



## Knoll Ridge Café

Knoll Ridge Café is located at approximately 2010 meters above sea level at Whakapapa Ski Field on Mount Ruapehu, Tongariro National Park. The park was given World Heritage status by UNESCO in 1990 and in 1993 was also granted cultural World Heritage status. The site is one of only a handful around the world with this dual status, which was extremely influential in the consideration of the building design. Situated on the side of a mountain, the commercial ski field is also sited on what is New Zealand's largest active volcano. The form of the building reflects the strong geological features of the mountain. The "gull wing" roof was to appear to cradle the mountain peak. On a practical level it is used to manage the snow. Timber has been used extensively inside and out to create the warm feeling of a traditional mountain chalet without adopting the traditional form. The large glazed exterior allows for full exposure to the magnificence view of the Pinnacle Ridge.

