

Auckland University Canoe Club presents

FULLJAMIES CARNIVAL

THE FULLJAMES GUIDE



The ultimate guide to everything you need
to know for your weekend of adventure on
the river and under the big top tent.



Congrats on deciding to come to **Fulljames**! You will be joining generations of AUCCCers who have descended upon the mighty Waikato River looking for adventure, excitement, and like-minded people. In this guide to **Fulljames 2021**, you'll find everything you need to know to have an amazing weekend.

The theme this year is CARNIVAL. Think all things circus – magicians, mimes, lion tamers, circus animals, acrobats, clowns and more!

Costumes and dressing up is **HIGHLY** encouraged. However please note that **cultural appropriation is unwelcome**. It's not cool to borrow cultural elements of a minority culture for a day, and then shed that identity once you've had your fun

TICKETS

\$50 General Admission (AUCC/VUCC/MCC members)

\$60 General Admission (Non-members)

\$100 Party Bus - Includes General Admission (members only)

General Admission tickets cover accommodation, access to the Nga Awa Purua Rapids, gear hire, party on Saturday night, and more. Party Bus tickets include General Admission, plus your transport for the weekend, and dinner on Friday night.

Please note Fulljames is strictly R18.
General Admission tickets are available online
<https://www.aucc.org.nz/event-fulljames>
Payment details are at the end of the form

