MAP KEY



Abbreviations

SH = State Highway; VC = Visitor Centre; NP = National Park

GPS coordinates

The GPS coordinates in this guide can be entered into your GPS unit or smartphone to find a campsite. For example, to find the Fantail Bay campsite, enter -36.52479, 175.32816. Remember to enter the negative symbol and separate the numbers by a comma-



* For more information on dump stations in your area, visit the local DOC Visitor Centre or i-SITE, or go to www.nzmcd.co.nz/stories/ public-dump-stations-in-new-zealand

[†] Wheelchair accessible facilities may include toilets, water supply, showers, picnic tables, kitchens and pathways.

At the campsite

Camping care code

- > Be a careful camper and practise 'no trace' camping.
- > Choose your campsite carefully; set up your camp on firm, high or sandy ground. Camp only in designated areas.
- > Be tidy and always leave campsites clean. Take your rubbish with you if bins are not provided.
- > Use a cooker, fireplace or BBQ. Light fires only where allowed, collect dead wood and keep the fire small. Soak the fire with water before you go.
- > Detergents, soap and toothpaste can harm aquatic and marine life. Use biodegradable products and wash in a container well away from water sources.
- > Always use toilets provided.
- > Campgrounds are social places but everyone needs some rest and relaxation. Please respect the rights of others for quiet enjoyment of the outdoors. Limit generator use (where permitted) between 9 pm and 8 am.
- > Pay your fees to help keep campsites available in the future.
- > Always thoroughly clean your equipment before and after trips to minimise the spread of weeds and diseases.

Toitū te whenua

Leave the

land undisturbed

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- Protect native plants and animals.
- > Always dispose of waste from motor caravans at official dump stations.

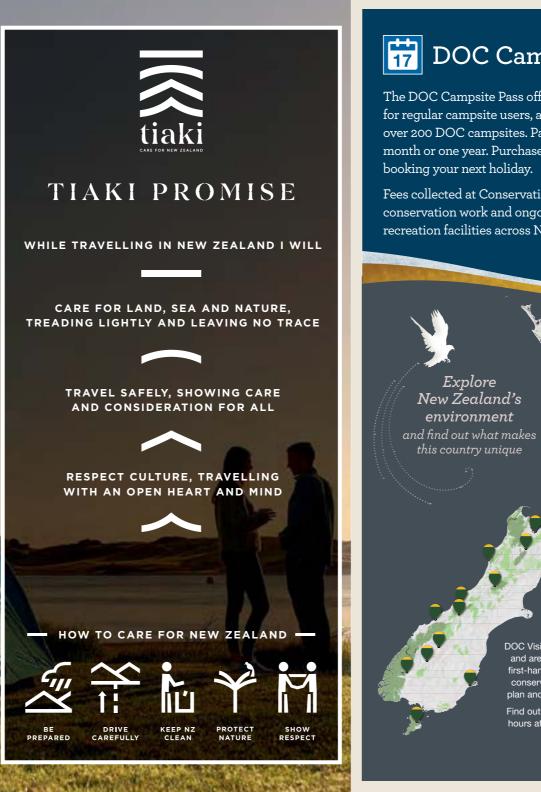
Beware of thieves

Remember to lock your vehicle and take your valuables with you.

Gravel roads and insurance

If you are driving a rental vehicle, remember to check whether you are insured when driving on unsealed roads.





DOC Campsite Pass

The DOC Campsite Pass offers excellent value for regular campsite users, and can be used at over 200 DOC campsites. Pass durations are one month or one year. Purchase your pass online when

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Visitor Centres

DOC Visitor Centres are located nationwide and are staffed by DOC rangers who have first-hand, in-depth local knowledge about conservation places and activities. Visit to plan and prepare your outdoor adventures

Find out about DOC Visitor Centre opening hours at www.doc.govt.nz/visitorcentres FREE

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Responsible camping

You could get a \$200 instant fine by:

- freedom camping overnight where there is a 'no camping' sign
- freedom camping overnight where there is a 'self-contained' sign and you are not using an approved NZ Standard selfcontained vehicle
- > depositing waste while freedom camping.

DOC Visitor Centre staff can advise where you can freedom camp safely and responsibly in New Zealand and where local camping restrictions apply. New Zealand's Freedom Camping Act 2011 means visitors who ignore good camping practices and/or camp in the wrong places can receive an instant fine of \$200.

