

# North Egmont

## 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.

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

### Welcome

These tracks are in the Egmont National Park, at North Egmont, about 30 minutes drive from New Plymouth. Head south on State Highway 3 to Egmont Village and turn right onto Egmont Road. North Egmont is at the end of this road.

This area of Egmont National Park offers lush native forest and stunning views of the mountain and surrounding countryside.

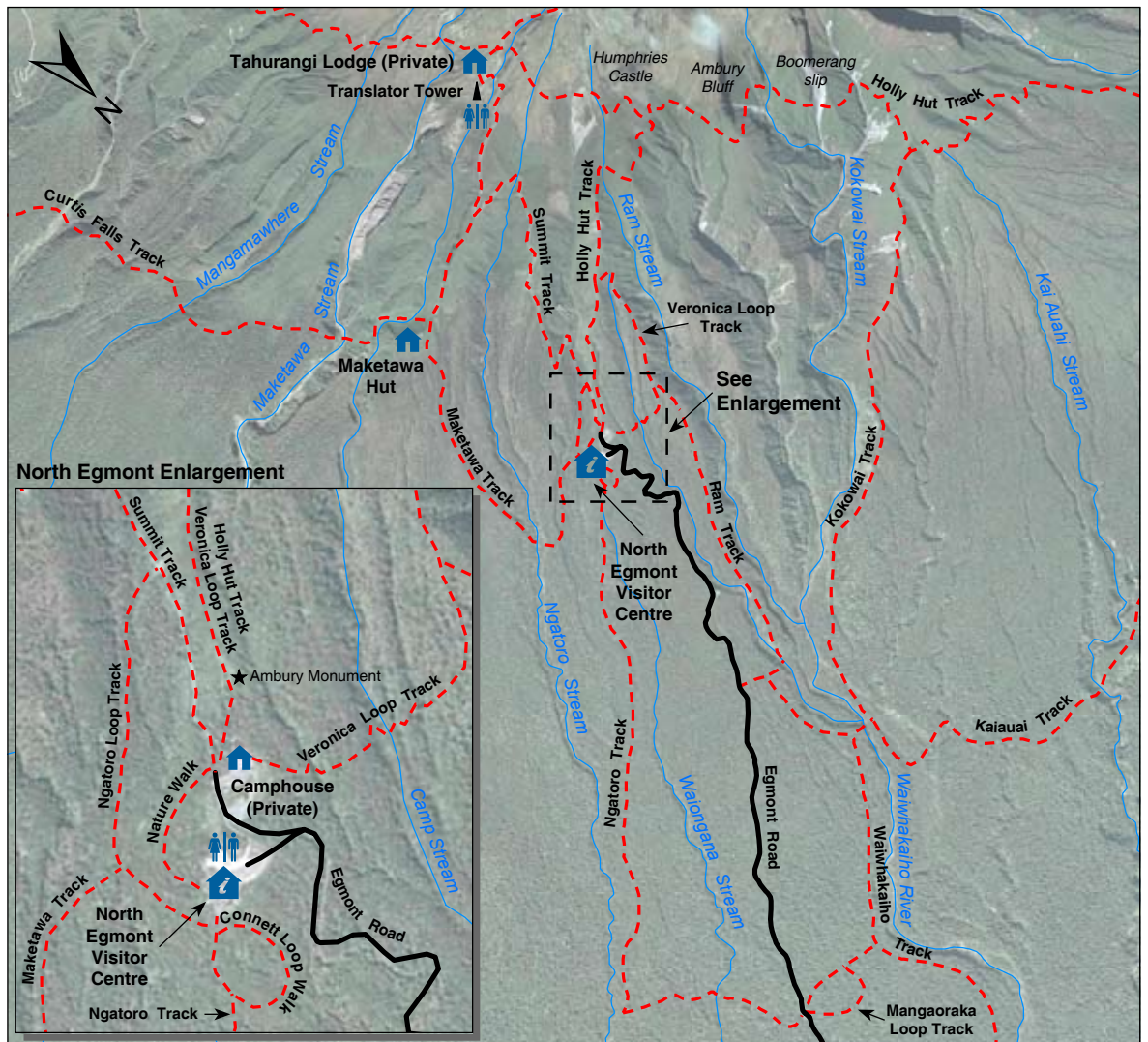
The Visitor Centre has track and walk information and displays on the history of the area.

### 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.

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Map not to scale

**Warning.**  
This map is not suitable for navigation. For greater detail refer to Infomap 273-09 and the Topo50 map series.





