is your responsibility, please double check the course map located on the info board in the event village
- Please return your white timing chip at the completion of your event (all unreturned chips will require a \$50 replacement fee)
- Please take your cell phone with you in case of an issues on course – note this is a trail event and therefore there are potential dangers
- Please save this phone number to your phone, in case of emergency on course and there is no marshal in easy access, please call the Event Manager Lauren on 021 795 977 (more details below). Please note there is patchy reception in some venues
- First Aid will be located in the event village and will come to course if needed
- Please stay on the footpath at all times and/or within the marked course
- Please do not cut any corners nor venture off the track as marked
- Please listen to and obey any instructions given by event staff and marshals
- If you are walking or running in a group please do not walk or run more than two abreast and let people pass you to the right
- Please ensure you have adequate and suitable clothing for all weather types
- Footwear must be worn
- There are 'pit stops' along the course with snacks & water, however if you have any special dietary requirements, please bring your own snacks (Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Vegan etc)
- Please do not participate under another persons' identity as we need to know exactly who is on course if medical attention is required
- All forms of wheeled conveyance including but not limited to bicycles, inline skates, skate boards, scooters are not permitted due to the terrain
- Unfortunately no pets are allowed to accompany participants on course as many of our venues have animal restrictions or are on DOC land

- All participants under the age of 13 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Should you wish to withdraw, please notify an event official e.g. marshal or course crew and await instructions. We need to know you've exited the event early otherwise we'll be sending out a search party for you!
- Participants who require any personal medication or disability assistance devices while participating must carry those items themselves
- Unfortunately there is no bag drop at the event so please leave any excess items in your car

What to do if someone gets hurt on course:

Should you encounter an incident on course, please follow these steps

- Stop – do not place yourself in danger
- Try to communicate with the person
- Assist with basic first aid if you are capable and can do so safely
- Call our Event Manager Lauren on 021 795 977 and follow the instructions
- If there is no cell phone reception, send the next participant through to notify the next event official of the situation and location of the incident
- Stop the next participant and request assistance if required

Pitstops on Course

Please check the course maps to see what pitstops are on your length course:

1. Cookie Time + water
2. Aramex Jaffa's 1 + water
3. Aramex Jaffa's 2 + water
4. Ems Power Cookies + water + PURE Sports Nutrition Electrolytes
5. Haribo Lollies + water

All pitstops will also have water – please bring your own reusable cup (or purchase one of our awesome Aramex Kiwi Walk & Run Series branded CamelBak Podium water bottles at the event village - \$25).

Post Event Village

Recover in style with the following complimentary products for all participants:

1. Alchemy & Soda
2. Real COCO Coconut Water
3. Beehive Sausage Sizzle
4. PURE Sports Nutrition Electrolytes
5. Athena Protein Bars
6. CamelBak hydration Station water

Sponsor Activity Onsite

Aramex

Aramex invites you to relax and have fun at their exclusive Chill Zone during the Aramex Kiwi Walk & Run. Take a break from the action, sink into comfy beanbags, and enjoy a variety of games designed to keep the fun going for participants of all ages. Visit the Aramex team in the event village to experience this exciting new addition. Don't miss out on the perfect spot to unwind and play!



Mahindra

With Sci-Fi Technology, Spirited Performance and World-Class Safety, the all new Mahindra Vehicles are worth a look! They'll be on site with some of their newest models – perfect to help you get to the best NZ trails. Be sure to check them out in the event village.



CamelBak Hydration Station

CamelBak have you sorted for all your water hydration needs! Make sure you stop off at the CamelBak Hydration Station in the event village and fill your water bottles up pre-race!

