

Mount Holdsworth – Jumbo Circuit

Tararua Forest Park
24 km, 12 hours



The Holdsworth – Jumbo Circuit is a 2–3 day tramp through beech-podocarp forest to some of the best alpine tops 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 in the more difficult sections. Please note: times and distances are approximate.



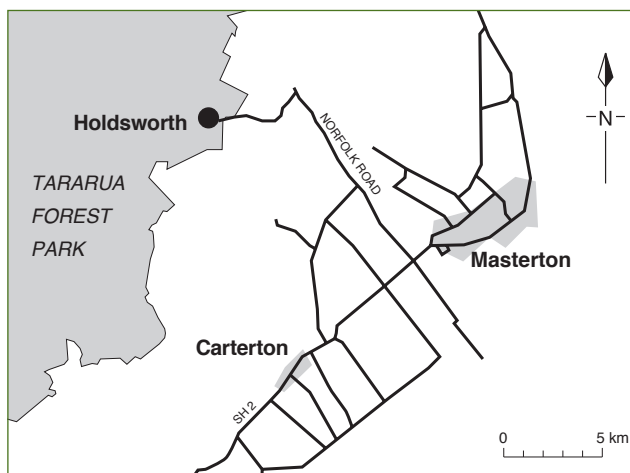
Tramping track: Challenging day or multi-day hiking. May have steep grades. Suitable for fit, experienced and adequately equipped people. Tramping boots required.



Route: Unformed, suitable only for people with high-level backcountry skills and experience.

Getting 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 for 15 km to the road end. Daily rail and regular bus services operate between Wellington and Masterton. Taxis, or prebooked buses for large parties, can be hired for travel between Masterton/Carterton and Holdsworth.



Huts



A backcountry hut pass or hut tickets are required for overnight stays. These can be purchased from some sports shops, service stations, information centres, and DOC.

Children under the age of 11 can stay free of charge.

Powell Hut: Serviced, 28 bunks | 3 standard or 1 serviced hut ticket*

Jumbo Hut: Serviced, 20 bunks | 3 standard or 1 serviced hut ticket*

Atiwhakatu Hut: Standard, 26 bunks | 1 standard hut ticket*

*per person per night

Powell and Atiwhakatu Huts are bookable on the DOC website for the period from 18 November 2014 to 30 April 2015.

MAPS: NZTopo50 BP33 Featherston, NZTopo50 BP34 Masterton. Scale: 1:50,000. Available from DOC offices, some sports shops or book shops.

Holdsworth Lodge

Located 5 minutes' walk from the car park at the road end, Holdsworth Lodge accommodates up to 28 people: 20 in a communal bunk room, and 4 each in the Kākā and Kererū rooms, which can be booked for exclusive occupancy. It has electricity, water, flush toilets, hot showers, electric stove, fridge, freezer, and heating.

Camping is available for booked bunk users or for sole occupancy lodge bookings only.



FEES:	BUNK ROOM	KĀKĀ, KERERŪ	CAMPING
Adult	\$25	\$80 per room (4 people)	\$12
Youth	\$15		\$6
Under 5	free		free

Backcountry hut tickets are not valid for Holdsworth Lodge or the campground.

To stay at Holdsworth Lodge, book online at booking.doc.govt.nz or contact DOC Masterton Office, phone 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 with plenty of food and warm, waterproof clothing.

Tell someone before you go

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. See also the AdventureSmart website, visit www.adventuresmart.co.nz/outdoor-intentions/

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. Overnight parties should always include experienced trampers.

Updates

Facilities and services can change – before you set out, check the weather at www.metservice.com and the latest track and hut information on the DOC website.

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Track guide

This guide should be used in conjunction with a map of the route (NZ Topo50 maps BP33 and BP34), which should be carried for your safety and enjoyment.

Holdsworth – Powell Hut 4 hr

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 has mattresses, heating and gas cookers.
3 standard or 1 serviced hut ticket(s) per person per night.

Powell Hut – Jumbo Hut 4 hr

Follow the marked route leading north-east along the main ridge to the Mt Holdsworth trig (1470 m). 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 has mattresses, heating and gas cookers.
3 standard or 1 serviced hut ticket(s) per person per night.



Beware of high winds, snow, 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.

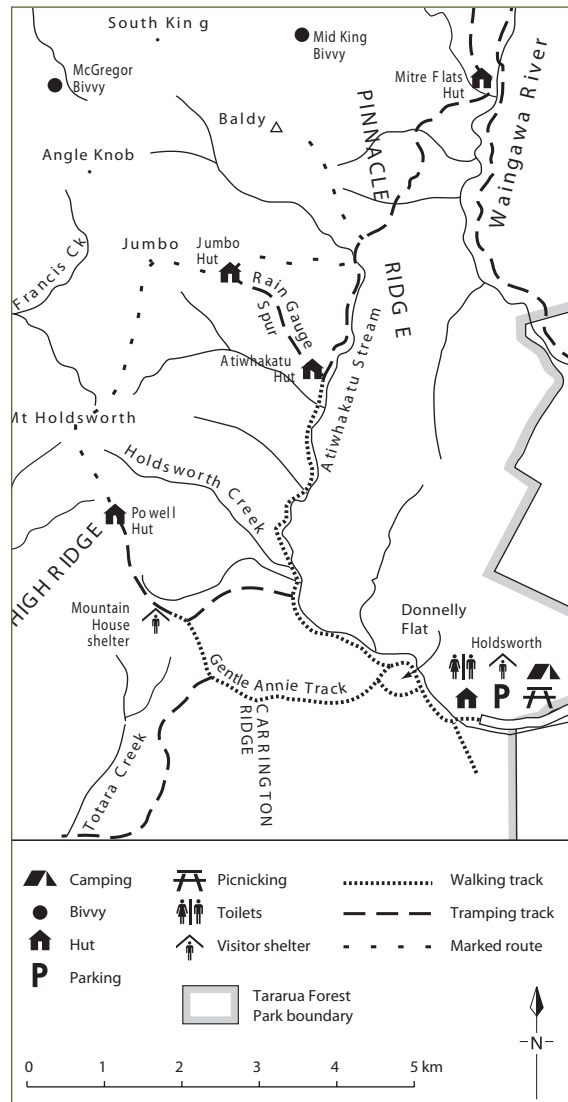
Jumbo Hut – Holdsworth 4 hr

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 has mattresses and heating.
1 standard ticket per person per night.

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



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. However, bookings are available for Powell and Atiwhakatu Huts from 18 November 2014 – 30 April 2015.



Hunting permits and fishing licences are required within the park. Permits are available from the DOC Masterton Office or the Wellington Visitor Centre.



No mountain bikes are allowed beyond the Holdsworth car park.



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.

For more information

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1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimise the effects of fire
6. Respect wildlife and farm animals
7. Be considerate of others