

Kites to fly high above Chateau Tongariro on New Years Day

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Project Tongariro together with NZ Kitefliers Association and the Department of Conservation will once again host the annual Kite Day on the slopes of Mt Ruapehu at Whakapapa Village this New Years Day.

Popular among families and kite enthusiasts alike, the annual Kite Day on the golf course in front of the Chateau Tongariro is always a fun day out. Come along to watch as kites of all shapes and sizes take flight or bring your own and join in on the fun. There are free paper kites for children to make on the day.

Project Tongariro President Karen Williams says it is a great way to start the year. "There's always an amazing array of kites with Mt Ruapehu as a wonderful backdrop. Don't forget your camera."

Kite Day marks the start of 'Active in the Park', DOC's Summer Nature Programme which goes from 1 January to 10 January 2012. There are activities scheduled to suit everyone's interests and the programme gives people the opportunity to explore and learn about Tongariro National Park.

Project Tongariro Kite Day – 1 January 2012 from 10.30am Whakapapa Village
For more information go to www.tongariro.org.nz

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About Project Tongariro

Established in 1984, Project Tongariro is a non-profit organisation that has been active in the region for more than 25 years. It's a community group who works in partnership with the Department of Conservation on many projects and whose goal is to promote a wider knowledge and appreciation of the unique natural heritage, historic, educational and recreational values of Tongariro National Park and its environs.

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