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TE IKA-A-MĀUI
NORTH ISLAND

2020/2021

Conservation Campsites



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More DOC campsites will be able to be booked online

Over the next year, DOC is adding more campsites to its online booking system so you can plan ahead, pay more easily and modify your booking. Check the DOC website when making your holiday plans.

If a campsite is bookable, you'll need to book and pay online before you go.

For help, visit **booking.doc.govt.nz** or a DOC Visitor Centre.



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New Zealand's
environment
and find out what makes
this country unique*

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of Conservation

Visitor Centres

DOC Visitor Centres are located nationwide and are staffed by DOC rangers who have first-hand, in-depth local knowledge about conservation places and activities. Visit to plan and prepare your outdoor adventures.

Find out about DOC Visitor Centre opening hours at **www.doc.govt.nz/visitorcentres**

At the campsite

Camping care code

- Be a careful camper and practise 'no trace' camping.
- Choose your campsite carefully; set up your camp on firm, high or sandy ground. Camp only in designated areas.
- Be tidy and always leave campsites clean. Take your rubbish with you if bins are not provided.
- Use a cooker, fireplace or BBQ. Light fires only where allowed, collect dead wood and keep the fire small. Soak the fire with water before you go.
- Detergents, soap and toothpaste can harm aquatic and marine life. Use biodegradable products and wash in a container well away from water sources.
- Always use toilets provided.
- Campgrounds are social places but everyone needs some rest and relaxation. Please respect the rights of others for quiet enjoyment of the outdoors. Limit generator use (where permitted) between 9 pm and 8 am.
- Pay your fees to help keep campsites available in the future.
- Always thoroughly clean your equipment before and after trips to minimise the spread of weeds and diseases.
- Protect native plants and animals.
- Always dispose of waste from motor caravans at official dump stations.



Beware of thieves

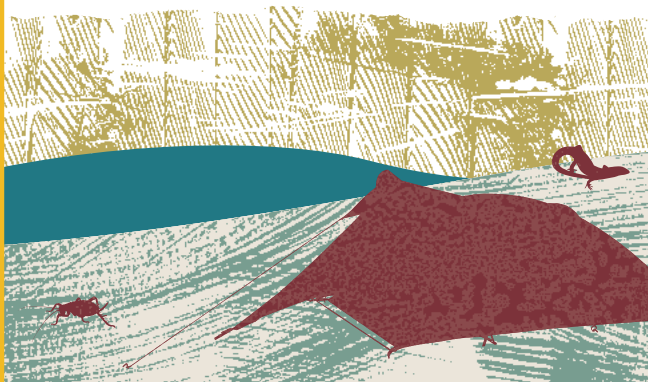
Remember to lock your vehicle and take your valuables with you.

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Toitū te whenua

*Leave the
land undisturbed*
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Gravel roads and insurance

If you are driving a rental vehicle, remember to check whether you are insured when driving on unsealed roads.





TIAKI PROMISE

WHILE TRAVELLING IN NEW ZEALAND I WILL



CARE FOR LAND, SEA AND NATURE,
TREADING LIGHTLY AND LEAVING NO TRACE



TRAVEL SAFELY, SHOWING CARE
AND CONSIDERATION FOR ALL



RESPECT CULTURE, TRAVELLING
WITH AN OPEN HEART AND MIND



— HOW TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND —



BE
PREPARED



DRIVE
CAREFULLY



KEEP NZ
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


MAP KEY

Public conservation land

-  National park
-  Conservation park
-  Other public conservation land

Marine protected areas

-  Marine reserve
-  Marine mammal sanctuary



Campsite



DOC Visitor Centre



Town/city



Great Walk



State/provincial highway



Te Urewera

Abbreviations

SH = State Highway; VC = Visitor Centre; NP = National Park

GPS coordinates

The GPS coordinates in this guide can be entered into your GPS unit or smartphone to find a campsite. For example, to find the Fantail Bay campsite, enter -36.52479, 175.32816. Remember to enter the negative symbol and separate the numbers by a comma.

Water



Water from tap is treated, suitable for drinking



Water from tap is not treated, boil before use



Water from stream



No water, bring your own

Facilities



BBQ (wood or gas)



Cookers/electric stove



Cooking shelter



Cold shower



Hot shower



Dump station*



Shop



Café



Petrol available



Boat launching



Pack in, pack out – take your rubbish with you

Access



Wheelchair accessible[†]



Wheelchair accessible with assistance[†]



Campervan accessible



No campervans

Animals



Dogs allowed. Keep your dog under control at all times



Dogs with a DOC permit only



Dogs on a leash only



No dogs



No horses

Booking



Able to be booked online at booking.doc.govt.nz

Campfires



Fires permitted in fireplaces or firepits provided by DOC. No open fires elsewhere



Fires not permitted at any time



Number of campsites



Number of powered sites

* For more information on dump stations in your area, visit the local DOC Visitor Centre or i-SITE, or go to www.rankers.co.nz/respect

[†] Wheelchair accessible facilities may include toilets, water supply, showers, picnic tables, kitchens and pathways.

Information correct at the time of printing. Current information is available on the DOC website at doc.govt.nz/campsites. Feedback about this brochure is welcomed, please email recreation@doc.govt.nz

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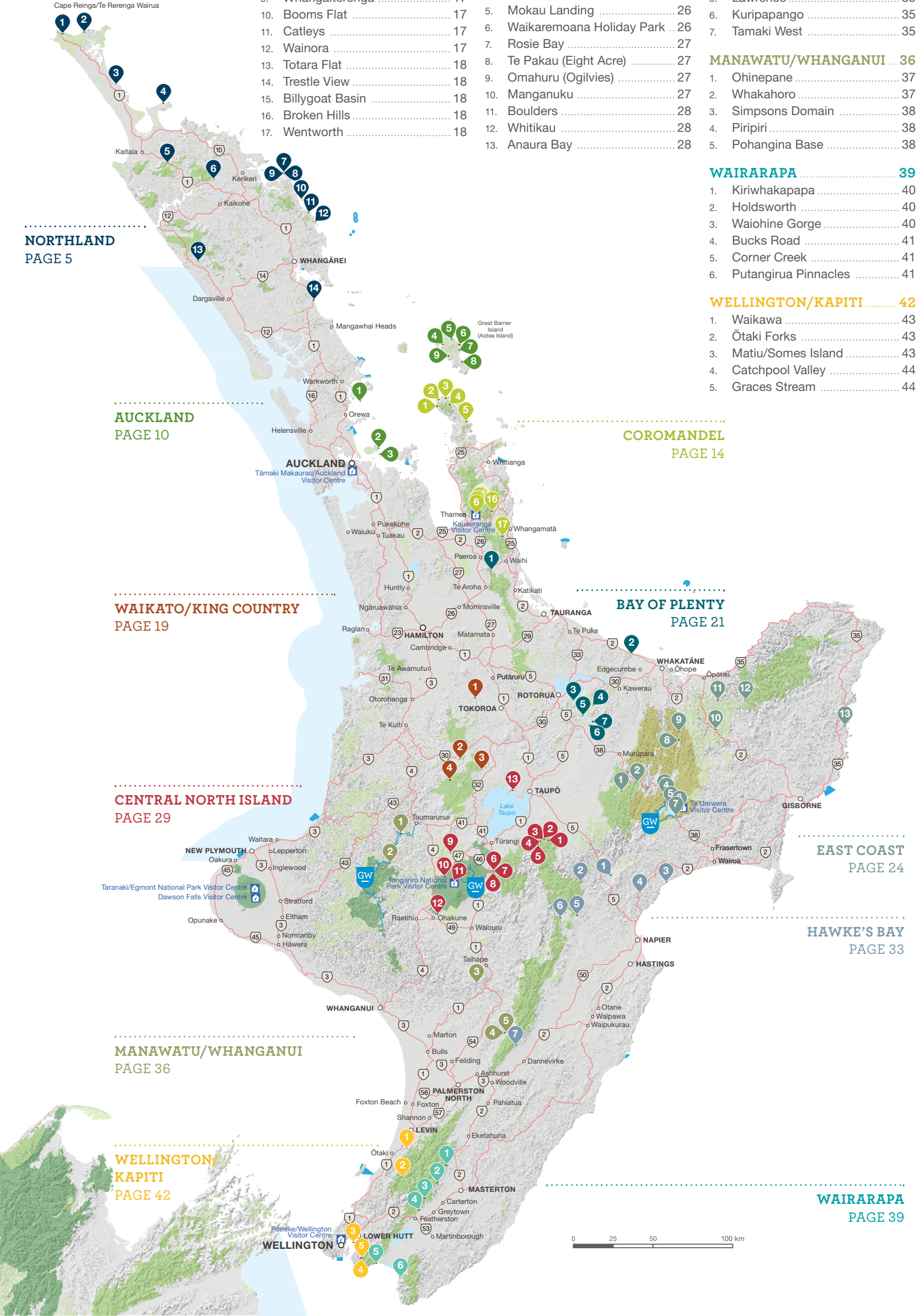
You could get a \$200 instant fine by:

- freedom camping overnight where there is a 'no camping' sign
- freedom camping overnight where there is a 'self-contained' sign and you are not using an approved NZ Standard self-contained vehicle
- depositing waste while freedom camping.

DOC Visitor Centre staff can advise where you can freedom camp safely and responsibly in New Zealand and where local camping restrictions apply. New Zealand's Freedom Camping Act 2011 means visitors who ignore good camping practices and/or camp in the wrong places can receive an instant fine of \$200.

For more information on responsible camping, visit www.doc.govt.nz/freedomcamping

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Conservation Campsites

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Arohena, Waikato/King Country (p 20). Photo: DOC

Conservation Campsites are places to relax, enjoy and explore the great outdoors. The Department of Conservation (DOC) manages more than 200 campsites throughout New Zealand. Choose from lush forest settings, lakeshores and sandy beaches.

This brochure highlights campsites managed by DOC on conservation land. For more information on individual campsites, check out www.doc.govt.nz/campsites.

Enjoy camping with DOC!

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What to expect

Fees will vary at some campsites. For prices at individual campsites, go to www.doc.govt.nz/campsites.

