

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 Run, Fiest 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 Spa Park Rogaine is held at Spa Park and **not** held at the main Festival Hub which is at Huka Falls Mountain Bike Car Park, 415 Huka Falls Road, Wairakei.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Friday 26th April 3.00pm – 6.00pm – **Festival Hub**

Saturday 28th April 12.00noon – 1.00pm – **Spa Park**

Here you will collect your race items

Please note, Spa Park Rogaine registration is not available at the Festival Hub on Saturday, please head straight to Spa Park, Country Avenue

EVENT PARKING

Head down County Avenue, off Spa Road/Centennial Drive and turn right into the event car park which is the first car park on your right. There is event parking adjacent to the event base (start/finish point)

START TIME

1.30pm – Spa Park

EVENT BRIEFING

Please be ready at the event base at 1.00pm, here you will have an event briefing before being handed your maps then sent on your way. It is important to attend this briefing

CUT OFF TIME

The cut off time for the Spa Park Rogaine is 3.30pm

GEAR DROP

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

AID STATIONS

There are no aid stations on course but there is one at event base

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.

FOOD AND DRINK

We will have a free BBQ at event base

Each participant can grab themselves a free cold Speight's (over 18s!) or a non alcoholic beverage (Thanks to Almighty) after you finish, these will be in the Festival Bar at the Festival Hub, not based at Spa Park. If you are heading to the Festival Hub keep your bib number and use that to grab your free Speight's.

PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving will be held at 3.45pm

There will be a trophy for first place male and female and team. 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 a few spot prizes up for grabs

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

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

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@mystepingstones.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.

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 look forward to seeing you at the weekend

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