



A youthful “porter” rests in the Khumbu region of Nepal. Tourism has put pressure on timber supplies in area where regrowth is slow.

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The 40-metre long Mangaparua Bridge was built in 1936 to provide access for settlers of the isolated and now abandoned Mangaparua Valley. Today this “Bridge to Nowhere” attracts trampers, canoeists and tourists.

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Planes and helicopters in wilderness areas are not always welcome — especially by people who have made the trip the hard way! Chancellor Dome, Fox Glacier, towards Mt Tasman.

Photo: Bruce Bostill

At the Whakarewarewa thermal area, one hotel dominates, providing a few guests with a view but intruding into the experience of thousands. The author believes such problems can be overcome with better planning.

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It is scenes such as this — Lake Matheson with Mts Tasman and Cook in their reflected glory — which have always attracted tourists to New Zealand. Increasingly, those tourists are coming not just to look, but to seek adventure in such surroundings.

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