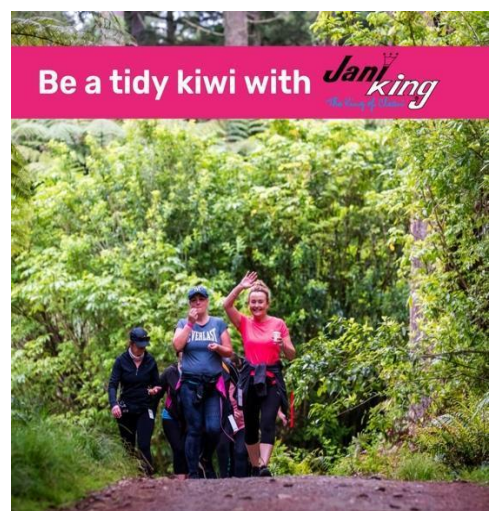


Keeping it Clean with Jani-King

At Jani-King, we believe every trail should sparkle- just like your event-day energy!

Show your Kiwi pride and help keep our event locations spotless. Swing by to the Jani-King tent in the Event Village after registration, grab a rubbish bag, drop us your race number and name, and hit the course with an eye for any stray pieces of rubbish.

Bring your collected rubbish back to the Jani-King tent, and you'll be in the running for a fantastic spot prize! Let's clean up, step up, and make a difference - one piece of rubbish at a time.



Sponsor Activity Onsite

Beehive Sausage Sizzle

The famous post event Beehive Kiwi BBQ!
Pop along for a free sausage to fuel you post event.
The biggest question is will you choose tomato sauce, mustard, or both!



Alchemy & Tonic

Alchemy & Tonic is bringing the magic to the event village! You've crossed the finish line—now it's time to refresh. Swing by the non-alc bar and grab a free can of **Alchemy & Tonic**. Crisp tonic or bold soda, every sip is packed with premium ingredients and big flavour.



Cookie Time & Ems Power Cookies

Attention all cookie lovers, grab a sweet treat for a boost along the course at your aid stations with New Zealand's favourite Cookie Time cookies! Unleash your potential with Em's Power Bites - these will power you up and give you the energy to go the whole way. Soft and easy to digest, we've got your nutrients for the race covered! Find Em's Power Bites at your aid stations and finish line!



PURE Sports Nutrition

PURE Sports Nutrition is the official sports drink partner and will be out on long course pitstop and at the start/finish line keeping everyone hydrated with their natural electrolyte hydration. Use **KIWIWRS15** for 15% off at puresportsnutrition.com



Official Event T-shirts

We have partnered with ASICS to bring you this super funky official event event shirts.

ASICS Silver SS shirts have lightweight and quick-drying knit fabric improves moisture management so that you can keep comfortable on the trails. The top's flat seam construction helps reduce chafing while running.

At least 50% of the garment's main material is made with recycled content to reduce waste and carbon emissions.

Perfect for hitting the trails!

These can be purchased on Race Roster with your entry or onsite at the event registration tent.

Tshirt Men's & Women's \$50

Singlet Women's: \$45

Click here to purchase pre event:

<https://racerooster.com/events/2025/95245/2025-merchandise-aramex-kiwi-walk-and-run-series>