Serviced campsites* \$20* adult; \$10 child

Serviced campsites have a wide range of facilities and services: flush toilets, tap water, kitchen/cooking bench, hot showers, rubbish collection and road access for all types of vehicles. Laundry facilities, BBQs, fireplaces, cookers and picnic tables may be provided.

Scenic campsites* \$15* adult; \$7.50 child

These campsites are in high use locations and have a more limited range of facilities and services than Serviced campsites: toilets, water supply (tap, stream or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Wood BBQs and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter and rubbish bins may be provided.

Standard campsites \$8* adult; \$4 child

These campsites have toilets, water supply (tap, stream, or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Wood BBQs and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter and rubbish bins may be provided.

Backcountry campsites fees vary

Backcountry campsites have toilets and a water supply, which may be from a stream. Picnic tables, cooking shelters and fireplaces may be provided.

Basic campsites no charge

These have very limited facilities so campers need to be fully self-sufficient. Basic toilets and water may be from a tank, stream or lake.

Age categories for fees:

Adult:	18+ years
Child:	5–17 years
Infant:	0–4 years, no charge.

* Extra charges apply for powered sites: \$3 per adult; \$1.50 per child.

Booking and paying fees

Bookings required for all Serviced campsites and some Scenic and Standard campsites in peak season (usually 1 October – 30 April). Most bookings can be made at booking.doc.govt.nz or at a DOC Visitor Centre (fees may apply).

Where bookings are not required, pay fees via the self-registration system at the campsite or Visitor Centre. These campsites are first come, first served.

Fees are generally per person per night. DOC rangers patrol camping areas and will check fees have been paid.

At the campsite

Campsites and dogs

Dogs are **not permitted** at Conservation Campsites unless the 'dogs allowed' or 'dogs on a leash' symbol is present.

Where dogs are allowed, it is important to keep your dog under control at all times. Even the most obedient dog has the potential to kill wildlife and most campsites are located in or near protected areas.

Dog owners who take their dogs into dog-prohibited campsites or controlled areas without a permit, or breach the conditions of their permit, are liable to prosecution. Find places that can take your dog at www.doc.govt.nz/camping



Take your rubbish with you

DOC operates a pack in, pack out policy at most campsites – there are no rubbish or recycling facilities. Campers should plan to take their rubbish away with them.



No unauthorised drones

A permit is required from DOC to use drones on public conservation land or near marine mammals for any reason – including private use. To apply, visit www.doc.govt.nz/drones



Fire risk

Open fires are not permitted at campsites, unless in a fireplace or firepit provided by DOC.

Protect our wildlife

from disease

Some DOC campsites are in areas where native species are vulnerable to disease. Help prevent disease from spreading by following simple precautions, including cleaning gear before and after entering these areas. Look for notices at the campsites and DOC Visitor Centres for details. Contact the local DOC office for more biosecurity information.



BETWEEN WATERWAYS

Didymo is an exotic alga that invades waterways. This microscopic pest can be spread by a single drop of water. Even if you can't see it, you could be spreading it.

A large number of Conservation Campsites are near rivers and lakes, so always remember to **Check, Clean, Dry** all footwear, bicycles, vehicles, fishing equipment and other items before entering, and when moving between, waterways. For more information and cleaning guidelines, go to www.doc.govt.nz/stophespread



Kauri dieback is a disease that kills kauri trees. There is no cure and it can be spread through the movement of soil. But kauri trees can be saved. Help stop the spread:

- Clean all soil off your footwear and other gear, every time you enter or leave a kauri forest, and at every cleaning station.
- Use disinfectant only after you have removed all the soil.
- Stay on the track and off kauri roots. A kauri's roots can grow outwards three times as far as its branches.
- Spread the word within your networks on how to stop kauri dieback.

Visit www.kauridieback.co.nz or call **0800 NZ KAURI (0800 695 2874)**.

Protect our wildlife

from invasive pests

Some special campsites are located on islands free of most of our invasive pest animals and plants. We rely on you to help keep them this way.



Inspect and clean your tent and other camping gear thoroughly before leaving home and between

locations. Remove any mud (check the pegs and peg bag), sand, plant material, insects or animals such as mice or rats, Argentine ants and plague (rainbow) skinks – and don't forget to check inside your tent. It's also important to check your clothing and footwear for weed seeds and soil before and after each trip. If you're taking a boat or kayak, check these too.

DOC staff may make biosecurity checks of your footwear and gear when you arrive on an island to ensure your gear is pest free.

Report sightings of pests on pest-free islands immediately to the DOC HOTline 0800 362 468.




Tuatara. Photo: Sabine Bernert

NORTHLAND

Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua



 **Note:** Campsites 1–9 are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

Urupukapuka is a pest-free island (campsites 7–9). Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel – see page 4.

Kauri dieback disease is killing trees in Northland. Help prevent the spread – see page 4.



For more information please
visit **[www.doc.govt.nz/
campsites](http://www.doc.govt.nz/campsites)**



Photo: DOC

1 Tapotupotu

 45

Relax at New Zealand's northernmost campsite; go surfing or walk the Te Pahi Coastal Track.

Directions: Camp located at the end of Tapotupotu Rd off Cape Reinga Rd (SH1), 3 km south of Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua. **Access:** Gravel, steep sections. **Booking:** Not required.



LATITUDE: -34.43769

LONGITUDE: 172.71645

SCENIC



Photo: DOC

2 Kapowairua (Spirits Bay)

 45

Camp in a picturesque setting, and swim or walk the tracks.

Directions: Follow signposts from Waitiki landing, off SH1, for 16 km along Te Hapua Rd and then Spirits Bay Rd. **Access:** 16 km of gravel. **Note:** Pack insect repellent. **Booking:** Not required.



LATITUDE: -34.42814

LONGITUDE: 172.86337

SCENIC

3 Rarawa

 65

Camp among trees behind the white sand beach; go surfing and fishing.

Directions: 3 km north of Ngataki along SH1 turn into Rarawa Beach Rd. **Access:** 4 km of gravel.

Booking: Not required – first come, first served.

Note: Take care in the water as the beach may be dangerous.



LATITUDE: -34.72511

LONGITUDE: 173.08233

SCENIC



Photo: DOC

4 Maitai Bay

100+

Camp on the outer Karikari Peninsula in sheltered and private campsites.

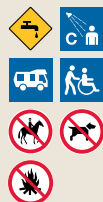
Directions: 25 km southeast of Kaitaia on SH10, turn into Inland Rd at Karikari Peninsula and follow, then into Matai Bay Rd. **Access:** 2 km of gravel.

Booking: Not required.

LATITUDE: -34.82958

LONGITUDE: 173.40807

SCENIC



5 Raetea North Side

20

Camp in one of the last remaining lowland coastal forests. Look for native birds.

Directions: 18 km southeast of Kaitaia along SH1 at Mangataiore. Follow the 'Raetea Reserve' sign, and cross the stream ford to the campsite. **Access:** Gravel.

LATITUDE: -35.16848

LONGITUDE: 173.43488

BASIC



Puketi Forest. Photo: Laura Honey

6 Puketi Recreation Area

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Look out for kiwi and bats. An 18-bunk hut is also available.

Directions: Turn off SH10 at Pungaere Rd, 600 m north of Waipapa and follow signs to the camp.

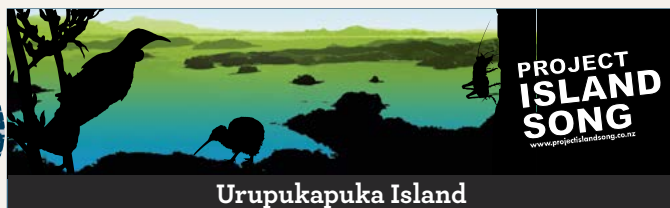
Access: 7 km of gravel. **Information and booking:** Phone Paihia i-SITE on (09) 402 7345, book online during peak season or phone the DOC office on (09) 407 0300. **Note:** Fires only permitted at certain times of year. Check the signs before lighting.

LATITUDE: -35.21167

LONGITUDE: 173.79350

STANDARD





Urupukapuka Island

Campsites 7–9 are on Urupukapuka, an island of significant historical and cultural importance. A great spot for fishing, swimming and water activities.

Directions: Ferries to Otehei Bay leave from Paihia and Russell daily during peak season, water taxis run year round, or arrive by private boat. **Information and booking:** Phone Paihia i-SITE on (09) 402 7345, book online during peak season or phone the DOC office on (09) 407 0300. **Access:** Boat only.

7 Urupukapuka Bay

! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

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Directions: From Otehei Bay Wharf, walk for 15 min east along the marked Otehei Bay track to the top of the hill from where you can see the campsite.



LATITUDE: -35.21763 LONGITUDE: 174.23846

SCENIC

8 Sunset Bay

! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

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Directions: From Otehei Bay, turn right at the end of the wharf and follow the track towards the southwest end of the island, about 30 min.



LATITUDE: -35.22368 LONGITUDE: 174.23562

SCENIC

9 Cable Bay

! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

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Directions: From Otehei Bay Wharf end, turn right and follow the track towards the southern end of the island, about 30 min.



LATITUDE: -35.22641 LONGITUDE: 174.23398

SCENIC

10 Puriri Bay

90

This camp overlooks the Whangaruru Harbour, with sheltered waters for swimming and boating.

Directions: Turn off SH1 into Russell Rd, 15 km north of Whangarei. After 30 km (north of Ngaitonga), turn into Whangaruru North Rd. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Essential over summer, ph (09) 433 6160. **Note:** There is limited hardstand parking available year-round.



LATITUDE: -35.36473 LONGITUDE: 174.3601

SCENIC

11 Waikahoa Bay **30**

Camp among pōhutukawa trees beside a sandy beach. Look out for rare brown teal/pāteke.

Directions: From Whangarei, turn off SH1 at Whakapara into Russell Rd. Turn right at Helena Bay into Webb Rd. Continue to Mimiwhangata Coastal Park turn-off. **Access:** 9 km narrow, winding gravel road not suitable for campervans and large vehicles. Campsite is a steep 5 min walk from road, with **no vehicle access**. Access is through a locked gate. **Booking:** Essential over summer, book online or phone (09) 433 6554. **Note:** Tent only, walk-in campsite.

LATITUDE: -35.44244 LONGITUDE: 174.41204

SCENIC**12 Otamure Bay (Whananaki)** **130**

Camp in a beach-front setting with large pōhutukawa trees for shade.