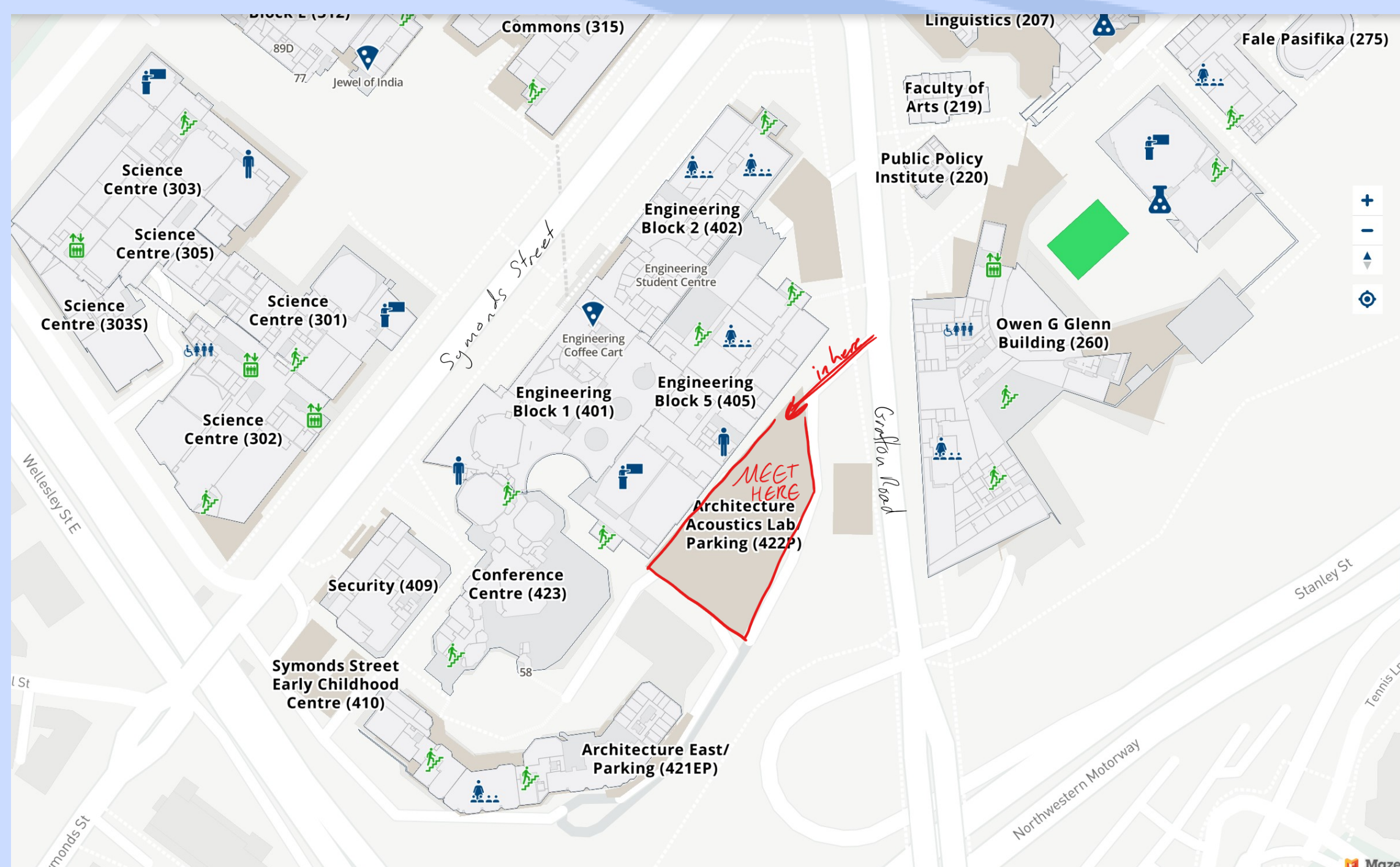


GETTING TO FULLJAMES

Taking the Party Bus

Getting a ticket for the party bus is the easiest way to get to Fulljames. **Tickets are \$100 and only for members.** This includes your general admission ticket to Fulljames plus dinner on Friday night, fuel, and a damn good night with a pub crawl and party bus challenges. Dinner is at the **car park located behind the new Engineering building 405 City Campus on Friday night at 4.30pm.** Please note this is a new location to previously years. Check out the map below if you aren't familiar with the campus yet. If you are late, your bus will not wait for you. Buses will be loaded with people and gear at **5pm** and you will begin your journey south to Tāupo.

You will return to city campus on Sunday evening most likely around 10pm. Please make arrangements to be picked up or find your way home from there. Our drivers don't get paid so they can't be expected to drive around the greater Auckland region dropping off passengers. Your party starters and drivers will let you know estimated arrival times when you are about an hour from arriving in Central Auckland.



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Important things to remember for Party Bus passengers

- NZ is really strict with checking IDs for anyone that looks under 25. **Make sure you have valid ID** with you (and not in the trailer with the rest of your gear.) Without valid ID (R18 card, NZ Drivers License, or Passport,) your pub crawl might be a little sad.
- Dinner is pizza. There will be vegetarian options and maybe vegan (depending on demand). However, we won't be saving special pizzas for particular people. Turn up on time and get your desired pizza!
- The buses will stop at a liquor store before leaving Auckland. **They won't stop at a supermarket so make sure you have all your food sorted.**
- You must show up in costume! Each bus is themed, your party starters will let you know what yours is.

Driving (General Admission) Car list

If you aren't on the party busses you will be travelling by car. We organise this for the whole group. **If you have a car and are happy to drive make sure you let us know!**

When you sign up for Fulljames general admission tickets, you will be asked for some basic information about your travel preferences (if you have a car, license, preferred passengers/driver etc.).

We use this information to organise the car list. Please remember, even if you have arranged passengers or a driver, everyone in the car must buy their general admission ticket and fill out the form.

- If someone doesn't sign up formally, we will assume they are not coming to Fulljames and will put someone else in their spot.
- **Saying you are coming on Facebook does not count.**



