

# The Central Volcanic Plateau — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- The centre of the North Island is a volcanic plateau.
- It has active volcanoes, including Mount Ruapehu.
- Lake Taupō fills a huge crater from a giant ancient eruption.
- Geothermal heat is used here to make electricity.

## Key vocabulary

- Plateau — a high, flat area of land.
- Volcano — an opening where lava escapes.
- Crater — a bowl-shaped hollow from an eruption.
- Geothermal — heat from inside the Earth.

## A fiery heart

The North Island's plateau is shaped by volcanoes — some still active — and by the heat rising from deep underground.

## A lake in a crater

Lake Taupō, New Zealand's largest lake, fills the crater left by one of the biggest eruptions in history.