For more information on responsible camping, visit www.doc.govt.nz/freedomcamping

Information correct at the time of printing. Current information is available on the DOC website at **doc.govt.nz/campsites**. Feedback about this brochure is welcomed, please email **marketing@doc.govt.nz**

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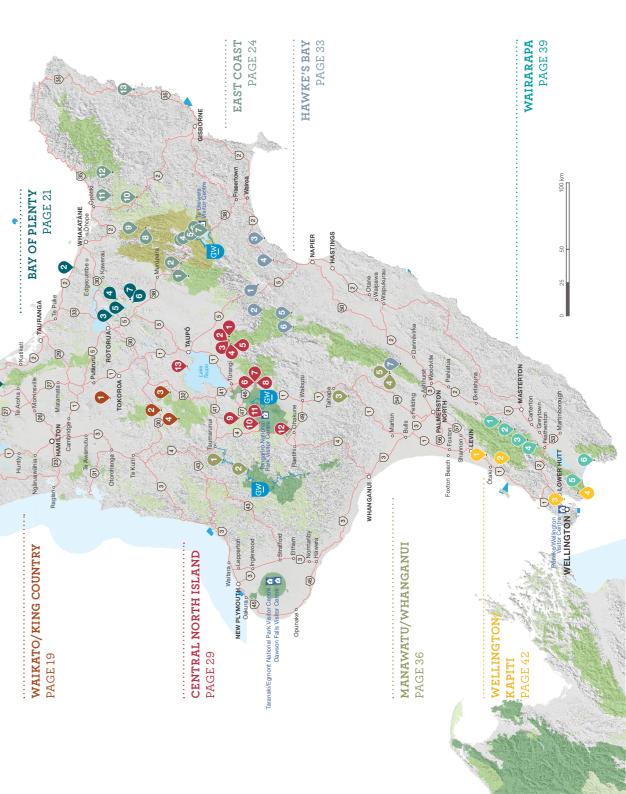
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Conservation Campsites TE IKA-A-MĀUI NORTH ISLAND

Arohena, Waikato/King Country (p20). Photo: DOC

C onservation Campsites are places to relax, enjoy and explore the great outdoors. The Department of Conservation (DOC) manages more than 200 campsites throughout New Zealand. Choose from lush forest settings, lakeshores and sandy beaches.

This brochure highlights campsites managed by DOC on conservation land. For more information on individual campsites, check out **www.doc.govt.nz/campsites**. Enjoy camping with DOC!

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What to expect

Fees will vary at some campsites. For prices at individual campsites, go to www.doc.govt.nz/campsites.

Serviced campsites*

Serviced campsites have a wide range of facilities and services: flush toilets, tap water, kitchen/cooking bench, hot showers, rubbish collection and road access for all types of vehicles. Laundry facilities, BBQs, fireplaces, cookers and picnic tables may be provided.

Standard campsites

These campsites have toilets, water supply (tap, stream, or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Wood BBQs and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter and rubbish bins may be provided.

Backcountry campsites

Backcountry campsites have toilets and a water supply, which may be from a stream. Picnic tables, cooking shelters and fireplaces may be provided.

Basic campsites no charge

These have very limited facilities so campers need to be fully selfsufficient (eg, bring toilet paper). Basic toilets and water may be from a tank, stream or lake.

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Age categ	ories for fees:
Adult:	18+ years
Child:	5-17 years
Infant:	0-4 years,
	no charge.

Booking and paying fees

Booking is required all year round for many campsites. Book online at **bookings.doc.govt.nz/web** or contact a DOC Visitor Centre (fees may apply).

Where booking is not required, pay fees via the self-registration system at the campsite or Visitor Centre. These campsites are first come, first served.

Fees are generally per person per night. DOC rangers patrol camping areas and may check that fees have been paid.

Plan and prepare

To have a safe and enjoyable trip, remember to:

- Check your booking details
- Research your trip and know the campsite rules
- Check the weather
- Pack everything you need
- Tell someone your plans.

At the campsite

Campsites and dogs

Dogs are **not permitted** at Conservation Campsites unless the 'dog with permit' or 'dog on a leash' symbol is present.

Where dogs are allowed, it is important to keep your dog under control at all times. Even the most obedient dog has the potential to kill wildlife and most campsites are located in or near protected areas.

Dog owners who take their dogs into dog-prohibited campsites or controlled areas without a permit, or breach the conditions of their permit, are liable to prosecution. Find places where you can take your dog at www.doc.govt.nz/camping.



Take your rubbish with you

DOC operates a pack in, pack out policy at most campsites - there are no rubbish or recycling facilities. Campers should plan to take their rubbish away with them.



No unauthorised drones

A permit is required from DOC to use drones on public conservation land or near marine mammals for any reason – including private use. To apply, visit www.doc.govt.nz/drones.



Fire risk

Always check the fire danger level before you light at **checkitsalright.nz**. Only light fires in the designated fireplace or firepit provided by DOC. Never light fires duirng a fire ban.

