Welcome to Whareroa Farm

Whareroa was developed as a sheep and beef farm by the Department of Lands & Survey. The farm transferred to Landcorp Ltd when Lands & Survey was disestablished in 1987 and then to DOC after Landcorp indicated its intention to sell it. The farm opened to the public in April 2011.

The United States Marines had a large camp here, Camp McKay, during World War II.

Walking tracks

Stream loop walk — 355 m / 12 min return

A short walk through regenerating shrubland. Suitable for wheelchairs.

Coastal lookout walk — 500 m / 15 min

Panoramic coastal views to the Marlborough Sounds, Kapiti Island and the Kapiti coast.

Forest loop walk — 1.6 km / 45 min

Walk through a remnant of the kohekohe forest that once covered much of the Kapiti coast, return along the farm race.

Tramping tracks

Cairn view track — 1.2 km / 40 min

Climb to a lookout over the farm and coast. From the lookout you can view the site of Camp McKay and the old water reservoir.

To Campbell's Mill Road

The uphill mountain bike track (4.1 km, Easy Tramping) and the horse riding track (2.5 km, Tramping) can be walked to and from Campbell's Mill Road.

Mountain biking and horse riding

The mountain biking and horse riding tracks are shared-use tracks with walkers. Please be alert to the likelihood of meeting other users on the tracks and be courteous.

Uphill mountain bike / Easy Tramping track — 4.1 km

Car park to Campbell's Mill Road

EASY

Grade 2 mountain biking and Easy Tramping track.

Downhill mountain bike track — 2 km

Campbell's Mill Road to car park

INTERMEDIATE

Grade 3 mountain biking

Horse / Tramping track — 2.5 km

Car park to Campbell's Mill Road

Horse riding and Tramping track. Meanders through retired farmland to Campbell's Mill Road.

Round trip via Maungakotukutuku Valley — 13.4 km

The uphill mountain bike track (Easy Tramping) and the horse riding track (Tramping) lead to Campbell's Mill Road.

To complete a circuit, follow Campbell's Mill Road into Maungakotukutuku Valley Road, Waterfall Road and Emerald Glen Road back to Whareroa Farm.

Track categories

Tracks are categorised to help you choose the most appropriate for your level of fitness and the skills and abilities of your party. You must be well prepared with suitable clothing and equipment for all weather and conditions. Safety is your responsibility.

Short Walk Well formed, easy walking for up to an hour	**Easy Tramping Track** Generally well formed for comfortable tramping/ hiking trips	**Grade 2 Moutain Bike Track** Gentle climb, obstacles such as rocks and potholes easily avoidable.
Walking Track Well formed easy walks from a few minutes to a day	**Tramping Track** Mostly unformed but has directional markers, poles or cairns	**Grade 3 Mountain Bike Track** Steep slopes and/or avoidable obstacles, possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure at the track's outside edge.

Open hours

Summer: 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.
(Daylight Saving time)

Winter: 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

WHAREROA GUARDIANS COMMUNITY TRUST

The Whareroa Guardians Community Trust formed in 2006 following the successful community campaign to prevent the land from passing into private ownership. The Trust works in partnership with DOC in managing the farm. Restoration works to date have involved over 200 volunteers who have planted 25,000 plants along the streams.

Please contact us if you would like to support our projects on the farm or go on our e-mailing list.

E-mail: whareroa.guardians@gmail.com

NEW ZEALAND environmental CARE CODE

Protect plants and animals.

Remove rubbish.

Keep streams and lakes clean.

Keep to the track.

Consider others.

Respect our cultural heritage.

Toitu te whenua
(Leave the land undisturbed).

SAFETY

New Zealand's back country is renowned for its changeable weather and rugged terrain. Be prepared for adverse conditions.

Many areas have few or basic facilities. Natural hazards, such as slips or fallen trees, may disrupt the use of facilities at any time.

- Carry food and warm waterproof clothing, even on short walks.
- Overnight parties should always include experienced trampers.
- Use appropriate NZTopo50 topographical maps for navigation. Parkmaps are useful for planning trips.
- Please advise someone of your planned route and expected time back, and contact them when you return.

If you think there is a safety hazard in a conservation area, call DOCHOTline or the nearest Department of Conservation office.

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

If you require further information, please contact the

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Ph: 04-384 7770
E-mail: wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz.
or visit our website www.doc.govt.nz

Please direct other enquiries to the Department of Conservation:
Waikanae Field Centre, P.O. Box 141, WAIKANAE 5250
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