Field Trip 3 – Geothermal Explorer Road Trip

(Limited to 45 people)

Arrive at the Great Lake Centre by 8:00am and collect your packed lunch.

Depart by bus from the Great Lake Centre, Taupō by 8:30am and drive to the Nga Awa Purua Reserve stop and talk about Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa's wilding pine control on the banks of the Waikato River in an area significant to the iwi.

Drive from the Nga Awa Purua Reserve to Orakei Korako, stop and talk about this site, Red Hills and Tutukau Forest. A short ferry trip across Lake Ohakuri from the Orakei Korako Visitor Centre to the walking track that takes in the geothermal valley and cave.

Away from the bus for about 2.5 hours.

Drive from Orakei Korako to Maunga Kakaramea carpark, stop for a talk and a short 15 minute walk to the crater lake, where we will eat our packed lunch.

Drive to Waiotapu mud pools, stop for a short talk.

Return by bus to the Great Lake Centre, Taupō approximately 3:30pm.

The walks are not difficult, but please wear walking shoes and layer up your clothes, bring a rain jacket, and a backpack for your lunch and any other gear you need.