Directions: Go past Hikurangi on SH1, turn off at Whananaki North Road and travel 27 km. Campsite is 4 km past Whananaki shop and school. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Essential over summer, ph (09) 433 8402.

LATITUDE: -35.49228 LONGITUDE: 174.46135

SCENIC**13 Trounson Kauri Park** **8**  **12**

Nestled on the edge of an ancient kauri forest. "Shh... can you hear that? It's a kiwi!"

Directions: From the south, turn off SH12 at Trounson Park Road, 35 km north of Dargaville. From the north, turn off SH12 at Katui Road, 40 km south of Opononi.

Access: Sealed from south, gravel from north. **Booking:** Booking required.

LATITUDE: -35.72151 LONGITUDE: 173.65229

SERVED**14 Uretiti** **300**

Camp behind the sand dunes at Uretiti Beach and explore the nearby Waipu Caves or walk the coastal track at Mangawhai Heads.

Directions: Signposted directly off SH1, approx 5 km north of Waipu. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Essential over summer. Ph (09) 432 1051. **Note:** Bulk water may be purchased to fill campervan tanks.

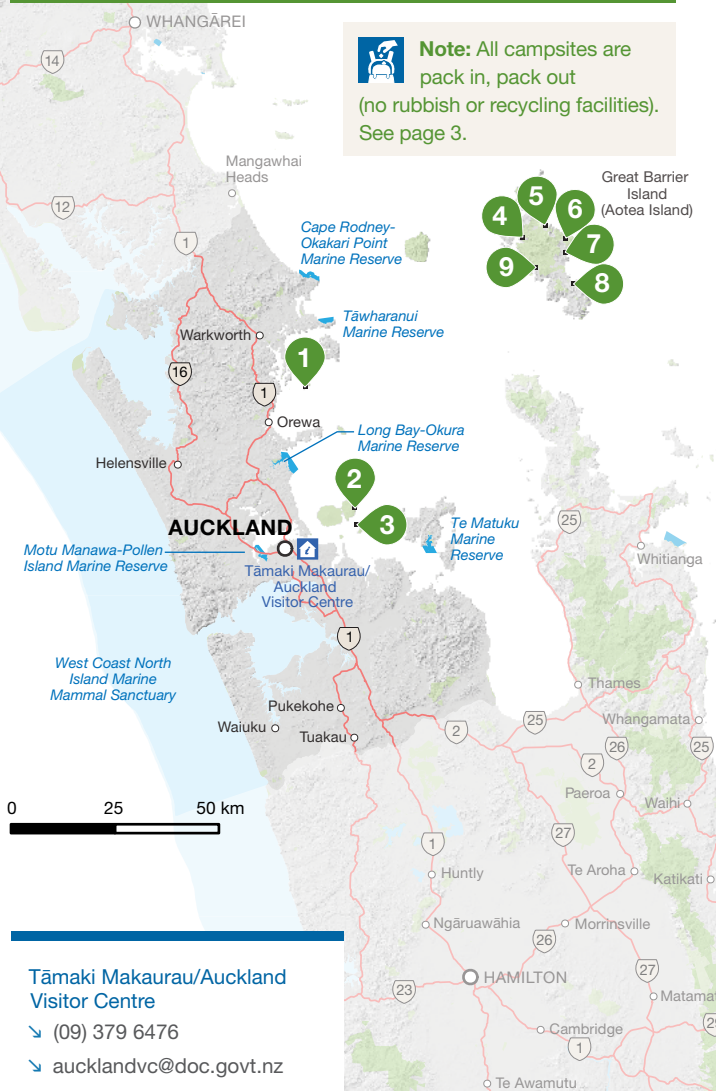
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SCENIC

AUCKLAND



Note: All campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland Visitor Centre

➤ (09) 379 6476

➤ aucklandvc@doc.govt.nz

Kauri dieback disease is killing trees in Auckland. Help prevent the spread – see page 4.



! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

All of Auckland's campsites are on pest-free islands. Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel – see page 4.



Photo: Yvonne Sprey

1 Motuora Island



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Situated on an island sanctuary for native flora and fauna, the camp is near a Māori historic site and early European settlement. Watch for kiwi.

Directions: West coast Motuora Island, 6 km east of Mahurangi Harbour. **Access:** Boat only and experienced kayakers. Contact Auckland visitor information for water taxi operators. **Booking:** Required. **Note:** No wharf, anchorage at Home Bay.

LATITUDE: -36.50538 LONGITUDE: 174.78981



STANDARD



Photo: DOC

2 Home Bay (Motutapu Island)



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The camp is by the beach and near the Reid Homestead built in 1901. Check out historic relics, including various WWII military remains.

Directions: Hauraki Gulf, east coast of the island. **Access:** Boat and experienced kayakers only. Contact Auckland visitor information for other transport options. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.76715 LONGITUDE: 174.92898



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3 Motuihe Island



48

Camp near a sandy, sheltered beach. Home to kiwi, kākāriki, saddleback and shore skink.

Directions: Hauraki Gulf, west end of the island. **Access:** Boat and experienced kayakers only. Contact Auckland visitor information for other transport options. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.80361 LONGITUDE: 174.93584



STANDARD



Photo: Andris Apse

Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island)

Campsites 4–9 are on Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island), one of the last great wilderness areas of the Auckland region.

Directions: From Auckland via passenger and car ferry to Tryphena or Port Fitzroy, private boat to Port Fitzroy, or air travel to Claris or Okiwi. Rental cars available for hire from Tryphena and Claris by arrangement. **Access:** Narrow gravel roads. **Bookings:** Required all year round, book early. Book online, or phone (09) 379 6476 or email aucklandvc@doc.govt.nz

4 Akapoua Bay

! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

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Camp among pōhutukawa trees beside a sheltered bay near Port Fitzroy, with good fishing and kayaking.

Directions: West coast, Port Fitzroy. **Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. Good boat access. Campsite is about 2 km to Port Fitzroy.

Booking: Required.

LATITUDE: -34.43769

LONGITUDE: 175.36331



SCENIC



Photo: Brian Dobbie

5 Whangapoua

! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

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A partly sheltered campsite on the edge of the estuary and surf beach at Whangapoua, surrounded by a variety of birdlife.

Directions: Whangapoua Conservation Area, north coast of the island, near Okiwi, on the Whangapoua estuary. **Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. Campsite is adjacent to Okiwi Airfield (seasonal service) about 4 km from Port Fitzroy.

Booking: Required.

LATITUDE: -36.14512

LONGITUDE: 175.42182



SCENIC



Photo: Andris Apse

6 Harataonga



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A beautiful campsite beside a stream under mature trees, near the beach and Harataonga walkway.

Directions: Harataonga Recreation Reserve, east coast via Port Fitzroy Road to Kaitoke. Campsite is about 14 km to Claris.

Access: From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.17177 LONGITUDE: 175.47943



SCENIC

7 Awana Beach



60

Camp near the beach at Awana Bay. It is popular for surfing, with a powerful surf break.

Directions: Awana Recreation Reserve, east coast, Awana. Campsite is about 9 km to Claris.

Access: From Auckland via car/ passenger ferry or air. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.20244 LONGITUDE: 175.47826



SCENIC

8 Medlands Beach



40

The campsite is at the south end of Medlands Beach, with a popular surfing beach and safe swimming in the estuary.

Directions: Oruawharo Creek Recreation Reserve, southeast coast, south end of Medlands Beach. Campsite is about 6 km to Claris. **Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air.

Booking: Required.

LATITUDE: -36.27039 LONGITUDE: 175.50288



SCENIC

9 The Green



15

This is a walk-in or boat-in campsite in the sheltered waters of Whangaparapara Harbour.

Directions: 10 minute walk from the end of Whangaparapara Road. Campsite is about 3 km to Whangaparapara. **Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. **Booking:** Required.

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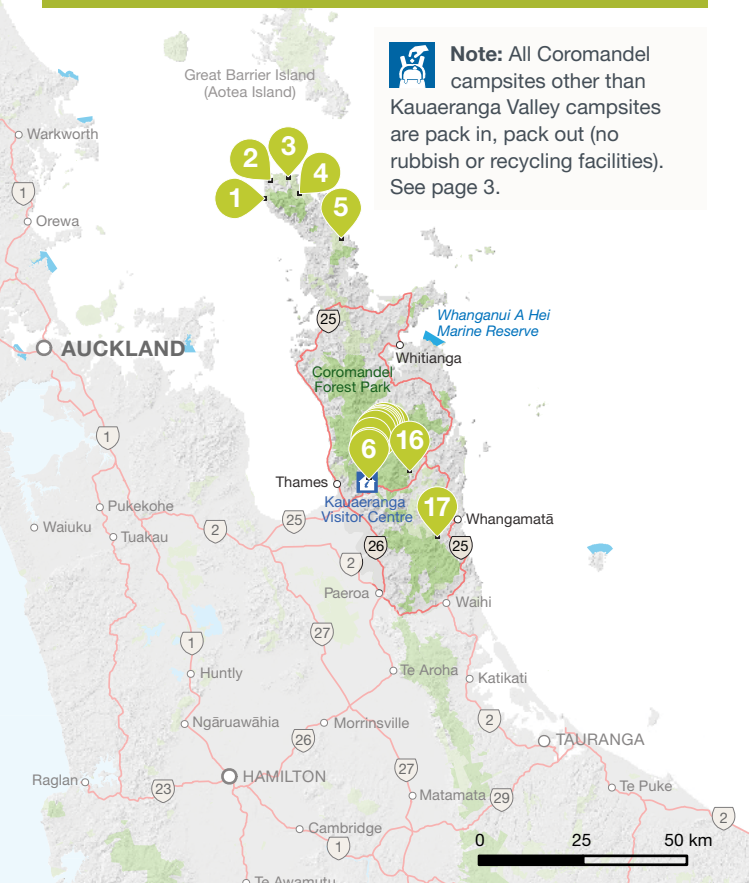


SCENIC

COROMANDEL



Note: All Coromandel campsites other than Kauaeranga Valley campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



Kauaeranga Visitor Centre

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Thames
- (07) 867 9080
- kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz



Warning: Coromandel weather can change very quickly, with rivers and streams rapidly reaching flood levels in heavy or prolonged rainfall. Coastal areas can also be affected.

