



LANDSCAPES: THE KINLOCH CLUB

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For many decades anglers have been lured to Lake Taupo to discover the region's world-famous flyfishing sanctuaries. Dry fly and nymph fishing in the crystal-clear streams and rivers around Taupo have become an irresistible temptation ever since brown and rainbow trout were introduced to New Zealand more than a century ago. More recently it's golf that is enticing new visitors to Taupo, in particular The Kinloch Club, a Jack Nicklaus design that offers a formidable links-like experience on the shores of New Zealand's largest freshwater lake. Countless waste bunkers litter the property where the Golden Bear has designed one of the most difficult courses you're likely to encounter. Rumour has it Danny Lee had a best score of 76 in his first four outings around Kinloch as a hotshot amateur.

Originally conceived as a private club, Kinloch now operates as a public-access facility and presents a sterner test of golf by comparison with Taupo's other must-play layout, the tranquil Wairakei International Golf Course.



With fairways laid out liked a rumpled doona in the middle of winter, The Kinloch Club on the shores of Lake Taupo has a reputation as the most difficult golf course in New Zealand.