

Welcome to the first ever 2024 Love Taupō Trail Festival event!
We're now only a few days out and we can't wait to get the festival underway!

Welcome to those who are visiting Taupō and thank you to the locals for supporting the festival showcasing the awesome trails we are proud to call home.

We are extremely privileged and grateful to have the support of John West as naming rights sponsor of the John West Craters Trail Run, BME as naming rights sponsor of the BME Multi-Lap Night Runs, Feisst Group as naming rights sponsor of the Movember Tales from the Trails Speaker Session and Supercars for sponsoring the Greening Taupō Tree Planting.

Please ensure you have a read of this pre-event information email as it contains important information that will ensure you have an enjoyable experience.

The Festival Hub is at Huka Falls Mountain Bike Car Park, 415 Huka Falls Road, Wairakei.
The John West Craters Trail Run starts and finishes from the Festival hub

We are fortunate to have a lot of talent in Taupō, taking to the stage at 11.30am – 1.30pm on Sunday is Sonorous fresh from opening up this year's Summer Concert! These young guys are awesome so if you're not out on the trails be sure to be around for this, tell your friends and family!

www.sonorousmusic199.com

EVENT REGISTRATION

Friday 26th April 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Sunday 28th April 7.00am – until 30 minutes until your event start

Here you will collect your race number, timing transponder and some event goodies!

You're welcome to collect for other people; the registration team will just need the names of the people you're collecting for

EVENT MERCHANDISE

Check out the cool selection of official Love Taupō Trail Festival merchandise for sale within the registration marquee.

START TIMES

9.00am – 21Km run/walk start

9.45am – 12km run/walk start

10.15am – 6km run/walk

12.30pm – 2km Tiger Kids Dash

EVENT BRIEFINGS

Please attend your event briefing; these will contain important event specific information for you including any last minute messages you need to know.

Race Briefings will be held by the stage

8.45am – 21Km run/walk

9.30am – 12km run/walk

10.00am – 6km run/walk

12.15pm – 2km Tiger Kids Dash

CUT OFF TIME

The cut off time for the John West Craters Trail Run is 2.30pm

GEAR DROP

The event car park is very close to the Festival Hub however for those wishing to leave a bag, we will have a gear drop area within registration marquee for you to use. Please make sure it is labeled clearly with your race number.

CAR PARKING

Big thanks to Simon Bothomley we have an event car park opposite the Festival Hub, please use the address 415 Huka Falls Road, Wairakei to find us.

Please do not park along the road or directly outside of the Heli Adventure Tours or Kefi at the Hub café, these spaces are reserved for their customers.

AID STATIONS

The Aid Stations on course will provide water, R-Line, bananas, chips, and lollies

21km – 4 aid stations

12km – 2 aid stations

6km – 1 aid station

CUP FREE EVENT

Total Sport take waste seriously and are working hard to reduce our environmental impact. We have removed disposable cups from all aid stations. Please remember your reusable cup, hydration pack or water bottle to fill up! We will have collapsible silicone cups available at registration for \$5 and a water trailer onsite.

COURSE SIGNAGE

For those of you who are not new to Total Sport events please take note, the directional signage for this event is RED. Please follow the red arrows. Our festival partners Bike Taupō also have events running over the weekend so to avoid any confusion all the John West Craters Trail Run arrows are RED

FOOD AND DRINK

We have a great line up of food vendors over the entire weekend plus a fully licensed bar hosted by the cool guys at the Beehave Meadery.

The Kefi at the Hub café is also serving delicious food and directly opposite the Festival Hub.

Plenty to keep you all fuelled!

Each participant can grab themselves a free cold Speight's (over 18s!) or a non alcoholic beverage (thanks to Almighty) after you finish, head to the Festival Bar to grab one of these.

MASSAGE

Leslie from the Massage Clinic, Taupō will have her massage area set up within the wellness zone

PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving will be held at 1.00pm at the event base.

There will be a trophy for first place male and female in each distance, run & walk. These trophies have been hand made with love from the team in the Taupō office; we can't wait to present these!

There will also be plenty of spot prizes up for grabs

SUPERCARS TREE PLANTING

Straight after prize giving on Sunday (2.00pm) we will be taking a short walk down the road for a mass tree planting! Throughout the Love Taupō Trail Festival we are celebrating the magic of being outdoors in nature. We have created a 'trees as the currency' at the festival - for every pair of shoes and wheel that cross a finish line in any of the events on offer, we will donate a tree to our charity partners, the absolute legends at Greening Taupō and Kids Greening Taupō. Our sincere thanks go to Supercars, who are sponsoring this awesome finale event!

The holes are ready in the ground so please join us and help plant 1,500 trees!

What a way to finish a great weekend!

We have a few other things happening at the Festival Hub that we'd love you to be a part of

Kids Nature Zone - with a focus on nature and the outdoors, bring the kids to get crafty with Sarah from Stepping Stones making things like bubble wands and painting rocks.

Child Care Available – if you know someone keen to participate in the John West Craters Trail Run but is unable to due to lack of childcare send them this way! Bookings are essential. Email sarah@mysteppingstones.nz

Wellness Zone – The amazing team at Studio.Two Pilates are hosting the wellness zone. They have several classes running each day of the festival open to all. Visit our website for class times

Retail Zone – we have a spectacular retail zone for you with the below on Sunday plus official Love Taupō Trail Festival merchandise
Salming, Raw & More, Bodyflow Compression, Fasthouse NZ Clothing, BeWell ice bath, Zeenya Clothing and That's It

Colouring in wall – come and help us colour in a giant festival mural, drawn by the super talented Dawn Tuffery.

We look forward to seeing you at the weekend

Aaron, Laura, Bevan, G and the rest of the Total Sport Team