

# Mt Taranaki Visitors Guide



## Egmont National Park

Welcome to Taranaki. Below is information to help you plan your visit to Mt Taranaki and Egmont National Park.

### Egmont National Park Visitor Centres

The Department of Conservation has two visitor centres on Mt Taranaki. The centres feature displays on the natural heritage and history of the area as well as providing up to date information about tracks and huts in Egmont National Park.

- North Egmont Visitor Centre  
Egmont Road  
Inglewood  
Phone 06 756 0990  
Open 7 days a week 8am – 4.30pm, closed Christmas Day.  
egmontvc@doc.govt.nz
- Dawson Falls Visitor Centre  
Manaia Road  
Kaponga  
Open Thurs – Sun 9am – 4pm; and public / school holidays.  
Phone 027 443 0248  
egmontvc@doc.govt.nz

### Other information outlets

Regional i-SITES and Kiwi Outdoors, New Plymouth, also provide information on Mt Taranaki.

Visit DOC's website on [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)



### Getting there

Several local transport providers visit Mt Taranaki:

- Cruise NZ Tours:  
phone 06 758 3222
- Eastern Taranaki Experience:  
phone 06 765 7482
- Taranaki Tours:  
phone 06 757 9888
- Kiwi Outdoors:  
phone 06 758 4152



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### Cafes/accommodation

Three commercial businesses offer food and accommodation on Mt Taranaki:

- The Mountain Café and Camphouse, Egmont Rd Inglewood. Phone +64 6 756 9093
- Dawson Falls Romantic Hotel, Manaia Rd Stratford. Phone +64 6 765 5457
- Mountain House Hotel, Pembroke Rd Stratford. Phone +64 6 765 6100
- Konini Lodge is a Department of Conservation managed backpacker style facility at Dawson Falls. It is suitable for individuals and groups.



## Tramping in Egmont National Park

Egmont National Park offers a wide range of opportunities to those wanting to experience the outdoors - from short walks through to the day-long Mt Taranaki summit climb and overnight tramps such as the spectacular Pouakai Circuit.

### Intentions

Before you go tramping please tell someone responsible where you are going and your estimated time of arrival back. Intentions for overnight tramps may be left at North Egmont Visitor Centre.

### Weather

Weather on Mt Taranaki is very changeable and difficult to predict. Carry enough clothing and equipment to ensure you are prepared to cope with any type of weather.

Contact the MetService (phone 0900 999 24 or [www.metservice.com](http://www.metservice.com)) for up to date weather information. DOC visitor centres also display metservice weather forecasts.

**Warning: Rivers and streams are not always bridged and can flood suddenly after heavy rainfall.**



*Kahui Hut*

### Huts

Eight Department of Conservation huts in Egmont National Park offer trampers basic accommodation. Hut tickets are required to stay in all huts. These can be purchased from:

- DOC visitor centres
- i-SITES around Taranaki
- Opunake Library Plus
- Kiwi Outdoors New Plymouth
- Magnum Sports Stratford
- Hawera Sportsworld

### Maps

Egmont National Park Infomap 273-09 is available for purchase or hire at DOC visitor centres, and for purchase at all the above hut ticket retailers.

### Mountain Guides

The 8 - 10 hour return climb to the summit of Mt Taranaki is challenging and should only be undertaken by experienced trampers. Climbing Mt Taranaki in winter conditions is recommended only for experienced mountaineers or with a qualified guide. Three local mountain guides have Department of Conservation approval to guide tramps to the summit of Mt Taranaki. These are:

- Adventure Dynamics: phone 027 248 7858, e-mail: [info@adventuredynamics.co.nz](mailto:info@adventuredynamics.co.nz)
- MacAlpine Guides: phone 027 441 7042, e-mail: [alpineguidesmac@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alpineguidesmac@xtra.co.nz)
- Top Guides: phone 021 838 513, e-mail: [info@topguides.co.nz](mailto:info@topguides.co.nz)

### Manganui Ski Field

The small ski field on Mt Taranaki is operated by Stratford Mountain Club. The ski field is at the end of Pembroke Road, Stratford. It operates during winter months depending on conditions. Contact the snowphone 06 759 1119 or [www.skitaranaki.co.nz](http://www.skitaranaki.co.nz)

### Tramping, climbing and ski equipment

Tramping, climbing and ski/snowboard equipment can be hired or purchased from Kiwi Outdoors, Ariki St, New Plymouth, phone 06 758 4152. Snowboard equipment can be hired and purchased from CheapSkates, cnr Leach and Gover Streets, New Plymouth, phone 06 759 4609.