

# Whirinaki Forest Park

## Track updates JUNE 2009

Huts and tracks	
<i>River Road end to Central Whirinaki Hut via Vern's Camp</i>	Open and negotiable.
<i>River Road end to Moerangi Hut and Te Wairoa Hut (Rogers)</i>	Open and negotiable. There is limited cell phone coverage from Moerangi Saddle only. A new track alignment has been completed between Moerangi and Te Wairoa (Rogers) huts.
<i>River Road end to Mangamate Hut and Mangamate Hut to Upper Whirinaki Hut</i>	Open and negotiable. The track to Mangamate hut crosses the Mangamate Stream numerous times.
<i>Plateau Road end to Central Whirinaki Hut</i>	Open and negotiable.
<i>Plateau Road end to Upper Whirinaki Hut</i>	Open and negotiable.
<i>Central Whirinaki Hut to Upper Whirinaki Hut</i>	<p><b>Via Taumutu Stream.</b> (Use this track). The track is open and negotiable. The half hour section from the Taumutu stream bridge to the intersection with the Mangamate hut track has windfall damage. The track follows the stream bed for sections. Be aware after heavy rain.</p> <p><b>Via Caves.</b> Not recommended. This track is not maintained and is a marked route only (High level of experienced necessary).</p>
<i>Upper Whirinaki to Upper Te Hoe hut</i>	Open and negotiable. This track has erosion near the top end of the Whirinaki Stream – cross with care. Beware after heavy rain.
<i>Pukuhunui Road end to Upper Te Hoe hut</i>	Open and negotiable, this track is overgrown in places, please use a map.
<i>Upper Te Hoe Hut to Central Te Hoe</i>	<p><b>Via Ridge Track.</b> Open and negotiable. This track follows trail markers only for a section, the track is overgrown in places, beware of wasps during summer.</p> <p><b>Via River Track.</b> Not recommended. This track is <b>not</b> maintained and is a marked route only (high level of experience necessary).</p>
<i>Central Te Hoe hut to Te Wairoa Hut (Rogers) via Mangakahika Hut</i>	Open and negotiable – beware of stinging nettle, the track is overgrown in places between Central Te Hoe and Te Wairoa Hut
<i>Okahu road end to Te Wairoa Hut (Rogers) via Whangatawhia Hut (Skips)</i>	Open and negotiable. Monday to Friday visitors can expect to meet contractors working on this track. Please follow the contractors' instructions and cross the work site with care.
<i>Pukuhunui Road end, Plateau Rd end, Matakuhia Rd end and Opureke Access</i>	2WD vehicles with high clearance are able to access these road ends, they are not well signposted – use topographical maps.



## Short walks in Whirinaki Forest Park

<i>Whirinaki Waterfall Loop Track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>Arohaki Lagoon Track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>Waiatu Falls Track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>Sanctuary Track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>Mountain Bike Track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>H Tree Track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>Wirimu Merito Reserve track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>Recreation Camp River Track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>Recreation Camp Lookout Track.</i>	Open & negotiable.
<i>Taupiri Lookout Track</i>	Open & negotiable.

## Campsites in Whirinaki Forest Park

<i>Okahu Road end Camp site</i>	Open.
<i>Mangamate Waterfall Camp site</i>	Open
<i>Sanctuary</i>	Open.
<i>Recreation Camp</i>	Open – bookings essential. Ph 0800 366 1080

**Due to snow and storms some tracks in Whirinaki Forest Park have washouts in places. Extreme care is needed.**

For your safety every effort has been made to ensure this information is correct. However you should always seek more information before you begin your trip and be prepared to change your trip according to the weather conditions.

To report any safety hazards in the outdoors call Safety Watch 0800 999 005.

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