

2017 Waitomo Trail Run - Fact Sheet

- The 2nd annual Waitomo Trail Run is an inaugural event that has attracted over 3400 runners and walkers mainly from Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty.
- In only its second year – it is the largest trail run in New Zealand.
- No trail running event in New Zealand's history has ever grown this fast.
- Following on from the Tarawera Ultra and Tarawera Trail Marathon, this is only the third event organisers Paul Charteris and Tim Day have offered in nine years
- Located in the ultimate playground in the Waitomo region, the course will weave runners and walkers through an underground and overground thoroughfare of karst-studded landscapes, native bush, vibrant working farms, tunnels, canyons and glowworms
- The event is open to all ages and abilities, offering a unique opportunity to get out and about with family and friends
- There are four distance options in the Waitomo Trail Run including 6, 11, 22 and 35km, which pass through Department of Conservation reserves, as well as private farmland which can only be accessed on race day
- The two longest of the four events starts at Mangapohue Natural Bridge following one of the most unique geological lines in the world.
- The 35km event finishes at the world-famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitor Centre
- The more curious and energetic participants of the 22 and 35km options are also challenged to tackle the 'adventure options' available on the course
- The term 'race' doesn't define what this event is about. Participants are encouraged to take their time on the course and explore what Waitomo has to offer