

The Heart of Tapawera

The village of Tapawera has all the essentials to make your stay in the area enjoyable: hotel, café, garage, supermarket and campground plus there's a gym, skateboard park and school community swimming pool.



Next to the village green is **Kiwi Station** and the **Army Hut** with fascinating displays of early settler history including the famous 'sit in' in 1955 by women demonstrating against the closure of the railway line. (No.5)



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www.tapawera.org.nz

Enjoy your visit



Early exploration of the land around Tapawera was done by surveyors & explorers Spooner & Heaphy, Brough & Hochstetter. **The Kahurangi Gateway** in Tapawera marks Brunner and Kahu's explorations together in the 1840s.



Tapawera's classic rural community show, the BGAC, has been running for 70 years. It usually happens in early December. A great day out.



Special Events in Tapawera

The Tapawera community in 2018 is hosting a special **Armistice weekend** on November 10th/11th to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. Most of the men from the West Coast, Tasman, Nelson & Marlborough regions who served in WW1 passed through Tapawera's military training camp below the emblem beside the village. There will be a range of events throughout the weekend including the 11a.m. commemoration service on Sunday, parade to the Military Training Camp & heritage displays. All are welcome. Please contact us if you too want to be part of this unique event.



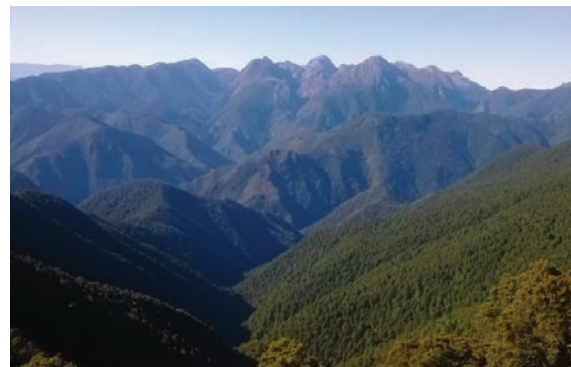
Cycling Delights

There are plenty of cycling opportunities around Tapawera, especially along the Great Taste Trail national cycle loop that is being completed down the Motueka valley to join the coastal section. Check out www.heartofbiking.co.nz for maps and status. Here, the trail runs along the course of the old railway line including **Spooners Tunnel**, the longest cycle trail tunnel in the southern hemisphere (1372m) and well worth a visit either on foot or by bike. (No.1) Other biking options vary from cycling the beautiful Tadmor Valley, Golden Downs cycle trail or mountainbiking up by Mt Arthur.



Explore the Parks

Kahurangi National Park today has more than half of New Zealand's 2400 plus native plant species. Its flora is the most diverse of any national park and includes 67 plant species not found elsewhere. There is a wealth of tracks and tramping options to explore (No.s 10, 11, 12). See DOC's website www.doc.govt.nz for more information.



Places of Interest

Numbers refer to map points overleaf

1. **Spooners Tunnel**
2. **Golden Downs Golf Club** 9 holes
3. **Kohatu Flat Rock Café** Ph 03 522 4440
4. **Quinneys Bush Camp** www.quinneysbush.co.nz
5. **Kiwi Station** and the **Army Hut**
6. **Shedwood Bush Track** Great views & shorter walk option
7. **Tapawera Settle Motels & Campground** www.settle.co.nz
8. **Stag Passant Emblem** site of Tapawera's military training camp set up in 1911 just before WW1
9. **Wangapeka Study & Retreat Centre** www.wangapeka.org
10. **Wangapeka Track** Mount Owen & Mount Patriach
11. **Baton Valley** Challenging tracks to Mount Arthur
12. **Flora Car Park** Mount Arthur & Tablelands



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Tapawera is ideal for exploring the scenic Motueka valley with its backdrop of the Kahurangi, New Zealand's second largest national park. Easy to reach, Tapawera is less than an hour from Nelson.