Short Course

Overview 5.5km

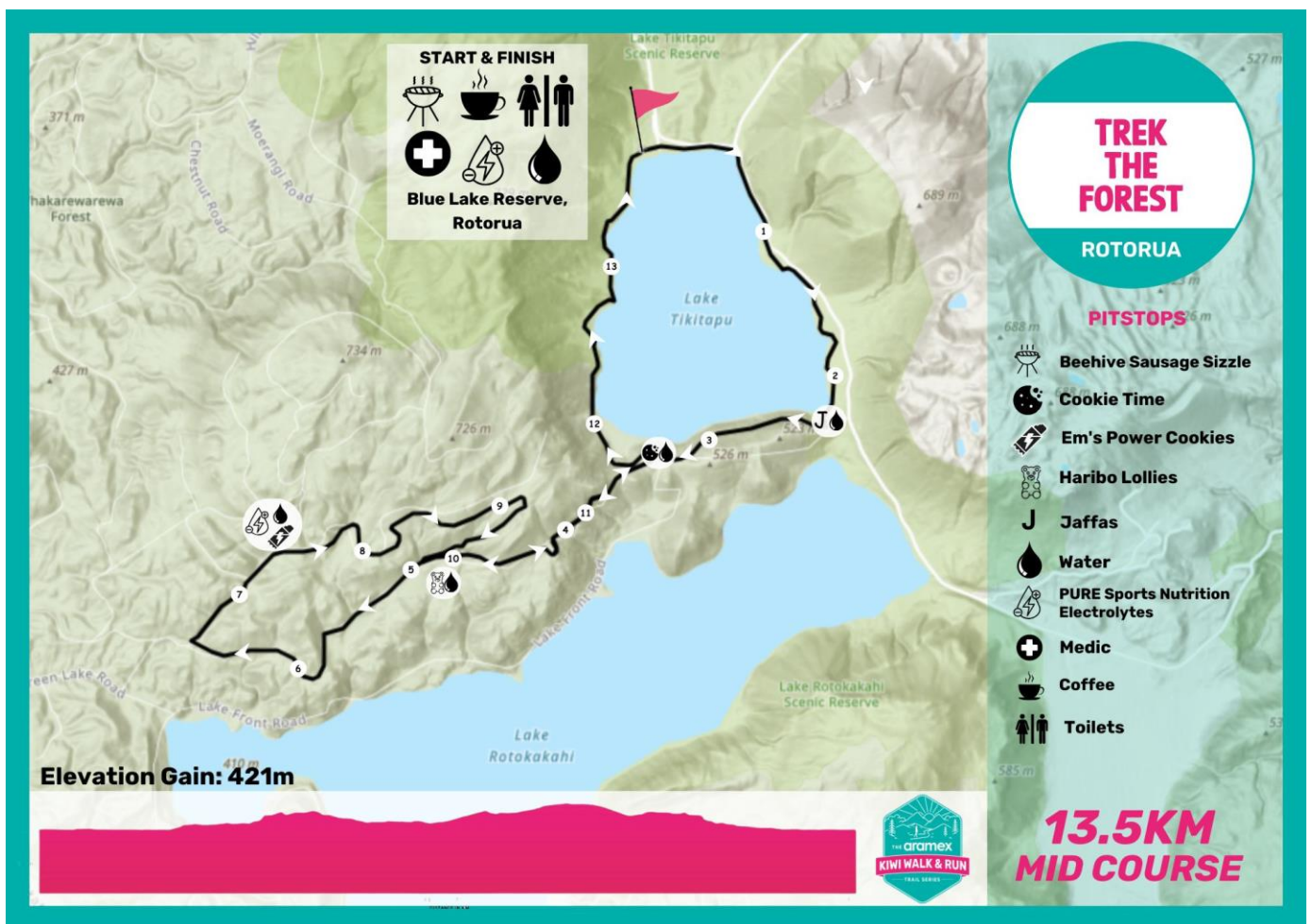
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Mid Course

Overview 13.5km

Starting at the event village, you'll head clockwise around the lake. The course weaves through scenic native bush, there are a few small stairs at the top of the lake. Instead of following the lakeside track you'll take a left onto Lake Tikitapu Road all the way down to Moerangi Road, where you'll do a clockwise look of undulating native bush trail before heading back to the blue lake to finish at the event village.



Long Course

Overview 15.5km

Starting at the event village, you'll head clockwise around the lake. The course weaves through scenic native bush, there are a few small stairs at the top of the lake. Instead of following the lakeside track you'll take a left onto Lake Tikitapu Road all the way past Moerangi Road to Forest Road, where you'll do a clockwise look of undulating native bush trail, joining back up with Moerangi Road and heading back to the blue lake to finish at the event village.





**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE**

Any questions please email hannah@smcevents.co.nz

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