

# Waiohine Gorge

## Tararua Forest Park



WAIRARAPA

### How to get there

Turn off State Highway 2 just south of Carterton into Dalefield Road. Follow the road signs indicating Tararua Forest Park. The road-end car park is approximately 15 km from State Highway 2.

### Safety

- The weather in Tararua Forest Park can change quickly.
- Warm, waterproof clothing, food and drink should be carried, even on short walks.
- Sturdy shoes or walking boots should be worn on tramping tracks.
- Groups on overnight trips should always include experienced trampers.

**DOC HOTline**  
**0800 362 468**  
Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies  
For fire and search and rescue call 111

If you think there is a safety hazard in a conservation area, call DOC HOTline or the nearest DOC office.

Waiohine Gorge is a popular camping and recreation area and entrance to southeastern Tararua Forest Park. The Waiohine River has carved out a spectacular gorge, bisecting the landscape and setting an attractive backdrop to this location.

### Attractions and facilities



Picnic area and shelter at the entrance to the park and another picnic area at the road end 2 km from the gate.



Camping in either secluded bush or open settings at the road-end. Payment is by self-registration.



A swingbridge spanning the gorge forms a spectacular gateway to Tararua Forest Park. Several tramps begin here including the popular tracks to Totara Flats and Cone Hut. Backcountry hut tickets must be purchased in advance to stay in park huts.



There are several good swimming pools in the river. The river is rated Grade 2 for rafting, tubing and kayaking.



Red deer can be found in the upper reaches of the Waiohine River catchment. Brown and rainbow trout are more plentiful upstream from the gorge.

### Tramping times

#### From Waiohine Gorge road-end:

- Cone Hut 3 hr
- Tutuwai Hut 4 hr
- Totara Flats 3½ hr

### Regulations

Hunting permits and fishing licences are required within the park.



Dogs in the park must be kept under control. Dogs are not permitted in huts.

Fires must be lit only in fireplaces provided.

Back country hut tickets must be purchased in advance to stay in park huts.

### More Information

#### Department of Conservation

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