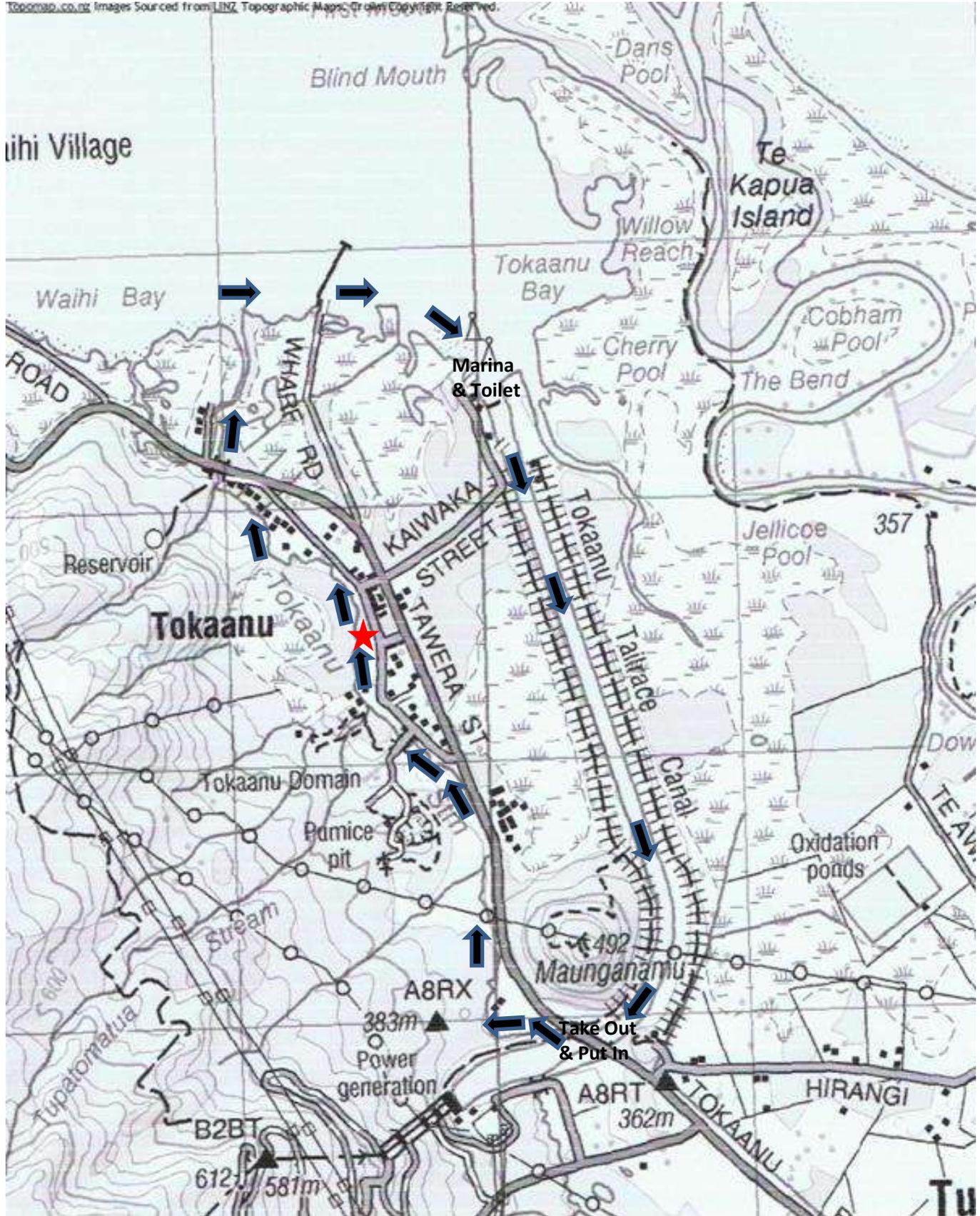


# KAYAK WAI MAORI Call Free 0800 529259

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★ ENTRY FOR CIRCUIT TRIP, AND EXIT FOR BOTH TRIPS. Be prepared for all conditions, the cold, the heat, sun, rain and wind. To avoid entering Private Property, or Thermal Hot Spots please stay in the main flow of the stream. Do not explore on foot, or enter the back waters.

Protect yourselves from sharp objects in and along the stream by wearing footwear.

Do not kayak alone. Look after yourselves and others.

For your safety please stay within 100 metres of the shore.

Acknowledgment of Risk and Responsibility is overleaf.

**Be Safe & Enjoy  
the  
Adventure!**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY**

### **KAYAK WAI MAORI RESPONSIBILITY**

Kayak Wai Maori (we) will take responsible steps to hire out suitable sit-on-top kayaks, paddles and correct fitting lifejackets and a description of how this equipment is used.

There are elements of risk in any activity with outdoor adventures, including Self Guided Kayaking (referred to herein as 'activity'). Certain risks cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of the activity can be causes of loss or damage to your property, or accidental injury, illness or trauma.

