

Mount Holdsworth–Jumbo Circuit

Tararua Forest Park



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The Holdsworth–Jumbo Circuit is a two- to three-day tramp involving a climb through beech-podocarp forest to some of the best alpine tops travel in the park. The bush tracks are all well marked and signposted and streams are bridged. The route on the open tops is marked with blue poles.

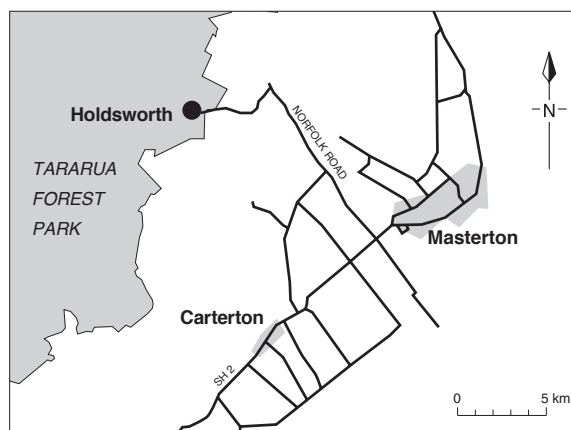
Distance: 24 km approximately

Tramping Time: Approximately 12 hours

How to get there

Turn off State Highway 2 onto Norfolk Road, 2 km south of Masterton. This is signposted and there is a timber processing plant on the corner. Follow Norfolk Road 15 km to the road end at Holdsworth.

Daily rail and regular bus services operate between Wellington and Masterton. Taxis, or for large parties prebooked buses, can be hired for travel between Masterton and Holdsworth.



Huts



Backcountry huts cannot be booked and are occupied on a first in first served basis. A backcountry hut pass or hut tickets are required for overnight stays. They can be purchased from sports shops, service stations, information centres, and DOC. Children under the age of 11 can stay free of charge.

Powell Hut: (Served: 3 tickets/night) 30 bunks

Jumbo Hut: (Served: 3 tickets/night) 30 bunks

Atiwhakatu Hut: (Standard: 1 ticket/night) 12 bunks

Holdsworth Lodge

Holdsworth Lodge is available for overnight accommodation at the roadend. Located 5 minutes walk from the carpark, it accommodates up to 28 people: 20 in a communal bunk room, and 4 each in the Kākā and Kererū rooms that can be booked for exclusive occupancy. It has electricity, water, flush toilets, electric stove, fridge, freezer, and heating.

Camping is also available for visitors.



FEES:	BUNK ROOM	KĀKĀ, KERERŪ	CAMPING
Adult	\$15.30	\$61.30 per room (4 people)	\$6.10
Youth	\$5.10		\$2
Under 5	free		free

Backcountry hut tickets are not valid for Holdsworth Lodge or camp ground.

To stay at Holdsworth Lodge, book online at <http://booking.doc.govt.nz> or contact DOC Wairarapa Area office, ph 06 377 0700.

To stay in the campground, pay by cash at the on-site registration kiosk.

Safety

Tararua Forest Park is renowned for its changeable weather and, because much of the terrain is rugged, trampers and walkers must travel prepared. Overnight parties should always include experienced trampers.

Equipment

Carry food and warm waterproof clothing.

Intentions

Advise someone reliable of your intended route, party size and time of return. Always contact this person on your return, so that unnecessary searches are not mounted. Please write your intentions in the logbooks in the huts and lodge.

Party Size

Do not travel alone—always travel with one or more companions. Stay together. In big groups travelling at different paces, form two groups, and nominate a leader and tailender for each party.

Experience

Do not attempt a trip that is too long or difficult. Try something easier, or join an outdoor club such as a tramping club.



Tramping guide

Maps

Maps are available from DOC offices, sports shops or book shops.

NZTopo50 BP33

Featherston;

NZTopo50 BP34

Masterton

Scale: 1:50,000

Parkmap 274-02 Tararua

Scale: 1:100,000



Protect plants and animals

Remove rubbish

Bury toilet waste

Keep streams and lakes clean

Take care with fires

Camp carefully

Keep to the track

Consider others

Respect our cultural heritage

*Toitu te whenua
(Leave the land undisturbed)*

If you think there is a safety hazard in a conservation area, call DOC HOTline 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

This guide should be used in conjunction with a map of the route (NZTopo50 maps BP33 and BP34 or NZMS 274-02 Tararua) which should be carried for your safety and enjoyment.