Kauri dieback disease is killing trees in Coromandel. Help prevent the spread – see page 4.



Due to demand during Christmas/New Year, we recommend you book from early to mid-October for northern Coromandel campsites.

1 Fantail Bay

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Camp beneath pōhutukawa trees in peaceful surroundings, with swimming, fishing, diving nearby.

Directions: 50 km north of Coromandel. Take Colville Rd from Coromandel for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, then turn left and follow Port Jackson Rd for 28 km. **Access:** Gravel from Colville.

Booking: Online.

LATITUDE: -36.52479 LONGITUDE: 175.32816



SCENIC



Photo: Frederick Church, DOC

2 Port Jackson

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At the northern tip of the peninsula, camp next to the beach with stunning coastal views.

Directions: 58 km north of Coromandel. Drive to Fantail Bay (as above) and follow road for 8 km.

Access: Gravel from Colville. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -36.48400 LONGITUDE: 175.34180



SCENIC

3 Fletcher Bay

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This is a beach-front campsite in a farm setting and an ideal location for water activities.

Directions: 64 km north of Coromandel. Drive to Port Jackson (as above), but continue 6 km to the end of the road. **Access:** Gravel from Colville.

Booking: Online.

LATITUDE: -36.47652 LONGITUDE: 175.39017



SCENIC

4 Stony Bay

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This is a spacious (5 ha) campsite beside the coast with good fishing and diving nearby.

Directions: 55 km north of Coromandel. From Coromandel, take Colville Rd for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, then turn right into Port Charles Rd to Stony Bay Rd and follow to end.

Access: Gravel from Colville. **Booking:** Online.

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SCENIC



Photo: Herb Christophers

5 Waikawau Bay

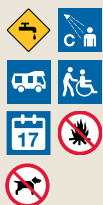
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Camp next to a sweeping sandy beach; New Zealand dotterel and variable oystercatcher breed north of the campsite.

Directions: 42 km north of Coromandel. Colville Rd for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, turn into Port Charles Rd, right into Waikawau Beach Rd and follow to camp. **Access:** Gravel from Colville.

Booking: Online.

LATITUDE: -36.60586 LONGITUDE: 175.53701



SCENIC

Kauaeranga valley

Campsites 6–14 are beside the river in the Kauaeranga valley, a historical kauri logging area with a choice of walks and swimming.

Directions: Follow Kauaeranga Valley Rd from Thames for 14 km to the Visitor Centre. **Access:** Sealed road to the Visitor Centre.

Gravel from there. **Booking:** Required. Campsites 6–15 can be booked online and are listed under Kauaeranga Valley camping. Camps can be booked by location. **Note:** Bookings can be made at the Visitor Centre. Water from the tap at the Visitor Centre. Treat water from the stream. **No dogs** at any campsite in summer 20/21.

6 Kahikatea

18

A powered campsite for certified self-contained campers only – no tents. 4 large sites for buses.

Directions: 100 m before the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Required. Book online or through the Visitor Centre. Arrange key collection at the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Water from tap at Visitor Centre.

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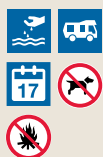
7 Shag Stream

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A riverside campsite, an ideal base for exploring the valley. Walk to the replica kauri dam.

Directions: 100 m before the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. **Access:** Sealed. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) until Easter. Campervanners, check that the ground is well compacted before camping.

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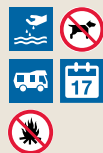
8 Hotoritori

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Mountain biking tracks start at the campsite, adjacent to the river.

Directions: 3 km north of the Visitor Centre.

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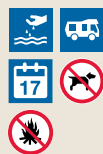
9 Whangaiterenga

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Camp near the confluence of Whangaiterenga Stream and Kauaeranga River.

Directions: 5 km north of the Visitor Centre, 2 km north of Hotoritori campsite.

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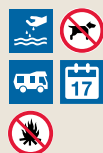
10 Booms Flat

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A popular and spacious campsite where dogs are allowed.

Directions: 6 km north of Visitor Centre. Third campsite on the left past the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) until Easter.

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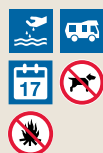
11 Catleys

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A pleasant camp beside the river with great views of Table Mountain.

Directions: 6.5 km north of Visitor Centre, first camp on the right past the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) until Easter.

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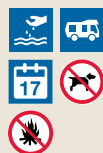
12 Wainora

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The campsite is at the start of the Cookson Kauri Walk, with attractive water views on the walk.

Directions: 7 km north of Visitor Centre, fourth campsite on the left past the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Open all year.

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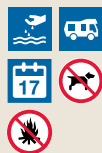
 STANDARD


13 Totara Flat 30

Camp either beside the river or higher up beside the road.

Directions: 7.5 km north of the Visitor Centre, second campsite on the right past the Visitor Centre.

LATITUDE: -37.07102 LONGITUDE: 175.66221



STANDARD

14 Trestle View 15

Camp at the end of the valley, near Billygoat Track and Webb Creek Track up to the Pinnacles.

Directions: 9 km north of the Visitor Centre, the last campsite past the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Not accessible by vehicle. It is an easy walk to the campsite from the car park.

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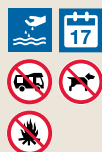
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15 Billygoat Basin 10

This camp is on the popular Billygoat Circuit.

Directions: This campsite is a 2-hour tramp from the Kauaeranga Valley road end. **Booking:** Required. Book online or at the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre.

LATITUDE: -37.06852 LONGITUDE: 175.68706



BACKCOUNTRY

16 Broken Hills 45

Camp beside the Tairua River and explore the old gold mining area, with swimming, canoeing and trout fishing nearby.

Directions: Turn off SH25 at Hikuai, opposite Pauanui turn-off. Follow Puketui Valley Rd to end. **Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online or at campsite. EFTPOS unavailable.

LATITUDE: -37.10547 LONGITUDE: 175.73845



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17 Wentworth 60

Once a large gold mining settlement, this is now a popular campsite near the Wentworth Falls.

Directions: Off SH25, 7 km south of Whangamatā turn into Wentworth Valley Rd and follow to the end.

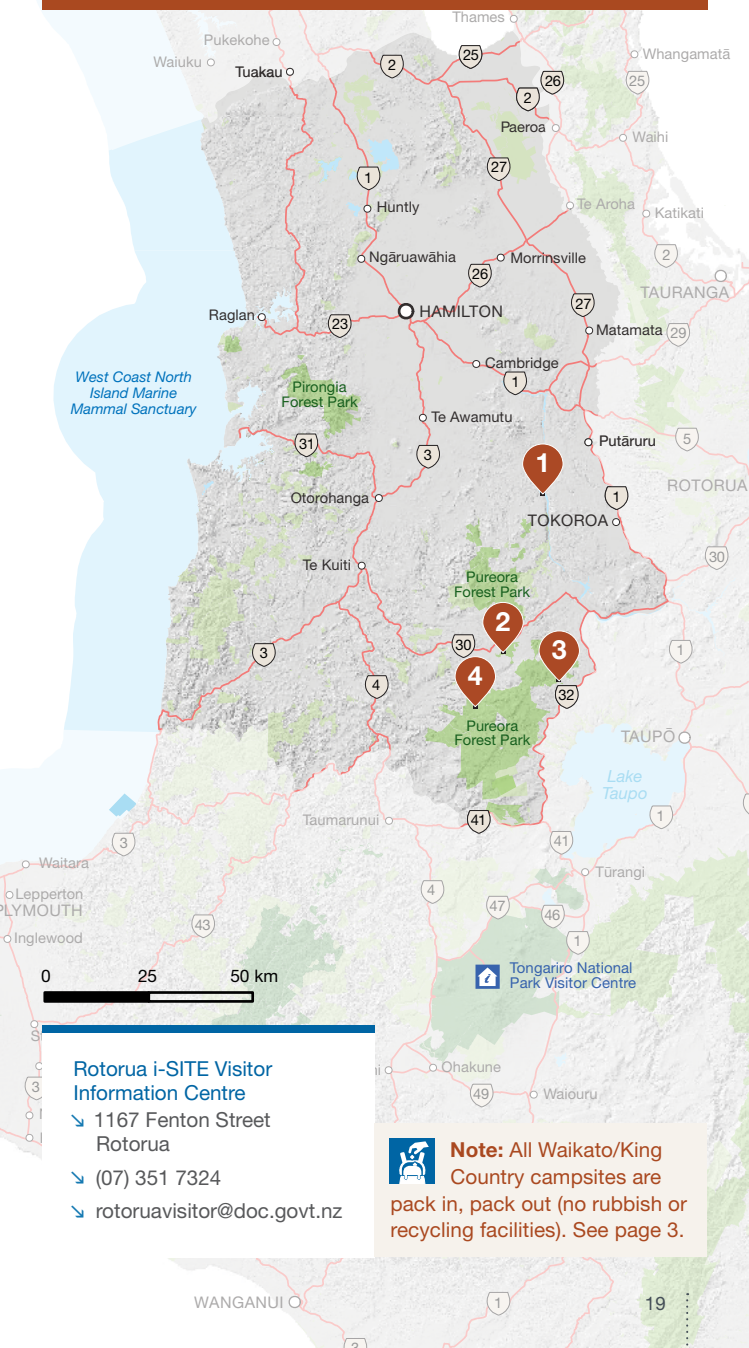
Access: 5 km gravel, small stream ford. **Booking:** Required in peak season, ph (07) 865 7032. Prior approval from camp manager required for dogs.

LATITUDE: -37.24682 LONGITUDE: 175.81819



SCENIC

WAIKATO/ KING COUNTRY



West Coast North
Island Marine
Mammal Sanctuary

Pirongia
Forest Park

Pureora
Forest Park

Pureora
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Tongariro National
Park Visitor Centre

Rotorua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

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Note: All Waikato/King
Country campsites are
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1 Arohena

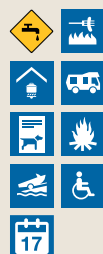
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On the western shores of Lake Arapuni on the Waikato River; great for fishing and water activities.

Directions: From Waipapa Road, turn onto Pukewhau Rd, then Mangare Rd, then Landing Road. Campsite is at the end of Landing Road beside the Waikato River. **Access:** Last 1 km winding gravel. Cornering tight for large motor homes. **Note:** Bring your own firewood. Dogs by permit only, email tekuiti@doc.govt.nz. The campsite is beside the lake – beware of flooding. Toilet is wheelchair accessible.

