



THERMAL BATHING / SPA OPTIONS

Most visitors express the merits of bathing at Waikite Valley Thermal Pools in terms of soothing, relaxing, rejuvenating, de-stressing and refreshing rather than any complex combination of minerals. Yet hot thermal water from the Te Manaroa Spring is made up of a complex array of minerals including boron, iron, calcium, aluminium, lithium and fluoride. The spa, springs, camp and café complex is on Waikite Valley Road, just 6km off the Rotorua-Taupo highway. (73 words)

Waikite Valley Thermal Pools may be small and off-the-beaten track, but clued-up travellers won't let these factors deter them from a visit. The well-informed know this place is big on the things that count; the range of spa options, cleanliness, friendliness, ease of access and value for money. Just 6km off the Rotorua-Taupo highway, the complex's 10 outdoor and private pools utilise New Zealand's largest single source of natural boiling water from the Manaroa Spring. (76 words)

Major redevelopment work and a significant investment of capital in the past five years has taken a former community thermal baths into the realms of a spa complex. Making the most of the land and the views, thoughtful landscaping utilising local stone as well as the planting of native shrubs, trees and flaxes has served to enhance the Waikite Valley Thermal Pools thermal bathing experience. Ranging in temperature from 35-40°C, each of the four private spas and six outdoor pools, including a family splash pool, are emptied, scrubbed and refilled every day. (92 words)

Take a look at the comments referring to Waikite Valley Thermal Pools on the independent website NZhotpools.co.nz and discover that users (on average) rate this thermal bathing complex 9.5 out of 10. They praise the pools for their lack of crowds, the purity of the thermal water and cleanliness (all the pools are emptied, scrubbed and refilled every day). Something else that stands out is the number of times reviewers comment on the friendly, helpful staff. Lessee managers Mark and Lisa Bowie have run the pools since 1997, investing significant amounts in redevelopment including additional outdoor pools, private spas, heated changing facilities including showers and toilets, a new café with covered seating, landscaping, and establishing an eco-trail since then. (119 words)