Holdsworth – Powell Hut: 4 hours

From Holdsworth, cross the bridge and continue up the track in the direction of Donnelly Flat. Turn at the signpost, and follow the “Gentle Annie” track to Mountain House Shelter. This track is well graded and metalled, and offers several lookout points to Mounts Holdsworth and Jumbo. Mountain House Shelter is a pleasant resting spot. **2 hr 30 min**

Beyond Mountain House Shelter, the track climbs steeply through dense bush and out onto the open tops. Powell Hut is located on the bush edge. **1 hr 30 min**



Powell Hut is a Serviced hut, providing mattresses, heating and gas cookers. It requires three hut tickets / person / night.

Powell Hut – Jumbo Hut: 4 hours

Follow the marked route leading north-east along the main ridge to the Mt Holdsworth trig (1470m). **1 hr**

Follow the exposed ridge north to Jumbo Peak. The route then descends east along a spur to Jumbo Hut. **3 hr**



Jumbo Hut is a Serviced hut, providing mattresses, heating and gas cookers. It requires three tickets / person / night.



Beware of high winds, mist and icy underfoot conditions above the bushline. The open tops between Powell and Jumbo huts are marked but should be attempted only by experienced trampers.

Jumbo Hut – Holdsworth: 4 hours

The main track to Atiwhakatu Hut is via Rain Gauge Spur. Descend the benched track immediately below Jumbo Hut. Once in the bush, follow the marked track down Rain Gauge Spur to Atiwhakatu Hut. A rain gauge was once located in a clearing half-way down the ridge. **1 hr**



Atiwhakatu Hut is a Standard hut requiring 1 ticket.

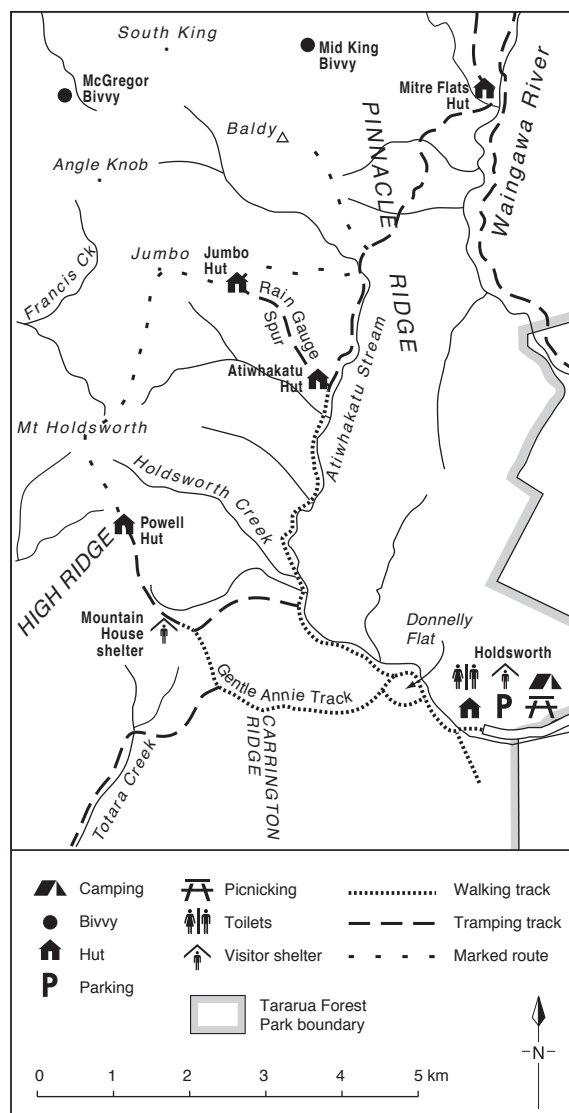
From Atiwhakatu Hut, follow the well-graded track to Holdsworth. **3 hr**

Total Time

Holdsworth – Powell Hut **4 hr**
Powell Hut – Jumbo Hut **4 hr**
Jumbo Hut – Holdsworth **4 hr**

More Information

DOC Wellington Visitor Centre
Conservation House,
18–32 Manners St, Wellington.
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This map is for illustrative purposes only.
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO NAVIGATE USING THIS MAP.

Please remember



Backcountry hut tickets, purchased in advance, are required for overnight use of huts in the park.



Hunting permits and fishing licences are required within the park.



No mountain bikes are allowed beyond the Holdsworth carpark.



Dogs in the park must be kept under control and are not permitted in huts.



Please remove your litter when you leave. Recycle aluminium, glass, paper, and plastic.

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