Booking: Online.

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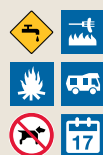
2 Ngaherenga

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Camp beside the towering Pureora Forest. Look out for kākā, kākāriki, robins and short-tailed bats in the trees around the campsite.

Directions: Barryville/Maraeroa Rds, off SH30, 20 km east of Benneydale adjacent to Pureora Village. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Toilets are not wheelchair accessible. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -38.51126 LONGITUDE: 175.56235



STANDARD

3 Kakaho

25

Camp next to Kakaho Stream. Walk the Rimu Track through thick forest to a stunning viewpoint.

Directions: Follow Link Rd from Pureora Village or Kakaho Rd from SH32. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** No cash payments at self-registration. To apply for a dog permit, email tekuiti@doc.govt.nz. Fires in designated fireplaces only. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -38.56843 LONGITUDE: 175.71775



STANDARD

4 Piropiro

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Piropiro is at the midpoint of the Timber Trail cycleway, close to the Maramataha suspension bridge.

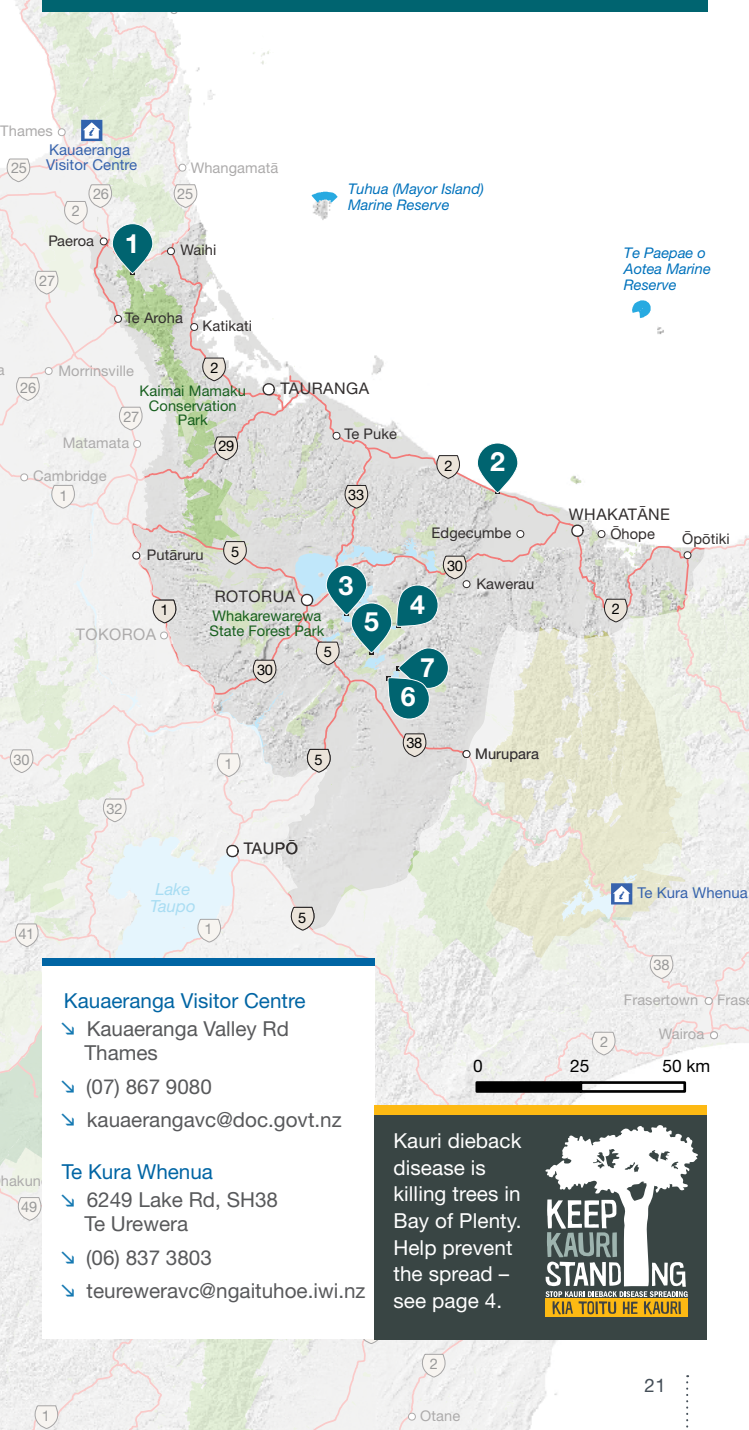
Directions: Off SH4, on the Ongarue–Waimiha Rd. Turn east at Waimiha over bridge onto Ongarue Stream Road, turn right onto Kokomiko Road. **Access:** 13 km on gravel road from Kokomiko Road to campsite. **Note:** Dogs with a DOC permit only, email tekuiti@doc.govt.nz

LATITUDE: -38.63323 LONGITUDE: 175.49112



BASIC

BAY OF PLENTY



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- Kauaeranga Valley Rd
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Te Kura Whenua

- 6249 Lake Rd, SH38
Te Urewera
- (06) 837 3803
- teureweravc@ngaituhoe.iwi.nz

Kauri dieback disease is killing trees in Bay of Plenty. Help prevent the spread – see page 4.



1 Dickey Flat

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Campsite is located beside the Waitawheta River, known for its trout and some great swimming holes downstream. Alcohol banned all year round.

Directions: Via Waitawheta Road, Kennedy Road and Dickey Flat Rd. **Access:** Gravel road. The campsite is not suitable for vehicles over 20 m.

LATITUDE: -37.43788 LONGITUDE: 175.74724

STANDARD



Photo: DOC

2 Matatā

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A family campsite in a coastal setting next to the Matata Wildlife Refuge, with excellent fishing and swimming.

Directions: Off Arawa Street in Matatā township. Campsite is 200 m across a causeway.

Access: Gravel road. **Booking:** Required. Phone (07) 322 2327 from 10 am – 3 pm.

LATITUDE: -37.88639 LONGITUDE: 176.76059

STANDARD



Photo: Natalie Douglas

3 Lake Okareka

 12

A scenic lakeside campsite 15 min from Rotorua; swim or fish in the lake.

Directions: Head east out of Rotorua on SH30 towards Whakatāne for 1.7 km. Turn right into Tarawera Rd then turn left into Okareka Loop Rd. At Okareka, turn left into Millar Rd. Turn off to the campsite on the right where the seal ends.

Access: Sealed. **Note:** Not suitable for vehicles longer than 6 m.

LATITUDE: -38.16203 LONGITUDE: 176.36073

SCENIC

4 Lake Tarawera Outlet (Te Tapahoro)

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Camp alongside Lake Tarawera in a large and attractive campsite where trout fishing and water activities are popular.

Access: By boat or walk in via the Northern Tarawera Trail or Tarawera Waterfall Track. **Booking:** Not required.

LATITUDE: -38.18501

LONGITUDE: 176.50314

SCENIC



5 Hot Water Beach

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Camp in scenic surroundings and relax in the natural hot springs in Te Rātā Bay.

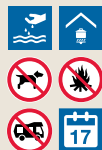
Directions: Te Rātā Bay, southern shores of Lake Tarawera, near the Waimangu Volcanic Valley.

Access: By boat (water taxis are available) or walk in via the Tarawera Trail. **Booking:** Online essential. **Note:** Extremely popular during the summer months.

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SCENIC



6 Rerewhakaaitu – Brett Rd

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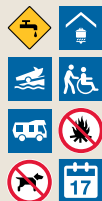
Camp on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu; good fishing, swimming and walking nearby.

Directions: Off SH38, turn into Rerewhakaaitu Rd and follow for 2.7 km. Turn into Brett Rd, Awaatua Bay and follow 4.5 km to campsite. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -38.29974

LONGITUDE: 176.48145

STANDARD



7 Rerewhakaaitu – Ash Pit Rd

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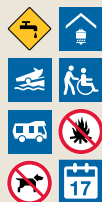
Camp on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu; take binoculars for watching water birds.

Directions: Off SH38, turn into Rerewhakaaitu Rd and follow for 2.7 km. Turn left into Brett Rd and follow to end. Turn right into Ash Pit Rd and follow to camp entrance. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -38.27738

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STANDARD



EAST COAST



Note: Campsite 13 is pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.

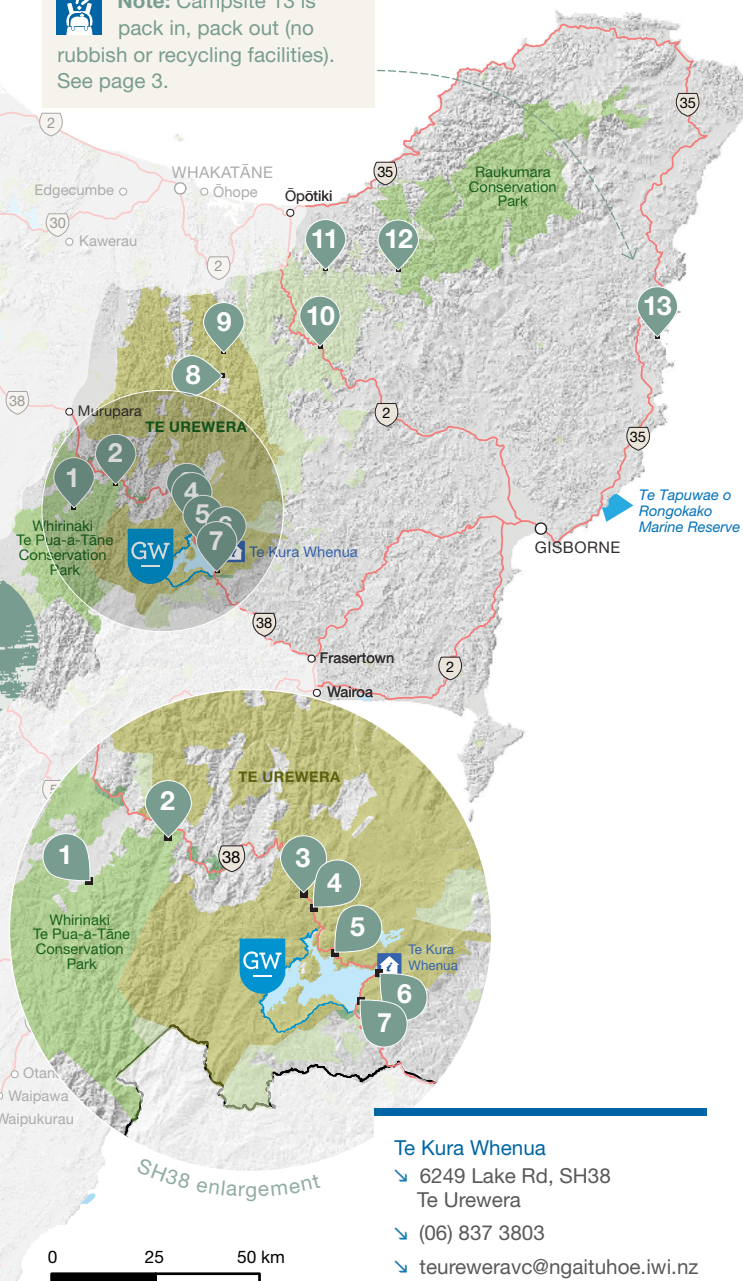




Photo: Dave Finn

1 Sanctuary

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A small camp next to Minginui Stream; walk through podocarp forest.