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)*

## Short walks

### Ngatoro Loop track (1 hour)

Start on the Summit Track (4WD Road) to the left of the Camphouse and after 10 minutes leave the road to follow a damp mossy valley through the “goblin forest” where fern and moss hang from twisted kamahi trunks. See fine specimens of pahautea (mountain cedar) and the shrub karapapa with its strongly scented crimson flowers in November.

The track ends in the car park below the Visitor Centre.

### Connett Loop Walk (30 - 40 minutes)

Begin in the lower car park. Follow the Ngatoro Track for a few metres before turning left onto the Connett Loop Walk. You'll pass through constantly changing forest dripping with moss and lichens. Return to the car park at the next junction by turning right onto the Ngatoro track.

### North Egmont Nature Walk (10 - 15 minutes)

Begin near the toilets just below the Visitor Centre. It's an easy walk that takes you through the montane forest and “goblin forest” where the twisted kamahi trunks hang with ferns and moss. Turn right at the Summit Track (4WD Road) to return to the Visitor Centre.

### Ambury Monument Walk (10 - 20 minutes)

Start to the left of the Camphouse and follow the lower part of the Holly Hut Track.

The Ambury Monument was erected in 1919 and stands in memory of Arthur Hamilton Ambury and William Edwin Gourlay. On June 3, 1918 Ambury gave his life in a heroic attempt to save Gourlay who had slipped on ice. Both men died in their fall over a bluff higher up the mountain. Follow the same track back to the Camphouse.

### Mangaoraka Loop Track (20 - 30 minutes)

Begin at the Mangaoraka Picnic Area, 4.5 kilometres down Egmont Road from the Visitor Centre. For a short walk through the lowland forest follow the Mangaoraka Track for 15 minutes before branching on to an easy loop track. It returns you to the picnic area. Take care when crossing the road.

## Easy tramping tracks

### Ram track (2 hours one way)

Leave from the upper car park at the right /west end of the Camphouse. Follow the lower part of the Veronica Track to the Ram Track and then turn right. You'll see the concrete remains of an old reservoir that once supplied water to the Camphouse and the former North Egmont Chalet. The track follows the ridge above the Ram Stream for 2 kms down to the Kaiuauai Track. Turn right to reach the Egmont Road 2km below the Visitor Centre.

Take care. There are no barriers above the cliffs along the ridgeline. Sections of the track are uneven, muddy and steep.

### Veronica Loop track (2 hours)

Take the Holly Hut track to the left of the Camphouse. Pass the Ambury Monument and head uphill to the junction with the Veronica Loop Track. A lookout point offering good views of New Plymouth, the coastline and the mountain is a further 10 minutes walk up the Holly Hut Track. Return to the Veronica Loop Track junction and turn left to continue the loop track.

To return to the Camphouse turn right at the Ram Track junction.

### Ngatoro Track (2 - 2½ hours to the picnic area, 5 hours return)

Begin in the car park below the Visitor Centre and follow the Ngatoro Track signs downhill all the way to the Mangoraka Picnic Area. See changes in the forest as you descend. Pre arrange transport from the picnic area, or to walk back up to the Visitor Centre, cross the road and follow the Mangaoraka Track. At the Waiwhakaiho Track junction turn left and follow this track up hill before moving on to the Ram Track. Turn left at the Veronica Loop track junction to return to the upper car park at the Camphouse and the Visitor Centre.

## Tramping tracks

### Summit Track to the Translator Tower (3 hours return)

Follow the Summit Track (4WD Road) at the left of the Camphouse, to the translator tower. It's part of the summit route and you will pass through several vegetation zones as you climb.

The upper route is very exposed and is not recommended for winter use unless parties are experienced climbers equipped with ice axes and crampons.

### Tahurangi Round Trip (3 - 4 hours)

Follow the Summit Track (4WD Road) past the translator tower and on to Tahurangi - a private lodge. Turn right, just past the lodge and move onto the Around the Mountain Circuit - AMC.

This upper AMC route is very exposed and is not recommended for winter use unless parties are experienced climbers equipped with ice axes and crampons.

Follow this track passing under Humphries Castle, the remnants of an ancient layered lava flow. Walk down hill, turning right at the Holly Hut Track junction and head down hill to the Camphouse and Visitor Centre.

### Maketawa Hut Round Trip (3 - 4 hours)

From the lower Visitor Centre car park, follow the Ngatoro Track for a few metres before turning right onto the Ngatoro Loop Track. Turn left at the Maketawa Track junction. The first stop is the Maketawa Hut (16 bunks).

Continue up to the Summit Track (4WD Road) junction where you turn right to descend to the Visitor Centre.

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