WAIPĀ
CREATIVE
TRAIL

From the Waipā Creative Trail team and all the participating artists and creatives, thanks for joining us on the Trail. See you next year!

WAIPĀ CREATIVE TRAIL

23 & 24 MAY 2026
10AM - 3:30PM

OPEN STUDIOS • ARTISTS • CREATIVES



About the Trail

The Waipā Creative Trail came from a desire to showcase the many incredible creative people in the district's tucked-away corners.

Behind quiet, unassuming studio, shed, and workshop doors, a huge amount of creativity happens every day.

This is an opportunity to celebrate the artists and creatives, and give you a glimpse into what happens in those space.

We believe everyone is creative in their own way, and this Trail is not only about showcasing our local artists and creatives but also about inspiring you to connect with your own creativity.

Whether that's picking up a new skill, revisiting something you love, or simply seeing the world a little differently.

Thank you to the Waipā District Creative Communities Scheme for their support in bringing this project to life.

We also acknowledge Charlotte Farmer from Tide & Trace for her generous support in rebranding the Trail and creating this guide and our 2026 poster.

And thank you. We appreciate you joining us on the Trail, and we can't wait to see your creativity in action.

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A word from Alex & Tracey

Welcome to the second Waipā Creative Trail.

For many people, stepping into an artist's space isn't something they usually do, so it can feel unfamiliar and easy to put off.

But the Trail changes that.

In 2024, our first Trail, people arrived curious and left having learnt something and feeling inspired. They met artists and creatives, asked questions, and saw work-in-progress and finished pieces.

This year, the Trail has expanded to a full weekend.

Two days to explore the depth and variety of creativity across the district. This is an opportunity to step into studios and creative spaces, and to see what actually 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



STOP 1 | ROSEBANK ART CENTRE

337 Churchill Street, Te Awamutu

Rosebank is a community art facility in Te Awamutu with over 40 members, aiming to foster, promote, and support local artists. Visit the art centre to 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.



STOP 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. Explore Dee's studio to see her creative process. A range of original acrylic paintings and watercolours in varying sizes, presented on canvas, paper, and board, will be displayed.

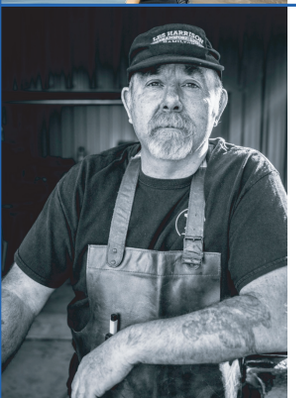
**There is limited parking onsite. Park on the road and walk down the driveway.*



STOP 3A | TONI KINGSTONE

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.



STOP 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.



STOP 4 | THE FLORAL SHED - NITA CARTER

246 Reid Road, Ngahinapouri

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.



STOP 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.



STOP 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.



MOUNTAIN FOLK CAFE RETREAT

1050 Franklin Street, Pirongia
Open Tuesday - Sunday 8:30am - 2:30pm

Great coffee, good food, and a warm welcome at Mountain Folk. Be sure to call in.



STOP 7 | THE WAIPA COLLECTIVE

Presented by Copper Mesh Creative
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.



STOP 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.*



STOP 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.*



CIRQUE EATERY

47 Pengover Avenue, Cambridge
Open 8.30am–3.30pm, every day

For good vibes, great coffee, and food that hits the spot every time, visit Cirque Eatery.



STOP 10 | ROTOORANGI POTTERY EXTRAVAGANZA

37 Kairangi Road, Rotoorangi

The Rotoorangi Pottery Extravaganza brings together 18 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.



RED KITCHEN

69 Mahoe Street, Te Awamutu
Open Monday-Friday, 7.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday, 7.30am - 2.30pm

Fresh, flavourful food, great coffee, and a range of pantry goods and gifts in a relaxed, welcoming space.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAIL STOPS

