

Around the Mountain Circuit



Egmont National Park

Mt Taranaki's Around the Mountain Circuit (AMC) offers experienced trampers a challenging multi day route through spectacular bush and alpine environments. The route is best tramped during the summer months.

Weather

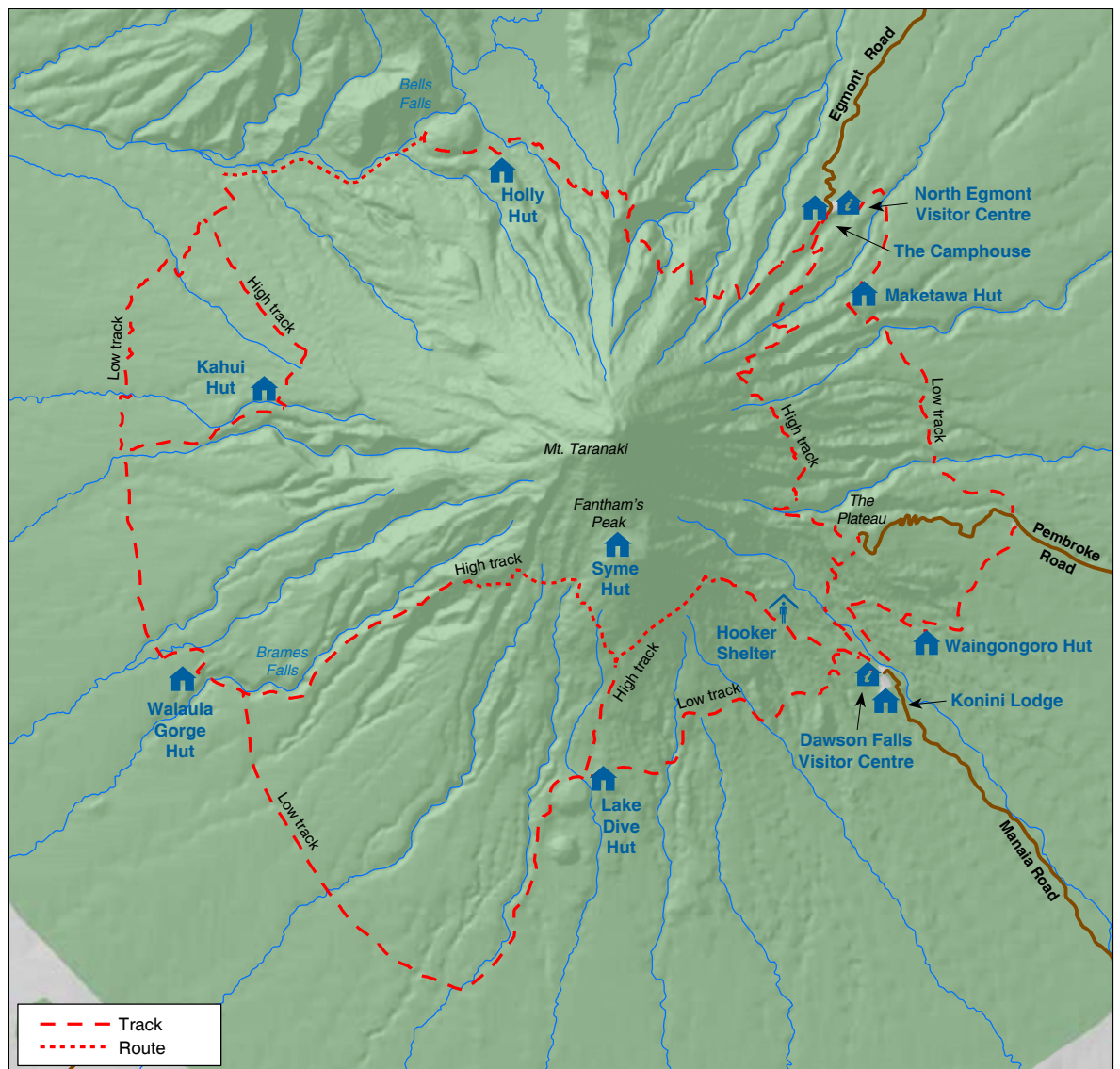
Weather on Mt Taranaki is very changeable and difficult to predict. Contact the MetService (ph 0900-999 24 or <http://www.metService.com/public/mountain/egmont>) for the latest forecast before setting out.

Important

Rivers and streams are not always bridged and can flood at any time of year. Track conditions change regularly and are subject to high erosion. Check with North Egmont Visitor Centre for up to date information.