Directions: From Minginui Rd turn into Sanctuary Rd and follow to the end. **Access:** Gravel from Minginui.

Note: Dogs by permit only.

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2 Mid Okahu

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Camp on grass terraces adjacent to Okahu Stream. There is good picnicking and walking in the forest.

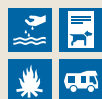
Directions: Follow Ruatahuna Rd (formerly SH38) from Murupara and turn into Okahu Rd at Ngaputahi.

Access: Gravel from Te Whaiti. 4WD recommended.

Note: Dogs by permit only.

LATITUDE: -38.60930 LONGITUDE: 176.83976

BASIC



Te Urewera

Te Urewera is the spiritual home of Ngāi Tūhoe, it expresses and gives meaning to Tūhoe culture, language, customs and identity. Te Urewera National Park status is now removed by Te Urewera Act 2014. The Deed of Settlement with the Government in 2013 redressed Tūhoe historical Treaty of Waitangi claims and saw kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of Te Urewera return to Tūhoe. Today Te Urewera is managed by Tūhoe in partnership with the Crown. The Te Urewera Act also recognises that Te Urewera has its own identity, in and of itself, inspiring people to commit to its care. Te Urewera Board welcomes manuhiri (visitors), and advises the following campsites are available for use within Te Urewera.

3 Orangihikoia

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Camp in a remote setting and go hunting, walking or fishing.

Directions: Next to Waikaremoana Rd (formerly SH38) between Te Whaiti and north of Lake Waikaremoana.

Access: Gravel, narrow and winding.

LATITUDE: -38.66800 LONGITUDE: 177.04067

BASIC



4 Te Taita O Makoro

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Camp by a stream, hunt, walk or relax.

Directions: Next to Waikaremoana Rd (formerly SH38), 4 km north of Lake Waikaremoana.

Access: Gravel, narrow and winding.

LATITUDE: -38.68253

LONGITUDE: 177.05644



BASIC



Photo: Brian Dobbie

5 Mokau Landing

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Large grassy site between native rainforest and the lake, 1.5 km from Mokau Falls.

Directions: Drive west around the lake for approx 10 km from SH38 at Aniwhaniwa. **Access:** Gravel, narrow and winding.

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LONGITUDE: 177.08975



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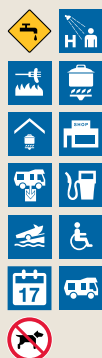
Photo: DOC

6 Waikaremoana Holiday Park

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Camp next to the lake with beautiful views, visit the 1000-year-old rātā tree and Te Kura Whenua. Chalets and cabins available.

Directions: Lake Waikaremoana, adjacent to SH38, in Opourau Bay. Approx 1 hour (57 km) from Wairoa on SH38, some narrow and gravel sections. From Rotorua, after Murupara approx 2 hr drive on scenic winding gravel roads, with spectacular views. **Booking:** Required; book online or ph (06) 837 3826.



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LATITUDE: -38.75344

LONGITUDE: 177.15559

7 Rosie Bay

6

Camp at the lakeshore in a secluded bay with stunning views. This is a popular campsite and a good base for lake activities.

Directions: Lake Waikaremoana, SH38, 10 km south of Te Kura Whenua. **Access:** Gravel, sections narrow and winding.

LATITUDE: -38.78602 LONGITUDE: 177.13036

BASIC



8 Te Pakau (Eight Acre)

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Once a dairy farm, this campsite is near the Waimana River. There are numerous walks into the spectacular forest nearby.

Directions: Follow Bell Rd off SH2 near Waimana and then onto Matahi Valley Rd. Campsite is 27 km (an 80-min drive) from SH2. **Access:** Gravel from Taneatua.

LATITUDE: -38.36411 LONGITUDE: 177.12078

BASIC



Photo: DOC

9 Omahuru (Ogilvies)

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Camp, swim, fish or relax beside the river in the Waimana valley. Take binoculars for birdwatching.

Directions: Follow Bell Rd off SH2 near Waimana and then onto Matahi Valley Rd. Campsite is 18 km (a 60-min drive) from SH2. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.31269 LONGITUDE: 177.12122

STANDARD



Photo: Roy and Bernice Vannini

10 Manganuku

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Camp beside one of the few remaining historical Howe truss bridges; there is good river fishing.

Directions: Beside SH2, south of Ōpōtiki and approx 4 km south of Wairata, Waioeka Gorge. **Access:** Sealed.

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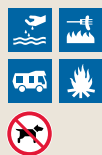




Photo: Neil Hutton

11 Boulders

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Next to the Te Waiti Stream, surrounded by nīkau and tawa forest; this area is popular for picnicking.

Directions: South of Ōpōtiki take Otara Rd and turn into Te Waiti Rd for 4 km. **Access:** Narrow gravel road with a low ford to cross. The track down to the campsite is steep and rough; if unsure park on the road instead.

LATITUDE: -38.12292 LONGITUDE: 177.39056

BASIC



12 Whitikau

16

A remote campsite at the Whitikau entrance to Raukumara Conservation Park. Walk, tramp, fly fish, swim, mountain bike or hunt here.

Directions: Takaputahi Rd, off old Motu Road, between Ōpōtiki and Motu at the junction of the Whitikau Stream and Takaputahi River.

Access: Small campervans only; gravel road for 1 hr.

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BASIC



Photo: DOC

13 Anaura Bay

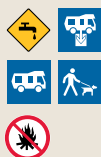
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Camp next to a beautiful beach alongside a stream, surrounded by forest and coastal bush.

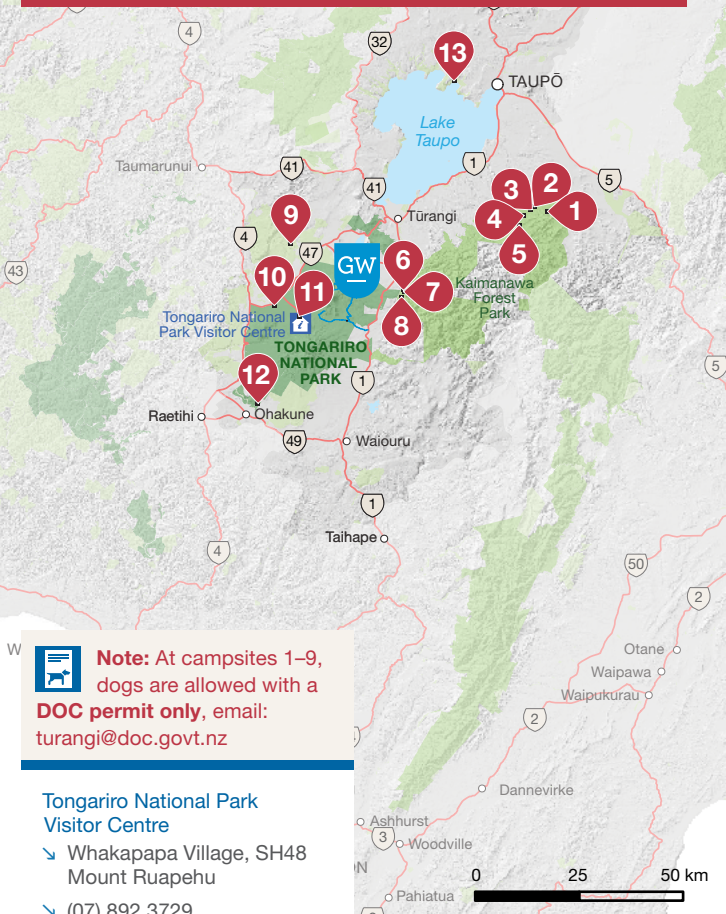
Directions: SH35, 85 km north of Gisborne, between Tolaga Bay and Tokomaru Bay. **Access:** Sealed road. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) to Easter. Toilets NOT provided (bring your own chemical toilet). Dump station available all season. Fees paid by EFTPOS only, to the camp warden. **Note:** Bookings required from Oct 2021.

LATITUDE: -38.23304 LONGITUDE: 178.30831

STANDARD



CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND



Note: At campsites 1–9, dogs are allowed with a **DOC permit only**, email: turangi@doc.govt.nz

Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre

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- (07) 892 3729
- tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz

Tongariro Alpine Crossing

There is **restricted parking** (4 hr max.) at the road ends during the Great Walks season (Late Oct – end Apr). Plan ahead and book a shuttle, phone Whakapapa i-SITE (07) 892 3075.

www.doc.govt.nz/tongariro



Note: Most Central North Island campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



Warning: Make sure you're well prepared as alpine weather changes quickly. Check in at the Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre before heading out into the alpine environment.

1 Te Iringa 4

This site is at the start of the Te Iringa Track, which is popular for hunting, tramping and biking.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 4 km.

Access: Gravel road. **Note:** No water, bring your own water supply.

LATITUDE: -38.95718 LONGITUDE: 176.22058

**BASIC****2 Clements Clearing** 20

This large campsite is a good place to base yourself to explore the Kaimanawa Forest Park.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 9 km.

