

TONGARIRO CIRCUIT & ROUND THE MOUNTAIN TRACK

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK
1:40,000 MAP AND TRACK GUIDE
EDITION 2.3

- Award-winning relief mapping
- Track notes, elevation and distance graphic
- Printed on waterproof, durable, environmentally sustainable 'rockstock' paper

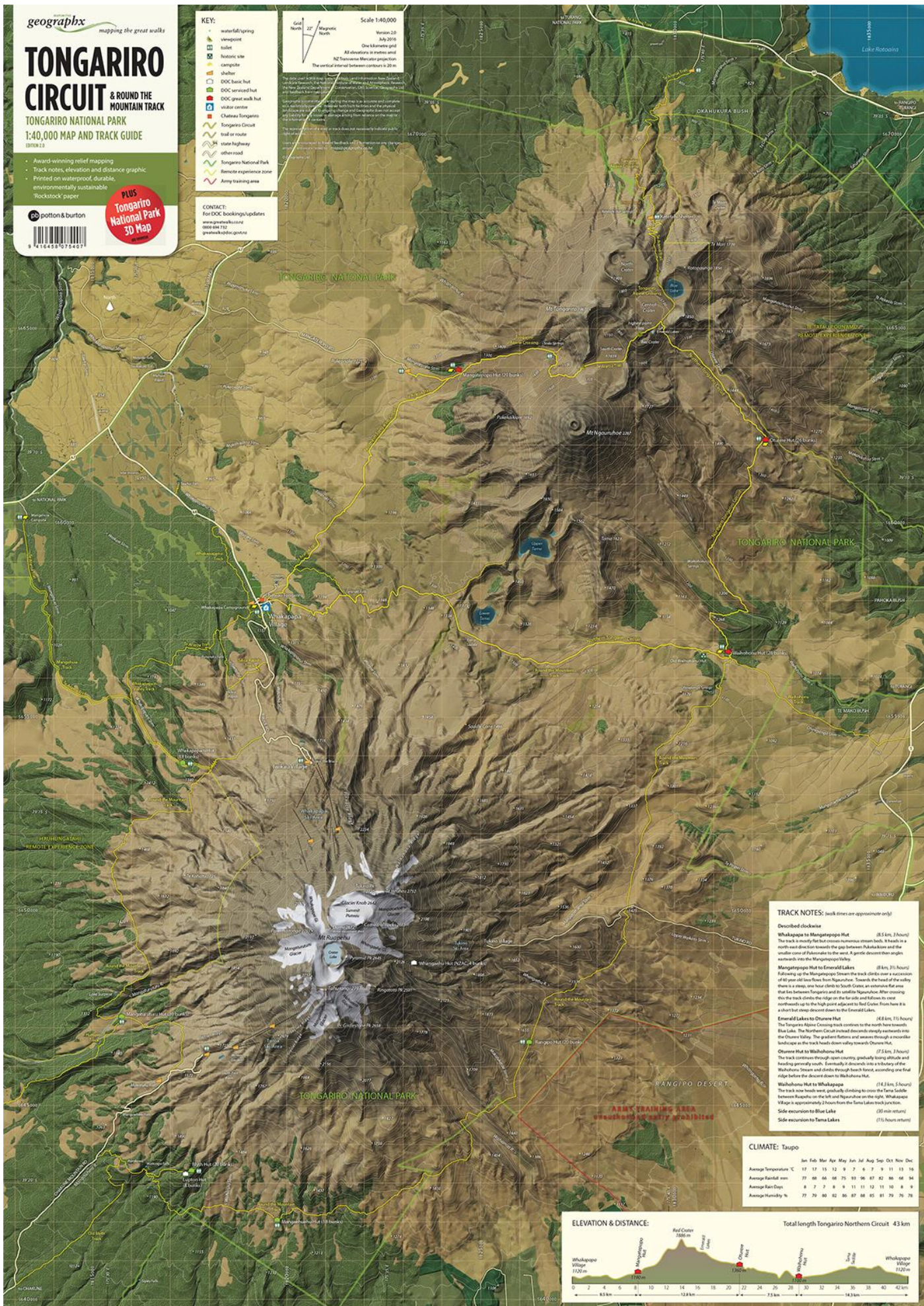
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Tongariro National Park 3D Map

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- KEY:**
- waterfall/spring
 - viewpoint
 - historic site
 - campsite
 - shelter
 - DOC basic hut
 - DOC serviced hut
 - DOC great walk hut
 - visitor centre
 - Chaletau Tongariro
 - Tongariro Circuit
 - trail or route
 - state highway
 - off-road
 - Tongariro National Park
 - Remote experience zone
 - Army training area

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Scale 1:40,000
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One kilometre grid
All elevations in metres and
NZ Transverse Mercator projection
The vertical interval between contours is 20m



TRACK NOTES: (walk times are approximate only!)

Whakapapa to Mangatepepe Hut (8.5 km, 3 hours)
The track is mostly flat but crosses numerous stream beds. It leads in a north-west direction towards the gap between Mt. Ruapehu and the smaller cone of Pukakura to the west. A gentle descent then begins towards the Mangatepepe Hut.

Mangatepepe Hut to Emerald Lakes (8 km, 3.5 hours)
Following up the Mangatepepe Stream the track climbs over a succession of 400-year-old fern forest from Ruapehu. Towards the head of the valley there is a steep, one-hour climb to South Crater, an extensive flat area that lies between Tongariro and its satellite Ngauruhoe. After crossing this the track climbs the ridge on the far side and follows to meet northwards up to the high point adjacent to Red Crater. From here it is a short but steep descent down to the Emerald Lakes.

Emerald Lakes to Ohangine Hut (4.8 km, 1.5 hours)
The Tongariro Alpine Crossing track continues to the north here towards Blue Lake. The Northern Circuit instead descends steadily downwards into the Ohangine Valley. The gradient flattens and unweaves through a mosaic landscape as the track heads down valley towards Ohangine Hut.

Ohangine Hut to Whakapapa (7.5 km, 3 hours)
The track continues through open country, gradually losing altitude and heading generally south. Eventually it descends into a tributary of the Whakapapa Stream and climbs through bush forest, ascending one final ridge before the descent down to Whakapapa.

Whakapapa Hut to Whakapapa (14.2 km, 5 hours)
The track now heads west, gradually climbing to cross the Tama Saddle between Ruapehu on the left and Ngauruhoe on the right. Whakapapa Village is approximately 2 hours from the Tama Lakes track junction.
Side excursion to Blue Lake (30 min return)
Side excursion to Tama Lakes (1.5 hours return)

CLIMATE: Taupo

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Temperature °C	17	17	15	12	9	7	6	7	9	11	13	16
Average Rainfall mm	77	68	66	66	75	93	96	87	82	86	68	64
Average Rain Days	8	7	7	8	9	11	11	12	11	10	8	9
Average Humidity %	77	79	80	82	86	87	88	85	81	79	75	70

ELEVATION & DISTANCE:

