

# Summer Trails

MT RUAPEHU  
NEW ZEALAND



**Meads Wall** ——— RETURN 20 MINS <1KM

This short walk brings you to Meads Wall, a towering volcanic formation carved by ancient eruptions with a sheer drop and open views of Mt Ngauruhoe and the wider Tongariro National Park.

**Waterfall Descent** ——— DESCENT 1 - 2 HRS 2.4KM

Follow the return path of the gondola from the Knoll Ridge Chalet back to the base area. Along the way you'll pass seasonal waterfalls, rugged rock slopes and ancient lava formations.

**Knoll Loop** ——— RETURN 1.5 - 2 HRS 2.9KM

Climb to the top of Knoll Ridge (2,232m), then return to where you started at the Knoll Ridge Chalet and along the way enjoy sweeping views across the northwestern flanks of Mt Ruapehu.

**Skyline** ——— RETURN 1.5 - 2.5 HRS 2.3KM

This is an additional unmarked climb to 2,300m off the Knoll Loop Trail offering a broad lookout over the volcanic plateau. Once back at the Valley T-Bar you can either return to the Knoll Ridge Chalet (2.3KM) or continue the Knoll Loop Trail.

**Wild West** ——— DESCENT 2 - 2.5 HRS 2.7KM

The longer route from the Knoll Ridge Chalet back to the base area, heading west before looping downhill. Along the way you'll catch sweeping sights of Mt Tongariro, Mt Ngauruhoe and even Mt Taranaki on a clear day.

**Yankee** ——— DESCENT 1.5 HRS 2.6KM

A historical, unmarked trail that takes you from the Knoll Ridge Chalet back down to the base area along the western side of the Delta Ridge, with wide open views of Mt Ruapehu's western flanks and Mt Taranaki on a clear day.



KNOLL RIDGE  
CHALET  
2,020m

## STAY SAFE



Beyond the Sky Waka, you're responsible for your safety. The gondola may close if weather deteriorates.



Expect mountain hazards such as loose rock, cliffs, snow, ice and rapidly changeable weather.



In the event of an emergency, call 111 and ask for police.



Wear sturdy footwear for the volcanic terrain and pack warm clothes as conditions can change and temperatures drop.



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Look for these pink markers to stay on the trails.



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