Access: Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.94744 LONGITUDE: 176.18449

**BASIC****3 Kakapo** 4

This campsite is near tall forest, scrubland and tussock grasses.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 10 km.

Access: Gravel road.

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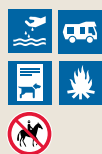
**BASIC****4 Army Road** 4

Camp in an area of diverse terrain; activities include hunting, hiking, fishing and rafting.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 12.5 km.

Access: Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.96796 LONGITUDE: 176.15483

**BASIC****5 Clements Road End** 4

This site is at the start of the Hinemaiaia Track.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow 21 km to road end.

Access: Gravel road.

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**BASIC**



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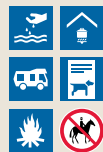
6 Waikoko

▲ 20

Camp in a large sunny clearing above the river. A shelter with a fireplace is available.

Directions: 15 km south of Tūrangi on SH1, turn left onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km turn left, then left again over the bridge.

LATITUDE: -39.13750 LONGITUDE: 175.83050



BASIC

7 Kaimanawa Road

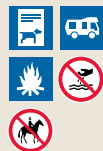
▲ 10

This is a rustic campsite set high above the road.

Directions: 15 km south of Tūrangi on SH1, turn off onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km turn right up the hill and take the first left. **Access:** Gravel road.

Note: No water, bring your own water supply.

LATITUDE: -39.13734 LONGITUDE: 175.82617



BASIC



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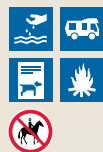
8 Urchin

▲ 10

This is a quiet and remote campsite. Mountain bike the Tree Trunk Gorge or the Pillars of Hercules to Desert Road tracks.

Directions: 15 km south of Tūrangi on SH1, turn off on to Kaimanawa Rd, after 3.5 km turn right and follow signs. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Water is from 150m down the Tree Trunk Gorge Track.

LATITUDE: -39.15418 LONGITUDE: 175.82306



BASIC

9 Pokaka Mill

▲ 30

This is a basic campsite in the Tongariro Forest Conservation Area.

Directions: Off SH47 at the end of Pukehinau Rd. **Access:** Rough gravel road, 4WD recommended. **Note:** No water, bring your own water supply.

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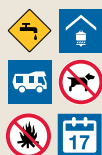


BASIC

10 Mangahaia 21

This is a peaceful campsite beside the Mangahaia Stream on the edge of Tongariro National Park.

Directions: Off SH47, 6 km east of National Park village. **Access:** Gravel road. **Booking:** Online.



LATITUDE: -39.18005

LONGITUDE: 175.46979

SCENIC

Photo: Whakapapa Holiday Park

11 Whakapapa Holiday Park 44  15

Camp in a large sunny clearing above the river.

Directions: Drive south on SH48, past Chateau Tongariro. Look for the sign on the right, just past the Visitor Centre. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Required. Book online at www.whakapapa.net.nz or phone (07) 892 3897 from 8 am to 6 pm.



LATITUDE: -39.20104

LONGITUDE: 175.54004

SERVICED**12 Mangawhero** 12

Camp in the forest on the flanks of Mt Ruapehu; a good base for exploring the park.

Directions: Ohakune Mountain Rd, 2 km from Ohakune. **Access:** Some gravel. **Booking:** Online.



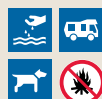
LATITUDE: -39.39168

LONGITUDE: 175.43079

SCENIC**13 Whakaipo Bay** 50

Camp next to Lake Taupo and enjoy the farm park surroundings and the mountain bike track through native bush.

Directions: Drive 10 km from Taupō through Acacia Bay and take Mapara road. Turn off into Whakaipo Bay at the DOC signpost. **Access:** Drive down a well-maintained pumice road to the camping area. **Note:** Overnight stays only in self-contained vehicles. No camping in tents or other vehicles.



LATITUDE: -40.79820

LONGITUDE: 173.79420

BASIC

HAWKE'S BAY



Note: All Hawke's Bay campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.

Napier i-SITE

- 100 Marine Parade, Napier
- 0800 84 74 88
(06) 834 1911
- info@napiernz.com



Photo: Shellie Evans

1 Waitara/Glenfalls

 30

Fish, swim, canoe or raft in the river.

Directions: From SH5 turn into Waitara Rd (sealed), 2.1 km south of the Mohaka River bridge. Follow for 8 km.

Access: Gravel road at campsite.

LATITUDE: -39.14135 LONGITUDE: 176.67343



BASIC

2 Mangatutu Hot Springs

 45

Relax at the nearby thermal springs or go tramp, fishing, hunting, swimming or rafting.

Directions: From Napier, take Puketitiri Rd then Pakatutu Rd for 9 km. Turn into Makahu Rd and follow to road end. **Access:** Gravel road. Stream ford (caution required) on Makahu Rd, 7.5 km from road end. No caravans or campervans.

LATITUDE: -39.18229 LONGITUDE: 176.45897



BASIC

3 Waikare River Mouth

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Camp beside the Waikare River, with a 10 minute walk to the beach for swimming, fishing and boating.

Directions: From SH2 at Putorino, turn into Waikare Rd and travel 13 km to road end.

Access: Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -39.16637 LONGITUDE: 177.08014



BASIC



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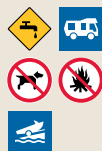
4 Lake Tūtira

30

Camp by the lake and walk to Table Mountain Trig for views from the inland ranges to the coast.

Directions: Off SH2 at Tutira, 50 min north of Napier. **Access:** Sealed. **Note:** The lake may be subject to toxic algal blooms.

LATITUDE: -39.23329 LONGITUDE: 176.89277



STANDARD

5 Lawrence

5

Access day and overnight walks, fishing or hunting from this site.

Directions: From the Taihape Road turn into Lawrence Rd near Kuripapango and travel 7 km to road end. **Access:** Gravel road, no campervans. Last 500 m only suitable for 4WD.

Note: Logging trucks on road—take great care.

LATITUDE: -39.37122 LONGITUDE: 176.44171



BASIC



Photo: Shellie Evans

6 Kuripapango

50

Camp at the edge of the park and raft down the Ngaruroro River or go fishing.

Directions: On the Taihape Road at Kuripapango. **Access:** 1 km gravel road off main road towards the river.

LATITUDE: -39.38822 LONGITUDE: 176.32406



BASIC

7 Tamaki West

10

Camp in a clearing near Tamaki West River. Day and multi-day walks are accessible from here.

Directions: From SH2 south of Dannevirke, turn into Laws Rd, right into Top Grass Rd, then left into Tamaki West Rd and follow to end. **Access:** 200 m walk from road end. **Note:** There is a creek crossing that may become impassable after heavy rain.

LATITUDE: -40.12026 LONGITUDE: 176.02904



BASIC

MANAWATU/ WHANGANUI



Note: All Manawatu/
Whanganui campsites
are pack in, pack out (no
rubbish or recycling facilities).
See page 3.

Taranaki/Egmont National Park Visitor Centre

- 2879 Egmont Rd
Egmont National Park
New Plymouth
- (06) 756 0990
- egmontvc@doc.govt.nz

Dawson Falls Visitor Centre

- Manaia Rd, Kaponga
- (027) 443 0248
- egmontvc@doc.govt.nz

Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre

- Whakapapa Village
SH48, Mount Ruapehu
- (07) 892 3729
- tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz



Photo: Peter Lock

1 Ohinepane

36

Camp in a remote setting—one of four road access points to the Whanganui Journey. Look and listen for kererū, tūi and fantails.

Directions: Whanganui River Road, on SH43, 21 km southwest from Taumarunui. **Access:** Road or by river. Take care when turning into the reserve. A large vehicle turning area is located 2 km west of the entrance. **Booking:** Online — only required if staying as part of the Whanganui Journey Great Walk.

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STANDARD



Photo: Daniel Deans

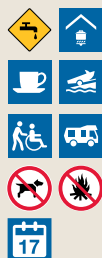
2 Whakahoro

36

A large, flat grassy site beside the river; a good starting point or mid-point stop on the Whanganui Journey.

Directions: 44 km west of Owango, off SH4 at the end of Oio Road. **Access:** Road or by river. **Booking:** Online — only required if staying as part of the Whanganui Journey Great Walk.

LATITUDE: -39.10924 LONGITUDE: 175.07087



STANDARD



3 Simpsons Domain

20

A very basic campsite set in a spectacular forest just 5 min off State Highway 1.

Directions: From SH1, From SH1, cross a historic bridge just north of Hunterville and turn west into Murimoto Road. Continue down Murimoto Road until you reach the domain. **Access:** Short gravel road.

Note: No water provided, bring your own.

LATITUDE: -39.90055 LONGITUDE: 175.59753



BASIC

4 Piripiri

4

The campsite is in a small clearing next to the Pohangina River, with good trout fishing and hunting upstream of the campsite.

Directions: From Ashhurst, drive north along Cambridge Ave/Pohangina Road, then right into Pohangina Valley East Road. Follow for approx 25 km. The camp is just past the Takapari Road turn-off by the Piripiri Bridge. **Access:** Access for campervans only in dry weather. Sealed road. Short, steep access track may be slippery when wet.

Notes: Keep dogs on a leash at all times.

LATITUDE: -40.05241 LONGITUDE: 175.93741



BASIC

5 Pohangina Base

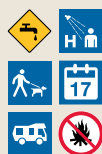
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The campsite overlooks the Pohangina River to the west of the Ruahine Forest Park.

Directions: From Ashhurst, drive north along Cambridge Ave/Pohangina Road, then right into Pohangina Valley East Road. Follow for approx 25 km. Camp is approx 1 km past the Takapari Road turn-off. **Access:** Sealed, then mown grass.