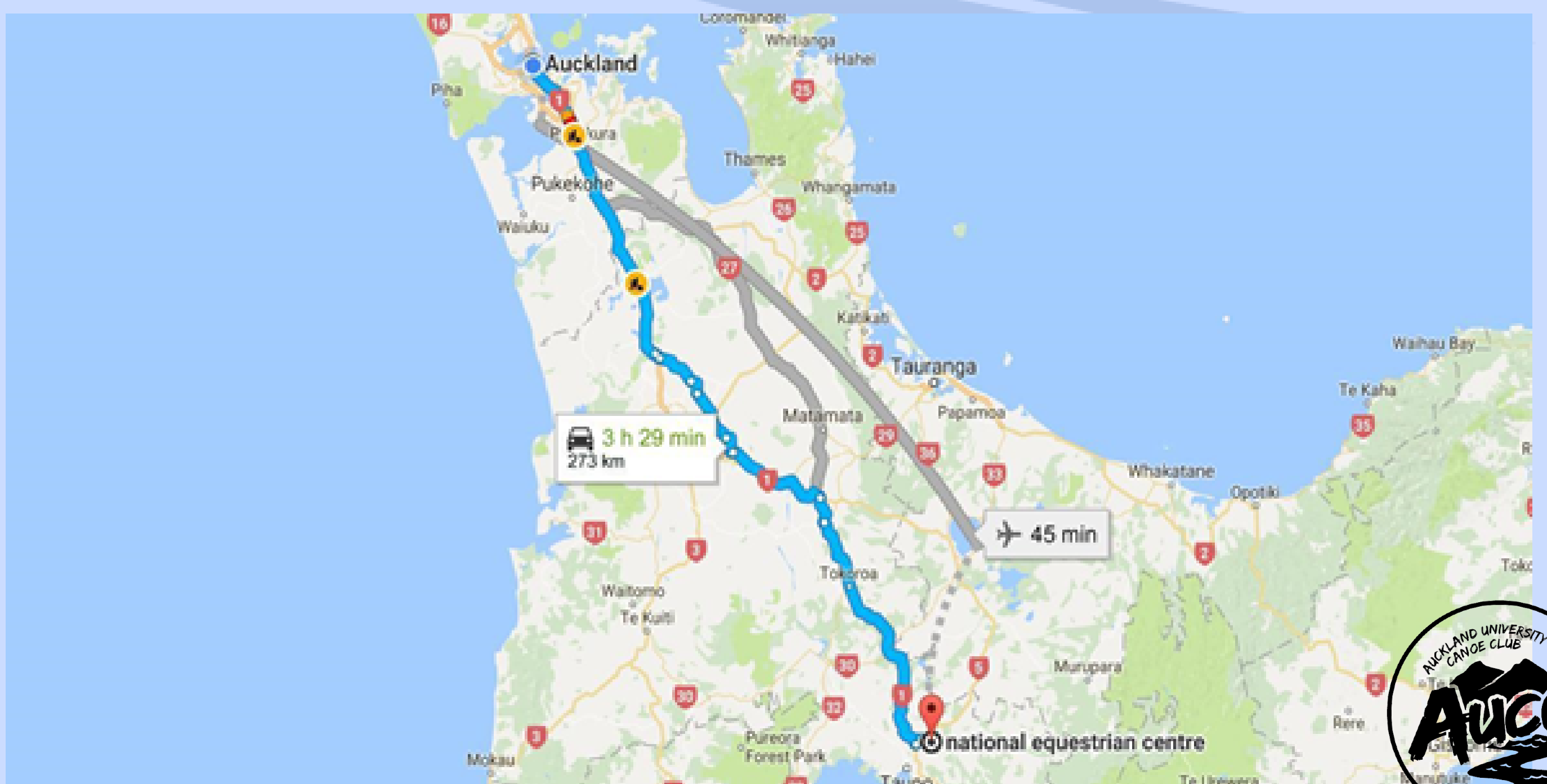
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Our Fulljames Officers will make the car list by the Wednesday before Fulljames. Please understand that there are a lot of you that we need to organise (up to 150 people), so while we will do our very best to make everyone happy you may not always be able to travel with the driver/passengers you requested.

Petrol is shared using the 2:1 rule. This means drivers pay 1 share while passengers pay 2 shares. This is to take into account that drivers are awesome, have to pay to maintain their vehicle and that their car will probably get dirty, not to mention driving back to Auckland while you crash out!

- E.g. if petrol comes to \$160 for the weekend and there are 3 passengers and a driver. $\$160 / 7 = \22.85 Passengers each pay $\$22.85 \times 2 = \45.71 and the driver pays \$22.85.
- Please note this is not indicative of how much your fuel will be but merely an example of how maths works...

Base camp is at the National Equestrian Centre on Rapids Road just out of Taupo. Check google maps before leaving if you don't have GPS. Here it is on google maps...



ACCOMMODATION

We are staying at the National Equestrian Centre (NEC), Rapids Road, Aratiatia, Tāupo. Accommodation (camping) fees are including in your general admission ticket.

Tents

With AUCC you will go camping a lot. It's social, cheaper than a backpackers and provides great stargazing opportunities! If you have a tent already – that's great. If not, no stress - we've got some solutions for you.

- Borrow a tent from a family member, friend, work colleague, whoever really!
- Trade a space in a tent with another club member for something useful such as beer or cake. We have a beer for gear form which members can offer or ask on.
- Go shopping. If you are planning on coming on more trips or doing other outdoorsy stuff, a tent might be a good investment.
- Sleep under the stars and hope it doesn't rain/get too cold. This is not recommended so best to investigate the other three options first.

Bring a sleeping bag and sleeping mat. A pillow is nice if you have some space. Once again, ask around and borrow if you can.

Toilets and Showers There are flushing toilets. There are a couple of showers. There are going to be over 100 people. Don't expect a shower. If you get one, lucky you! Baby wipes are the showers of champions...

Drinking Water There is drinking water at basecamp, bring a water bottle to fill up to stay hydrated on river!

Cooking

There are no cooking facilities. There are no takeaways nor supermarkets. Tāupo town isn't far but definitely a drive. Talk to your car and do the grocery shopping before arriving at camp. Lots of people do food as a car group but it's up to the people in the car to decide if that suits them. People in party buses tend to sort their food individually or with friends. Having a little cooker is great as it means you can enjoy hot food. If you don't have a cooker in your car or cooking group, make sure you bring food that doesn't need heating.

BBQ Lunch

There will be a BBQ with sausages, hash browns and more on Saturday lunchtime and Sunday morning. Everything costs a Gold Coin (\$1 or \$2) and proceeds go towards the AUCC social fund (aka more subsidised fun later in the year!)



