

## We've hit the big 3-0!

Skyline Rotorua turns 30 years old today. We're overjoyed to be celebrating this milestone and we thank all of our fans, especially our friends and neighbours in the Rotorua community who have supported us for so many years.



Skyline Enterprises began construction in Rotorua in 1984, with a Mueller Gondola system installed from Switzerland and a restaurant capable of accommodating up to 250 people built at the top of the [Gondola](#).

On March 10, 1985, Skyline Skyrides Rotorua was officially opened with a pre-recorded message from the then-Minister of Tourism, Hon. Mike Moore, who was in the US for trade talks at the time. That year, construction also began on Skyline Rotorua's thrill element – the world's first [Luge](#) track – which was opened to the public in 1987, with additional tracks completed in 1993 and 2001.



Skyline Rotorua has continued to innovate, adding other gravity rides such as the [Skyswing](#), [Zoom Zipline](#) and the latest – [Skyline Rotorua Mountain Bike Gravity Park](#), with a range of trails for beginners to world-class riders on Mt Ngongotaha.

The mountain bike park places Skyline Rotorua on the world-map once again, as the host venue of Crankworx – the world's largest mountain biking festival.

In the past 30 years more than 8 million visitors have ridden the Skyline Rotorua Gondola. Many Kiwis have fond childhood memories of riding the Gondola for the first time – for many it was, and still is, a quintessential part of growing up in New Zealand.

Thank you for making our first three decades so wonderful. We're looking forward to hosting you through the next 30 years.

To see more historical photos of Skyline Rotorua's early years, check out our [Facebook page](#).