

Rotorua Venues

We are fortunate to have secured some fantastic sporting facilities to host the 2023 Games. Many of our facilities will be holding multiple sporting events so you will be able to see plenty of the action.

Rotorua is a compact city and travel between the various venues will only take a few minutes.

Westbrook Precinct

Netball, softball, touch, AFL 9's, track and field, 7's rugby, cross country, cricket, will all be held in this venue. Across the road at Smallbone park we will be hosting more cricket and hockey. Plenty of room for everyone, and plenty of sport to watch while you are here. A 5-minute drive from the Games Hub - Energy Events Centre (EEC), the Rotorua Aquatic Centre and the Rotorua CBD.



Rotorua Aquatic Centre

All things swimming, including water polo will be held at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre, and no more than 5 minutes from the Westbrook Sports Precinct & the EEC C, not to mention the Lake front Games Hub and the Heart of Rotorua.





Energy Events Centre – Games Hub

The Energy Events Centre will be our Games Hub where registration will take place and nightly entertainment. Our Volleyball, table tennis, Dodgeball, Futsal & basketball will all be happening at Rotorua's EEC. Like all the facilities in Rotorua it is a 5-minute drive to the other major venues, and only a couple of minutes' walk to the Lake Front and the heart of town.



Rotorua Badminton Club

Badminton Hall Tarewa Place Rotorua. The Badminton Tournament will be played at this purpose-built badminton facility that is close to the Rotorua Aquatic Centre and 5 minutes from the centre of town.





Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)

Lake Tikitapu, also known as Blue Lake, is an exceptionally popular site for water sports such as water skiing, jet skiing, rowing, open water swimming and power boat racing.

This stunning location will host the Triathlon, Aquathlon, Open Water Swim and Stand-up Paddle Board events as part of the games.



Whakarewarewa Forest

Whakarewarewa Forest, is five minutes' drive away from the centre of Rotorua. It is one of our district's most spectacular natural assets. Famous for its magnificent stand of towering Californian coastal redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*).

The forest is most well-known for the network of superb mountain biking and walking tracks and for the magnificent stand of Californian Coast Redwoods. These towering trees, along with numerous other species and the fresh forest air, combine to create an invigorating atmosphere and a truly unique and special environment.

This will be the location for the Mountain Biking, Off-road Half Marathon, 10k and 5k run / walks.





Village Green (Lake Front Reserve)

The Lakefront Reserve is perfect for family-oriented activities and is often used for public events such as craft markets, amusements and concerts. The reserve includes the Village Green (bounded by Whakaue Street, Tūtānekai Street and Memorial Drive) and the War Memorial Park which was opened in 1958.

The Village Green will provide the location for the Opening Ceremony.



Government Gardens

Situated adjacent to the Energy Events Centre, the Government Gardens located in Queens Drive, is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the beauty of Rotorua and is only minutes' walk from the central inner city. Originally known as Paepaehakumanu Motutara, today Government Gardens include facilities for bowls, croquet and petanque.

This is the location for the Lawn Bowls, Golf Croquet and Petanque tournaments.