We do not want to reduce your enthusiasm for this activity, but we do think it is important for you know in advance what to expect so you can understand the inherent risks.

### **DESCRIPTION OF HALF DAY SELF GUIDED KAYAKING CIRCUIT 4 hours with breaks. SHORT TRIP (includes entry into aquaduct) REFER FROM \* 1 - 1.5 hrs**

As in most places in New Zealand, weather conditions on Lake Taupo and on the Tokaanu Stream can change dramatically without warning.

The Tokaanu Stream is wild with upkempt trees, reeds, flaxes and bush (some thorny) lining its banks until it's outlet into Tokaanu Bay. The stream itself flows very cold but passes along side geothermal areas, which are not always obvious. The streams wild character includes meandering around tight corners, sometimes under low lying or broken tree branches and through narrow channels with undergrowth. It also borders private land and backyards.

Entry out into Southern Lake Taupo is often a vista of calm water, with abundant bird life, and distant views of steaming cliffs, a private village and waterfall. There maybe numerous fishing, fast moving waterskiing and leisure boats on the lake.

In contrary there can be no other recreational users on the lake, and conditions can be choppy, with unpredictable wind gusts, and/or poor visibility from mist. The Tokaanu Canal and Marina is 1.2 kms east (right) of the Tokaanu Stream Outlet following the shore. The Tokaanu Historic Wharf is on route, and is from a bygone era of no roads and steamer travel across the lake. The lake level or wave action occasionally is too high to safely paddle under the wharf. In these instances hirers should take out and carry the kayaks across a 10-20 metres distance of the Wharf Road end, to safely re launch in the lake, bypassing the wharf and avoids paddling more than a 100 metres out into the lake.

The Tokaanu Marina has toilet facilities, grass verges, jetties and boat ramps making it an ideal location to stop and enjoy a break. The Tokaanu Canal is a 3 km (approximately 40 minutes) paddle to the SH 41 Canal Bridge. As you look up the canal the left and the centre will have a moderate current when the Tokaanu Power Station is generating. It is less effort paddling on the right of the canal as you head upstream with minor or no flow. This side of the canal is also sheltered from predominant westerly winds however this wind may become more evident once the SH 41 Bridge comes into sight. It is worth taking stops in the lee of the canal to enjoy the surroundings, scenery, wildlife and frequent sightings of the dozens of grazing horses along its banks.

The highway bridge lies low on the canal and is also an aquaduct with the Tokaanu Stream flowing inside it. Aim for the right hand side approaching the bridge. There are 2 options, the first is to disembark below the bridge. Pair up with a companion to carry kayaks to the end of the road side barriers and carefully cross the road. Adjacent is a short dirt road that takes you to where the stream re- appears from the aquaduct.

The second option which is easier is to paddle under the bridge when there is sufficient room. Be aware occasional surges may come from the power station. Visually check upstream to check that the way will be clear so you can safely negotiate the short distance under the aqueduct. As soon as you arrive on the upstream side of the bridge, disembark on the right. Do not continuing paddling closer to the Power Station as it is out of bounds and you will not find the re-entry to the Tokaanu Stream which is found 20m portage from the canal take-out, along the base of the bridge and road.

\*Upon (re) entry into the stream, you will (again) meander down this scenic unkempt spring fed stream, and marvel at boiling mud, water and steam along its fringes. To prevent the possibility of severe injuries caused by scalding thermal activity, and to avoid entering private property do not explore on foot or paddle any backwater whilst on the stream

### **SELF GUIDED KAYAKERS RESPONSIBILITY**

Unless accompanied, under the supervision and responsibility of a competent kayaking adult this activity should not be undertaken by anyone that does not have the physical coordination for a variety of paddling manoeuvres including forwards, backwards, forward right, forward left, backward right and backward left.

Participants need to have an understanding of how to avoid breaching waves on the lake and the cornering flow of the stream. They need the knowledge on how to upright an overturned kayak, and how to re enter a sit-on-top kayak in deep water.

Participants should have good general health and fitness and have a degree of swimming ability.

Participants are responsible for providing their own suitable all weather gear (e.g. no jeans), refreshments, sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a fully charged cell phone in a watertight container or bag (for assistance, in case of delays or emergency).

Please contact or leave a message with Kayak Wai Maori Call Free 0800 KAYAK W, 0800 529259 or ring/text +64 27 271 5366 in case of delay. We reserve the right to charge for extended hire, or pickups.

As this is a Self Guided Trip the responsibility lies with participants for their own safety. Please do not assume that we are readily available to provide assistance, though please ring us Call Free 0800 529 259, and we will endeavour to give further direction as soon as possible.

### **In an EMERGENCY Dial 111 without delay.**

Participants should have the necessary confidence to undertake the activity. If a participant or competent accompanying adult is in any doubt that they can't take on the responsibilities describe above, that participant should not part take in the activity.

**TOI TU TE WAI MAORI - Look after the freshwater. PLEASE DO NOT LITTER.**