

# Kaitake Range

## Walks in Egmont National Park



During winter and snow conditions on the upper routes you will need:

- an ice axe,
- crampons and know how to use them,
- snow gaiters,
- snow goggles.

You may also consider carrying an avalanche transceiver, probe and snow shovel.

### Welcome

The Kaitake Range is the backdrop to the township of Oakura. Take the South Road (SH45) from New Plymouth to access the ranges in two ways.

1. From SH45 turn left at Wairau Road just past Oakura. Turn left again into Surrey Hill Road to get to the start of the Davies Track. It's about a 20 minute drive from New Plymouth.
2. Pass through Oakura and from SH45 turn left at Ahuahu Road to get to Lucy's Gully and the Waimoku Track.

Lucy's Gully is the most convenient access. The others are across private land with public right of access.

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

### Weather

Mt Taranaki has changeable and unpredictable weather. Check the forecast and carry enough clothing and equipment to ensure you are able to cope with any type of weather. The rivers and tributaries are not always bridged and some of these can flood at any time of the year.

For more information contact the North Egmont Visitor Centre:

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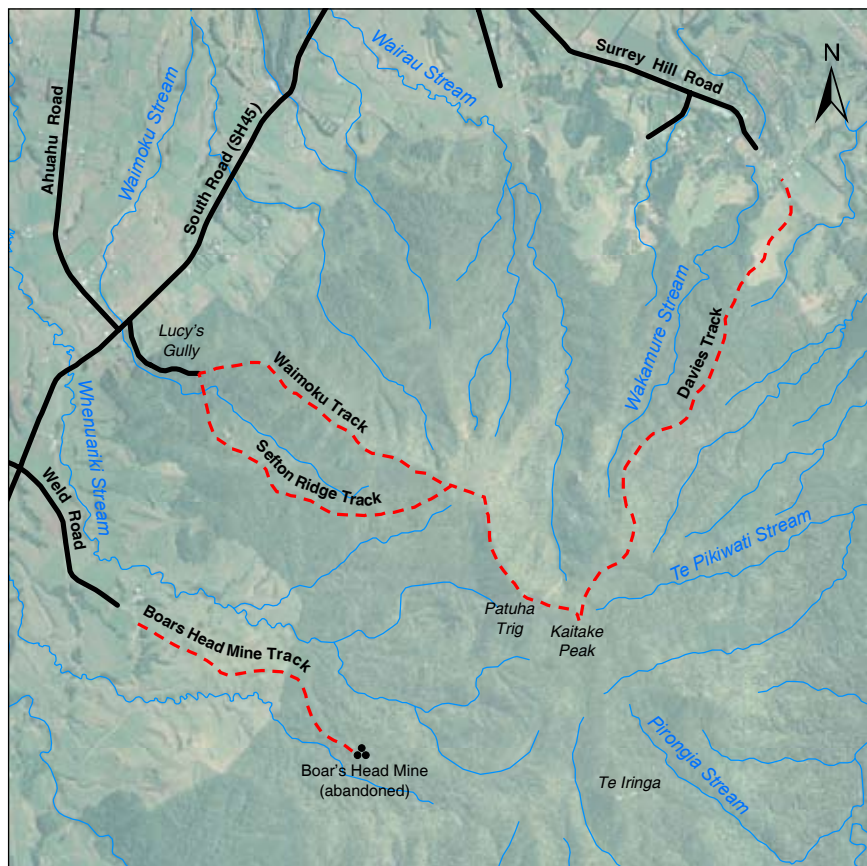
### The Kaitake Range - A lowland forest

The lowland coastal forest of the Kaitake Range is a very different forest than that found in the rest of the Egmont National Park. The trees here are not found in the higher areas.

There are nikau, titoke, kohekohe, and puriri trees. You'll find pukeatea and karaka trees and see silver fern and a range of smaller plants.

A stand of Californian redwood trees, planted in the 1930s are protected by a special dispensation in the Egmont National Park Management Plan. Other exotic trees planted at the same time are slowly being removed to allow regeneration of native species.

Allow 2 to 3 hours to Patuha Trig (684m). This is the highest point for each track. Add about 30 minutes if you take the Davies Track from Surrey Hill Road.



Map not to scale



- 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)

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#### Warning.

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