

Makowhai Station Horse Trek 2019

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March

Join us on our guided Horse Trek through Makowhai Station.

Choose to ride for one, two or three days. Fabulous tracks following rivers, climbing up to magnificent views and meandering through native bush. Check out our facebook page (makowhai station) to see photos of the trails and terrain.

Fantastic meals provided throughout the weekend.

What to expect

- Safe tracks - the trek rides from the river valley up to 450m in altitude - all bulldozed tracks though the tracks can be steep in places on the long ride. Both rides start on a gravel road for a kilometre or two.
- Fabulous food: All meals from breakfast on Saturday to lunch on Sunday - especially prepared by Raphael (our chef extraordinaire!!)
- Magnificent views of the Waitotara Valley and surrounds (from mountains to the sea if we get a blue sky weekend)
- A range of wild life including fallow deer, wild goats, pigs and our own wild horses.
- A beautiful river to swim your horse in and of course to cool off yourself
- A campfire sing-a-long on Saturday evening with some karaoke for those who are keen.
- Honey for sale - Settlers Honey Ltd will have honey produced locally for sale: Manuka and Makowhai Native Blend.

The rides

The Makowhai Station Annual Horse Trek is on again. Join us for fantastic riding in beautiful back country New Zealand

Just riding Friday: \$35 -

A new track to ride on Friday through the original road into the Waitotara Valley. Be ready to ride out at 12pm. Will return by 4pm to set up camp at Makowhai.

Only Saturday: \$125 -

Fully catered (including Sunday Breakfast. Ride along the river, through working farm land, over bush clad ridges and back through our Manuka honey country (short, long or longer ride options), renowned country hospitality and some good old fashioned entertainment.

Horse Sports on Sunday: \$50 -

Ride to Makowhai “showgrounds” (about 45 min) and entry into all events (team obstacle course challenge, barrel racing, horsemanship challenge and the stampede to name a few.) Plenty of prizes to be won. Breakfast and a light lunch included.

Early Bird: Go into the draw for a free trek in 2020 just by getting your entry and payment in by 20th Feb 2019.

What you need to bring:

- Somewhere something to sleep in.
- Lunch box, Drink bottle
- Refreshments for Saturday evening
- Horse feed/ Hay and water bucket
- Wet weather gear and warm jacket.
- Fencing gear if you want to separate your own horse.
- Red ribbon for kickers.
- Breastplate and cruppers recommended
- Torch or lighting as there is no power at the camp site.
- If you have a special dietary requirement for dinner you need to let us know.
- Please bring smiles and laughter.

Please note: BBQ facilities available on Friday night

Here are the Directions:

Turn into Waitotara Valley Rd just south of Waitotara on State Highway 3 (we will be signposted from here).

Friday

The ride on Friday starts approximately 35 minutes up the Waitotara Valley. At the conclusion of the ride we will drive a further 20 minutes to Makowhai Station where we will set up camp.

Saturday & Sunday

Based at Makowhai Station - 570 Taumatatahi Rd, Waitotara Valley. The Ngamatapouri Community Hall is approximately 47km up the valley. Makowhai Station is based 6km further inland at 570 Taumatatahi Rd (gravel last 5km).

Please refer to the safety information on our website www.makowhaistation.co.nz so you are fully aware of what is involved.

Please phone us if you have any further questions: 06 3465714.

