## Visitor Guide: Thames, Whangamata and the Southern Coromandel

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Friendly beaches, Thames Coast. VISITOR GUIDE: This southern part of the Coromandel Peninsula which includes **Thames, Whangamata** and **Te Aroha** has plenty for the visitor: excellent cafes, restaurants and bars, a winery, all types of activities including old train rides, gold rush history, museums, walking and tramping, sightseeing, gardens, fly fishing, shopping, surfing, art and all beach fun. The superb natural hot pools at Miranda, Te Aroha and Athenree are an all year activity - do the **Hot Pool Tour, summer or winter!** Choose from all types of accommodation - motels, B&Bs, backpackers, lodges, alternative retreats, garden chalets and holiday parks. ADVERTISEMENTS:

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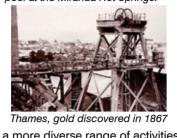






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The wider Thames Region has a more diverse range of activities than any other area - from hot pools, to overnight tramping In the Kauaeranga Valley, skydives to butterflies, hire a bike or take an olde gold mine tour. Check out the town: the museums, the old pubs and the history - learn about the outrageous goldrush days when the town was the second biggest centre in the country! You can Base yourself in Thames and see the Peninsula with day

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The township of Paeroa is a centre for events which include a Jazz Festival, Highland Tattoo and the popular annual motorbike 'Battle of the Streets'. Nine antique and collectables shops make the town a magnet for collectors and memorabilia hunters. The picturesque Karangahake Gorge on SH2 between Paeroa and Waihi is a fascinating area with plenty going on: enjoy the cafes, winery, farm park, waterlily gardens, top accom. and trips. Included in this region is the **Thames Coast** with family saf extensive walking tracks which include rushing waters with swi bridges, gold mines and and old railway tunnels. The Goldfields beaches and spectacular sunsets. The quieter **Seabird Coast** on the west side of the Firth of Thames is an alternative route to/from Railway does rides from the old Waikino Station Cafe to Waihi Auckland and the Airport. And don't miss the Miranda Hot Pools! and the old gold mining relics are worth a look. Trout fishing too!





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the Kopu Bridge) Phone 07 867 5111

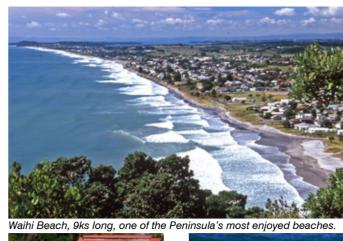
throughout this region. The walks and huts of the Kauaeranga

Valley and historic Karangahake Gorge are highlights of the

region. For more information see DoC's own brochures.

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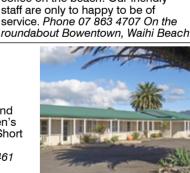
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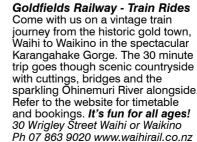
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