- NEW ZEALAND ENVIRONMENTAL CARE CODE**
- Protect plants and animals
 - Remove rubbish
 - Bury toilet waste
 - Keep streams and lakes clean
 - Take care with fire
 - Camp carefully
 - Keep to the track
 - Consider others
 - Respect our cultural heritage
 - Enjoy your visit
- Toitu te whenua (Leave the land undisturbed)*



Warning

This map is not suitable for navigation. It is recommended that park users refer to the Egmont National Park Parkmap 273-09 and the Topo50 map series.

Diagram only - not to scale



Before you go tramping please tell someone responsible where you are going and your estimated time of arrival back

Day 1

North Egmont to Holly Hut

Time 3 - 4 hr/8 km approx

The Holly Hut track leaves from North Egmont Visitor Centre at North Egmont Road end. It climbs steeply to the Plateau Track junction and continues past the Boomerang Slip, ascending to the Kokowai Track junction before descending to meet the Ahukawakawa Track. Turn left and Holly Hut (34 bunks) is a 5 min tramp away.

Day 2

Holly Hut to Waiaua Gorge Hut

Time: 7 - 9 hr/13 km approx

From the hut the Bells Falls Track crosses Holly Flats down to the Stony River Track. Bells Falls (31 m) is a worthwhile 30 min detour from the junction.

Caution is needed in the Stony River area. Look carefully for flagged routes and be prepared for erosion and flooding. Follow the Stony River downhill, crossing several streams before meeting the Kapoaiaia Track. Turn left, climbing uphill to the Puniho Track. Here there are two options:

Low track: This section of track can be muddy and crosses many streams. Continue along the Kopoiaia Track past the Kahui track junction and on to the Oaonui Track.

High track: Turn left onto the Puniho Track and walk uphill approx 1 hr 25 min to the Kahui Hut (6 bunks). From here the Kahui track descends to the junction with the Oaonui Track.

Both options then follow the Oaonui Track, eventually meeting the Ihaia/Brames Falls junction. Take the Brames Falls Track, making your way to Waiaua Gorge Hut (16 bunks)

Day 3

Waiaua Gorge Hut to Lake Dive Hut

Time: 7 - 8 hr/10 km approx

Return to the Brames Falls Track junction. From here the track drops into the Waiaua Gorge, crossing the river and climbing the other side to meet the Taungatara Track. Here there are two options:

Low track: This track can be muddy and has many stream crossings. Turn right and follow the Taungatara Track 6 km through bush, until reaching the junction with the Auroa Track. Turn left and ascend the Auroa track 4 km to Lake Dive Hut (16 bunks).

High track: This area of track has high erosion. Continue past the Taungatara Track along the Brames Falls Track climbing steeply to the rock bluffs of Bobs Ridge. From here the route is marked by snow poles, climbing in and out of streams before descending to the Lake Dive junction. The left fork leads to Dawson Falls (3 hr) and the right fork is a 40 min tramp down to Lake Dive Hut (16 bunks).

Day 4

Accommodation is available at Dawson Falls in Konini Lodge (38 bunks) Bookings are via North Egmont Visitor Centre.

Lake Dive Hut to Waingongoro Hut (via Dawson Falls Visitor Centre)

Time: 4 - 6 hr/9 km approx

Low track: The Lower Lake Dive Track winds through bush and crosses many streams before eventually joining the track down to the Dawson Falls Visitor Centre.

Walk down the road from the visitor centre to the Kapuni Loop track. 50m into the bush join the Ridge Track and walk uphill to the Waingongoro Track turnoff. Follow this track as it descends to Waingongoro Hut (16 bunks) approximately 1 hr 30 min from Dawson Falls Visitor Centre.

Day 4 alternative

Lake Dive Hut to North Egmont (via Dawson Falls Visitor Centre)

Time: 7 - 9 hr approx

High track: The Upper Lake Dive track climbs steeply to the junction with the Brames Falls Track. Continue right and follow the poled route through tussock below Fantham's Peak before reaching and descending the Summit Track to Dawson Falls Visitor Centre. This is approximately the half way point.

Follow the Wilkies Pools Track before joining the Plateau track and climbing to the Stratford Plateau car park. Continue on to the Manganui Ski Field and across tussock slopes to the privately owned Tahurangi Lodge, with the large TV transmitter nearby. From the lodge a 4WD track leads downhill for approx 1 hr to North Egmont car park.

Day 5

Waingongoro Hut to North Egmont

Time: 6 - 7 hr/12 km approx

Return to the Waingongoro Hut track junction, turn right and cross the swingbridge, following the track approximately 1½ hours to East Egmont and the Te Popo car park.

Low track: The Curtis Falls Track then leads in and out of five gorges for 3 - 4 hours to Maketawa Hut (16 bunks). From the hut it is 1½ hours tramp to North Egmont car park.

Further Information

For more information about the Around the Mountain Circuit contact: North Egmont Visitor Centre, phone: +64 6 756 0990, E-mail: egmontvc@doc.govt.nz