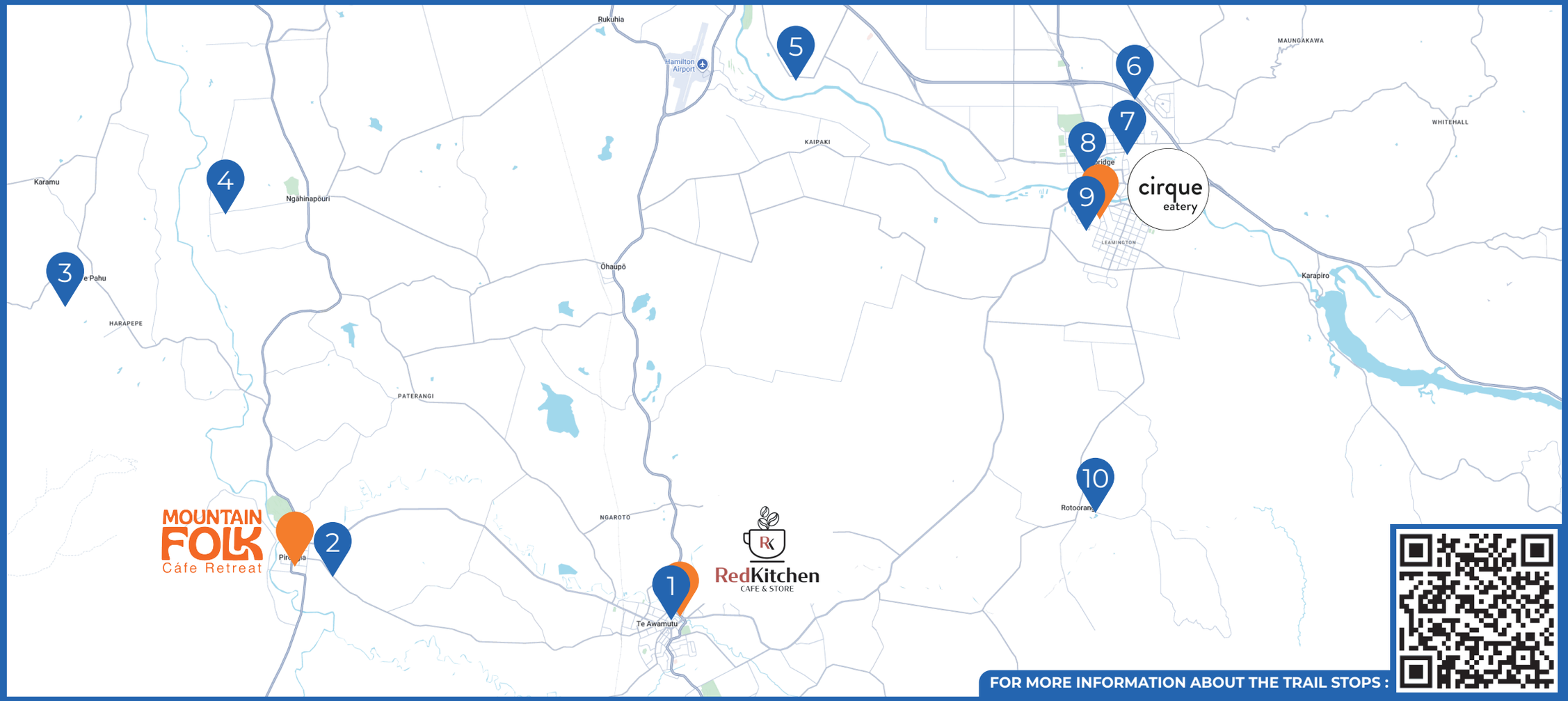
TRAIL BINGO - BE IN TO WIN

When visiting the trail stops, grab a bingo card.

Get it stamped at each location you visit.

At your last stop, hand your card in.

Every card with at least 3 stamps will go into the draw for a **$50 Gordon Harris voucher.**



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Our thanks to these organisations for promoting local events

Te Awamutu isite Information & Visitor Centre | @TeAwamutu.isite

The place to go for local information, ticket bookings, bus timetables & bee top-ups, gifts, ice-creams and drinks.
Check out the monthly craft fair on the 4th Saturday of the month, 9am to 2pm at Selwyn Park, right next to Te Awamutu isite Information & Visitor Centre.
1 Gorst Avenue, Te Awamutu

What's On Waipā | www.whatsonwaipa.co.nz

For events happening across the Waipā district, head to the What's On Waipā website. And event organisers, list your event there and make use of the range of free resources.
Thanks Waipā District Council

Things to Do | thingstodo.events

Things To Do is a community event promotion website where you can create, share, find and attend creative events in the Waikato region. This platform is hosted by Creative Waikato, whose vision is that Waikato thrives with diverse and transformative creative activity.
Thanks Creative Waikato

Cambridge New Zealand | www.cambridge.co.nz

On this website, you'll find a range of information about Cambridge, including where to stay, what to visit, where to eat and more. Be sure to check out their guide for art-lovers.
Thanks Cambridge NZ

We'd love your feedback!

Share your feedback about the Trail

Scan the QR code to complete a short survey by **31 May 2026** and go in the draw to win a stunning Mystery Creek Ceramics vase valued at $130.

Prize is not transferable for cash or exchange. The winner will be announced on 1 June 2026.

Mystery Creek Ceramics

Alex's Nerikomi pieces are crafted by layering coloured clay to create unique patterns. This 22cm tall, 12cm wide vase features a soft mixed-up pink pattern, with slices of coloured porcelain combined to create a one-of-a-kind surface.



Stay in the Loop!

To stay up to date with the latest Trail news, including dates for 2027.

Sign up for our newsletter here