PACKING CHECKLIST

What to Bring - Off the River

It will be typical New Zealand summer weather. That means it might be sunny, windy, and rainy all in one day.

- Warm clothes (Jumper, trousers). The night can get cold!
- Summer clothes (Shorts, t-shirt). The day might get hot
- Raincoat
- Sunhat/sunblock/sunglasses - slip, slop, slap etc
- Costume. The theme is Circus/Carnival. Everyone goes all out. Prizes for best dressed! Wear this on Friday night if you are doing the bar crawl or bring for Saturday if you are meeting us there.
- Toiletries
- Tent, sleeping bag, sleeping mat, pillow
- Things to cook and eat with
- Drink Bottle
- Food (at least 2 meals, snacks and beverages)
- Head Torch
- ID for those doing the bar crawl
- Beverages and a good attitude

What to Bring - On the River

You will need to bring some personal gear to make sure you are happy and safe on the river. If the trip leaders and safety officers decide you aren't appropriately dressed, you will not be allowed on the river. We like to party. But we also like to be safe on the river.

- River Shoes (watershoes/booties or sports sandals. If you don't have these, old sports shoes/sneakers work fine)
- Togs (swimwear e.g. boardies, bikini)
- Polypro (polypropylene thermals) OR wool (merino or otherwise) OR fleece OR neoprene/wetsuit
- Towel
- Optional: Dry top/Splash jacket etc. if you have it. Mostly worn by people that know what they're doing...or think they do

Important: NOT COTTON

If you try to get on the river wearing cotton, you will not be allowed to kayak and/or raft. Cotton gets very cold when it is wet. It is terrible on the river.

Remember to borrow gear where you can! If you want to buy gear, check out any outdoors store, Canoe & Kayak North Shore, or even The Warehouse for cheap watershoes.



GEAR PROVIDED BY AUCC

For Kayaking:

1. Kayak
2. Paddle
3. Helmet
4. Lifejacket
5. Sprayskirt if appropriate

For Rafting:

1. Paddle
2. Helmet
3. Lifejacket
4. Seat in a raft
5. An awesome guide to help you get down the river



Please note - VUCC & MCC members, some of this gear may be provided by your own club. Please get in contact with your relevant gear officer or the Fulljames trip organisers if you have any issues.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday:

16:30 - Meet at the Fale (instructions above)

17:00 - Drive (or take the Party Bus) to Fulljames (Bar Crawl)

Saturday:

8:00 - Welcome to Fulljames and briefing at camp

9:00 - Groups assigned and shuttle

10:00 - River fun in kayaks, rafts, and the natural hotpools.

12:00 - Lunch

13:00 - Afternoon session

15:00 - Instructors play on wave

17:00 - Everyone back at camp

17:30 - Sausage sizzle, circus fun games and drinking.

20:00-till late - Merriment and debauchery in the big top tent ft DJ Chequered Patterns, costumes and a special performance.

Sunday

8:30 - Prize giving, briefing, camp clean-up and pack-up

9:30 - Groups assigned and shuttle

10:00 - More river time with kayaks, rafts, and hot-pools.

13:00 - Off the river

13:30 - Back at camp to pack-up

15:00 - 16:00 - leave for Auckland

21:00 ish - Back in Auckland

You should aim to have breakfasted and clothed yourself etc. before morning briefing on Saturday and Sunday. After briefing, we're in there like swimwear!



WHY IS IT CALLED FULLJAMES ANYWAY?

Fulljames takes place on the Nga Awa Purua Rapids on the mighty Waikato River

Who was Fulljames?

- Walter Leslie Fulljames was born on the 2 October 1895. He fought in both WWI and WWII and was awarded the 1914 - 1915 Star, British War Medal (1914 - 1920), New Zealand War Service Medal, War Medal 1939 - 1945, and Victory Medal.
- Between the wars he established Huka Fishing Lodge on the banks of the Waikato River and the Fulljames rapids were named after him. After 1950 he established the first newspaper in Taupo. He died in 1985.
- Fulljames is the Pakeha name given to the rapids.

Access to the Nga Awa Purua Rapids is kindly granted by Tauhara North No.2 Trust. Accessing the river is a privilege and we must treat the river and land with respect. Help out and keep the place clean and tidy.

THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL & SMOKING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON IWI LAND. Save the party for the NEC.

CONTACT US

Your Fulljames Officers this year are Lydia Tomic and Toni Schollum.

Your best bet is to email us at fulljames@aucc.org.nz

If it's really important you can call us, just remember we're super busy making sure this is going to be an awesome weekend, so please email instead of calling if possible.

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