

Hemi Matenga Memorial Park Scenic Reserve



NEW ZEALAND
environmental
CARE CODE

Protect plants and animals.

Remove rubbish.

Keep streams and lakes clean.

Keep to the track.

Consider others.

Respect our cultural heritage.

*Toitu te whenua
(Leave the land undisturbed)*

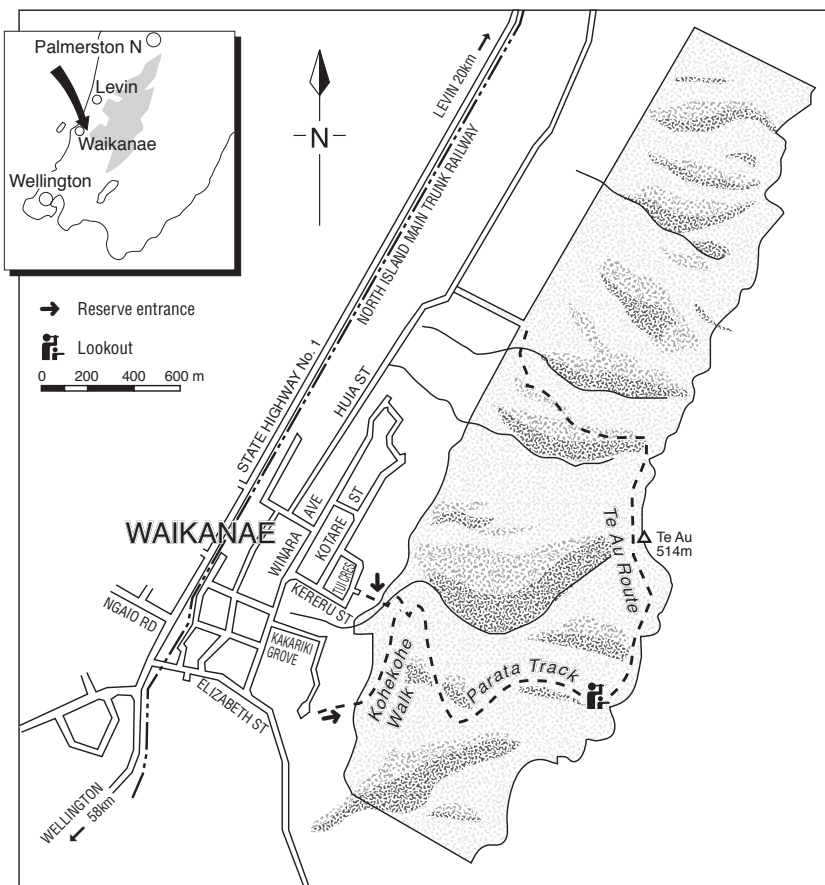
The 330-hectare native forest the provides the backdrop to Waikanae is Hemi Matenga Scenic Reserve. It protects one of the largest remaining areas of kohekohe forest. The reserve rises steeply from 150 metres to its highest point, Te Au, 514 metres above sea level.

The land was originally owned by Hemi Matenga Waipunahau and Wiremu Parata Waipunahau, brothers from a distinguished family of Ngati Toa descent. Hemi Matenga died in 1912.

How to get there

The main entrance to Hemi Matenga Scenic Reserve is at Tui Crescent, where there is a small parking area by a reservoir.

Kakariki Grove provides access beside another reservoir 500m south of the Tui Crescent entrance.



Attractions and facilities



Kohekohe Walk (Easy, 30 min return)
A well-formed path, suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels, links Tui Crescent to Kakariki Grove.



Parata Walking Track (Easy, 1–2 hr return)
Well formed, suitable for people of most ages and fitness levels. Climbs to views of the coast and Reikorangi Valley.



Te Au Route (3–4 hours to Huia Street)
A marked route leads north from the lookout. Suitable for experienced, well equipped trampers.

Please remember

Visitors should stay on the formed tracks at all times. Please keep dogs on a leash.



Please remove your rubbish.
Recycle paper, glass, cans and plastic.

If you think there is a safety hazard in a conservation area, call the nearest DOC office or DOC HOTline.

DOC HOTline
0800 362 468
Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies
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More Information

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