

2026 Trail Stops

23 & 24 May

10am – 3.30pm

Welcome to the Waipā Creative Trail and the opportunity to step into studios and creative spaces, and to see what happens inside them. Take your time. Ask questions. Notice what you like or feel inspired by, even if you can't explain why. Whether you visit a few locations or see everything included in the weekend, we're glad you're here. Enjoy the Trail — Alex & Tracey

1. Rosebank Art Centre

337 Churchill Street, Te Awamutu

Rosebank is a community art facility in Te Awamutu. View an exhibition showcasing the artwork challenges members have recently participated in. There will be a variety of topics and subjects interpreted through various mediums.

2. Dee Wilson

196C Inglefield Street, Pirongia

Dee creates intuitive abstract works inspired by the natural world, exploring the relationships between texture, shape, colour and nature, resulting in expressively layered compositions. A range of original acrylic paintings and watercolours in varying sizes, presented on canvas, paper, and board, will be displayed. *There is limited parking onsite. Park on the road and walk down the driveway.*

3a. Toni Kingston

88 Strong Road, Te Pahu

Working mainly with acrylic, metallic pigments and resin, Toni creates luminous landscapes inspired by the quiet beauty of New Zealand's coastlines and wide horizons. See inside her working studio and explore works at various stages, from initial layers to finished pieces, and discover the pigments, tools, and techniques behind her process.

3b. Hammer'd - Greg Hogan

88 Strong Road, Te Pahu

Greg is a hobbyist blacksmith transforming metal through heat, hammer, and patience into knives, homewares and a growing range of more sculptural pieces. Learn about the blacksmithing process, the tools and techniques used, and the different types of steel he uses in his work. A selection of forged pieces will be on display, with some items available for purchase.

4. The Floral Shed - Nita Carter

246 Reid Road, Ngāhinapouri

With a passion for nature and authentic, homegrown foliage, Nita has created a beautiful space. Wander the gardens surrounding a charming 130-year-old weathered wool shed, browse the shop, and discover the workshops she offers. This is a space to reconnect with the garden, slow down, and experience flowers as they are meant to be—natural, textural, and full of life.

5. Inspirit Studio & Gallery

360 Pencarrow Road, Tamahere

In this spacious contemporary art gallery and multifunctional creative space, view photography, painting, indoor & outdoor sculpture, jewellery, wearable art and more. Be inspired by the art and the scenic location bordering the Waikato River. Visit and meet photographer and experienced art curator, Jenny Scown.

6. Diane Scott

18a Rose Leigh Drive, Kotare Downs, Cambridge

Diane is an abstract expressionist painter whose work typically features large-scale acrylic paintings incorporating strong texture and movement. During the Trail, see Diane's large-scale abstract works up close and explore the textures, layers, and movement that shape her paintings.

7. The Waipa Collective, presented by Copper Mesh Creative - Caroline Peacocke

51 Thornton Road, Cambridge

Caroline's practice explores place, memory, and transformation through experimental, relief-based techniques. Her work documents resilience, curiosity, experimentation and creative freedom. Caroline is joined by a group of artists with diverse practices, including painting, printmaking, ceramics, plant-based and floral creativity, stitched linen works, pastel, and more.

8. Rodney Stedall

50 Alpers Ridge, Leamington, Cambridge

Rodney is a luthier dedicated to the art of handcrafting classical and flamenco guitars. Visit his studio and see handcrafted guitars on display and for sale, explore traditional tools and materials, and watch demonstrations of the guitar-making process. Gain an insight into the craft behind these unique, handmade guitars. *Follow Alpers Ridge down to the cul-de-sac and park on the road.*

9. Di Tocker

33 Jarrett Terrace, Leamington, Cambridge

Di creates unique cast glass sculptures, and they're known for featuring universal figures, simple geometry, expressive surface texture, and harmoniously blended colourways. See works in progress, learn about her cast glass process, and view a range of her highly regarded artwork. *Park in Jarrett Terrace and walk down her driveway.*

10. Rotoorangi Pottery Extravaganza

37 Kairangi Road, Rotoorangi

The Rotoorangi Pottery Extravaganza brings together 16 potters. Located at Janet Smith's Woolshed studio, this pottery hub showcases functional tableware and sculptural ceramics. Meet the potters, watch a raku firing, and view an anagama kiln. Live demonstrations (on the hour) across both Trail days.

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Mountain Folk Cafe & Retreat 📍 1050 Franklin Street, Pirongia | Open Tue to Sun | 8.30am–2.30pm

Red Kitchen Cafe & Store 📍 69 Mahoe Street, Te Awamutu | Open Mon-Fri, 7.00am - 4.00pm, Sat, 7.30am - 2.30pm