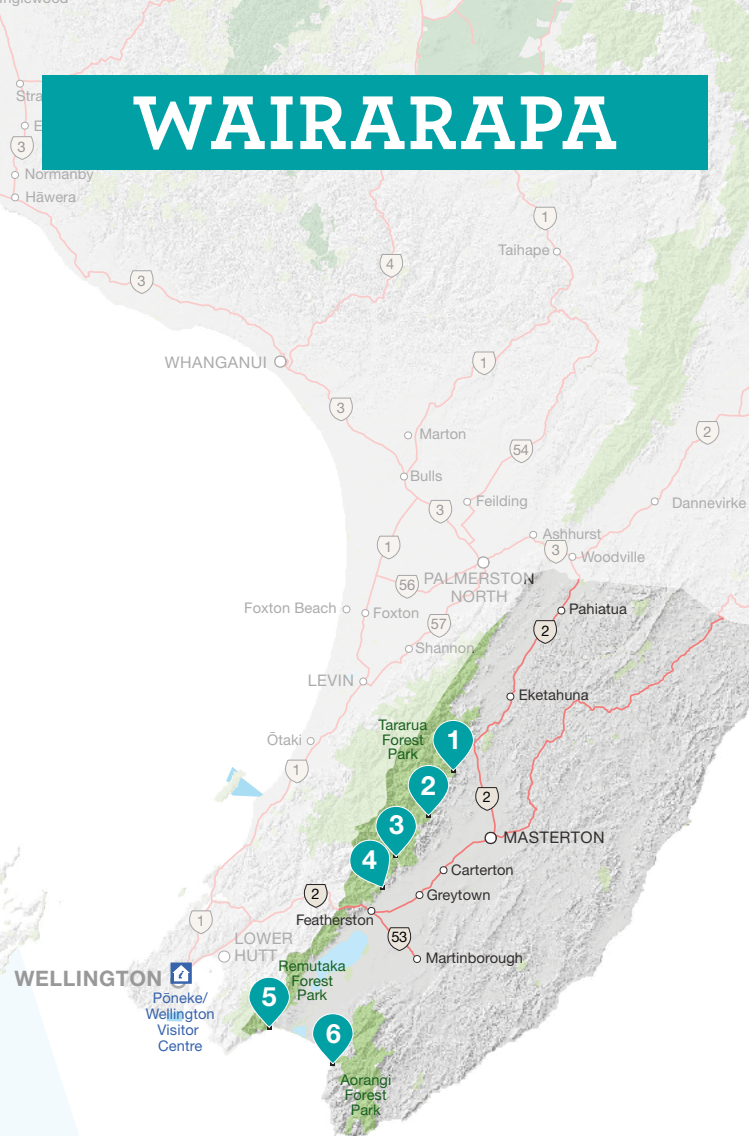
Note: Campsites must be booked online or through the Wellington Visitor Centre (04) 384 7770.

LATITUDE: -40.04734 LONGITUDE: 175.95671



STANDARD

WAIRARAPA



Note: Fires permitted in designated fireplaces or firepits only.

Pōneke/Wellington Visitor Centre

- Conservation House
18 Manners Street
Wellington
- (04) 384 7770
- wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz

0 25 50 km

A horizontal scale bar with markings for 0, 25, and 50 km.

1 Kiriwhakapapa

 30

This is a lovely family campsite beside a creek, with an old logging and exotic (redwood) forestry trial area nearby.

Directions: Turn off SH2 15 km north of Masterton onto Kiriwhakapapa Rd, and follow 7 km to road end. **Access:** 5 km of gravel road.

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STANDARD

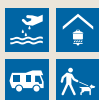


Photo: DOC

2 Holdsworth

 150

A spacious campsite on the eastern edge of the Tararua Forest Park. Holdsworth Lodge (sleeps 28) is also available.

Directions: 2 km south of Masterton, turn off SH2 at the signpost to Mt Holdsworth, onto Norfolk Rd. Follow to Mount Holdsworth Rd. Campsite is 15 km from the SH turn-off. **Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -40.90666 LONGITUDE: 175.48016

STANDARD



3 Waiohine Gorge

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This secluded campsite is at the head of two spectacular gorges above the Waiohine River; it is popular for rafting, canoeing and outdoor ed.

Directions: From Carterton turn off SH2 onto Dalefield Rd, Jervois Rd, Moffats Rd. Turn onto Waiohine Gorge Rd and follow to end, approx. 15 km from SH2. **Access:** Gravel road for final 9 km, two stream fords.

LATITUDE: -40.99602 LONGITUDE: 175.39027

STANDARD



4 Bucks Road

25

A picturesque campsite above the Tauherenikau River. Walk the Tauherenikau Gorge Track or cool off with a swim in the river.

Directions: 15 minutes from Featherston, via Wakefield St, Underhill Rd then Bucks Rd to the end. **Access:** 5 km of gravel with steep sections.

Note: The site can get extremely windy.

LATITUDE: -41.06512

LONGITUDE: 175.3532

BASIC



Photo: Craig Harrison

5 Corner Creek

25

Just a 5 min walk from Palliser Bay; go fishing, surfing, walking, hunting and mountain biking.

Directions: 38 km south of Featherston, along Western Lake Rd to Wharekauhau Rd. **Access:** Gravel road last 5 km, two stream fords. Accessible only from the eastern side of the Remutaka Range.

LATITUDE: -41.37365

LONGITUDE: 175.03884

STANDARD



Photo: DOC

6 Putangirua Pinnacles

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This campsite is located beside the Putangirua Stream; walk to the impressive Putangirua Pinnacles or drive to the seal colony near Cape Palliser.

Directions: 58 km south of Martinborough, via Lake Ferry Road, then turn into Cape Palliser Road and follow this for 13 km. **Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -41.45015

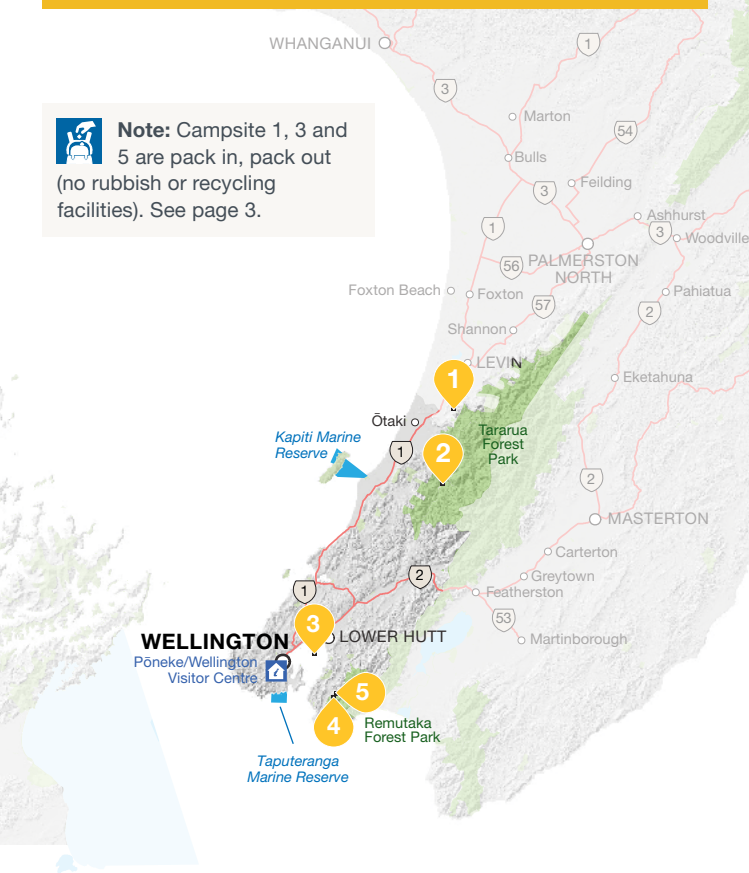
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STANDARD

WELLINGTON/ KAPITI



Note: Campsite 1, 3 and 5 are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.



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Pōneke/Wellington Visitor Centre

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- wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz

! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

Matiu/Somes is a pest-free island (campsite 99). Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel – see page 4.

1 Waikawa

 15

Watch for fantails, tūi and bellbirds. Short walks, day trips and tramps are nearby.

Directions: Turn east into North Manakau Rd, 9 km north of Ōtaki on SH1. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -40.72079 LONGITUDE: 175.24682



BASIC

2 Ōtaki Forks

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Otaki Forks Campsite is closed this summer 20/21, due to road access being closed.

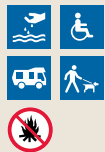
Open river terraces and regenerating bush surround the campsite, reflecting the farming and sawmilling history of the area.

Directions: 1 km south of Ōtaki, turn into Otaki Gorge Rd. Campsite is 19 km east of Ōtaki township.

Access: Gravel and narrow, with one stream ford.

Note: Campsite ranger on site over summer.

LATITUDE: -40.88273 LONGITUDE: 175.22165



STANDARD



Photo: Matt Barnett

3 Mātū/Somes Island

CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

 12

Visit this historic predator-free island, and camp among the remnants of the quarantine station and wartime internment camp.

Access: Ferry from Wellington or Days Bay. Also by kayak or private vessel. There are strict landing and mooring requirements on the island; please check with the Visitor Centre before you go. **Bookings:** Required; book online or at the Wellington Visitor Centre, ph (04) 384 7770. **Note:** Campers must meet biosecurity requirements. The island can be closed because of extreme fire risk in summer.

LATITUDE: -41.25784 LONGITUDE: 174.86574



SCENIC



Photo: DOC

4 Catchpool valley

 150

Camp beside Catchpool Stream, close to walks in the Orongorongo valley.

Directions: South of Wainuiomata follow the Coast Rd for 10km and turn into the main Remutaka Forest Park entrance. The campsite is clearly signposted 2.5 km past the park entrance.

Access: Gravel road through the campsite.

Concrete stream ford needs to be crossed if rain is heavy. **Note:** Gates open in summer from 6 am–8 pm and in winter from 6 am–6 pm. A 24-hr emergency phone is at the Catchpool Centre.

Campground warden on site. **Booking:** Online.

LATITUDE: -41.35195

LONGITUDE: 174.92309

SCENIC



Photo: Pete Blaxter

5 Graces Stream

 10

Camp beside Graces Stream, close to walks in the Orongorongo valley.

Directions: South of Wainuiomata follow the Coast Rd for 10 km to the main Remutaka Forest Park entrance. Drive 2.5 km to the top car park.

Access: Concrete stream ford needs to be crossed if rain is heavy. **Note:** Gates open in summer from 6 am–8 pm and in winter from 6 am–6 pm. A 24-hr emergency phone is at the Catchpool Centre. Adult \$6/night, child \$3/night.

LATITUDE: -41.34253

LONGITUDE: 174.93262

BACKCOUNTRY