Protect our wildlife

from disease

Some DOC campsites are in areas where native species are vulnerable to disease. Help prevent disease from spreading by following simple precautions, including cleaning gear before and after entering these areas. Look for notices at the campsites and DOC Visitor Centres for details. Contact the local DOC office for more biosecurity information.



Didymo is an exotic alga that invades waterways. This microscopic pest can be spread by a single drop of water. Even if you can't see it, you could be spreading it.

A large number of Conservation Campsites are near rivers and lakes, so always remember to **Check, Clean, Dry** all footwear, bicycles, vehicles, fishing equipment and other items before entering, and when moving between, waterways. For more information and cleaning guidelines, go to **www.doc.govt.nz/stopthespread**.



Kauri trees are under threat from a disease caused by the pathogen *Phytophthora agathidicida*. There is no cure and it can be spread through the movement of just a single speck of soil. Help stop the spread:

- Clean all soil off your footwear and other gear, every time you enter or leave a kauri forest, and at every cleaning station.
- Use disinfectant only after you have removed all the soil.
- Stay on the track and off kauri roots. A kauri's roots can grow outwards three times as far as its branches.
- Spread the word within your networks on how to stop kauri dieback.

Visit www.kauridieback.co.nz or call 0800 NZ KAURI (0800 695 2874).

Protect our wildlife

from invasive pests

Some special campsites are located on islands free of most of our invasive pest animals and plants. We rely on you to help keep them this way.



Inspect and clean your tent and other camping gear thoroughly before leaving home and between

locations. Remove any mud (check the pegs and peg bag), sand, plant material, insects or animals such as mice or rats, Argentine ants and plague (rainbow) skinks – and don't forget to check inside your tent. It's also important to check your clothing and footwear for weed seeds and soil before and after each trip. If you're taking a boat or kayak, check these too.

DOC staff may make biosecurity checks of your footwear and gear when you arrive on an island to ensure your gear is pest free. Report sightings of pests on pest-free islands immediately to the DOC HOTline 0800 362 468.



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Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua 2 Note: All campsites are pack in. pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3. 5 Mangataniwha 10 Raetea Or 6 Poor Kniahts Islands Marine Kaikohe Mataraua Forest 13 Marlborough Pukenui Forest Forest O WHANGAREI Kaihu Houto -Whangarei Harbour (14 Marine Reserve Dargaville Mangawhai Heads West Coast North 50 km 25 Island Marine Mammal Sanctuar CHECK YOU ARE **PEST FREE** Urupukapuka is a pest-free island (campsites 7-9). Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel - see page 4. AUCKLAND A pathogen For more information please is killina visit www.doc.govt.nz/ kauri trees in campsites. Northland. KAURI Help prevent KALIRI PROTECTION the spread see page 4.



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Kapowairua (Spirits Bay)

Camp in a picturesque setting, and swim or walk the tracks.

Directions: Follow signposts from Waitiki landing, off SH1, for 16 km along Te Hapua Rd and then Spirits Bay Rd. Access: 16 km of gravel. Note: Pack insect repellent. Take care as the beach may be dangerous. Booking: Required.

LATITUDE: -34,42814 LONGITUDE: 172.86337

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3 Rarawa

Camp among trees behind the white sand beach; go surfing and fishing.

Directions: 3 km north of Ngataki along SH1 turn into Rarawa Beach Rd. Access: 4 km of gravel. Booking: Required. Note: Take care as the beach may be dangerous.

LATITUDE: -34.72511 LONGITUDE: 173.08233

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Maitai Bay

Camp on the outer Karikari Peninsula in sheltered and private campsites.

Directions: 25 km southeast of Kaitaia on SH10, turn into Inland Rd at Karikari Peninsula and follow, then into Matai Bay Rd. Access: 2 km of gravel. **Booking:** Not required – first come, first served.



LATITUDE: -34.82958 LONGITUDE: 173,40807

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Raetea North Side



Access is from the north only while SH1 through the Mangamuka Gorge is closed.

Camp in one of the last remaining lowland coastal forests. Look for native birds.

Directions: 18 km southeast of Kaitaia along SH1 at Mangataiore. Follow the 'Raetea Reserve' sign. Camp beside the stream in summer and in the car park during winter. Access: Gravel. Booking: Not required - first come, first served.

LATITUDE: -35.16848 LONGITUDE: 173,43488 BASIC



Look out for kiwi and bats. An 18-bunk hut is also available.

Directions: Turn off SH10 at Pungaere Rd, 600 m north of Waipapa and follow signs to the camp. Access: 7 km of gravel. Booking: Required. Note: Fires only permitted at certain times of year. Check the signs before lighting.



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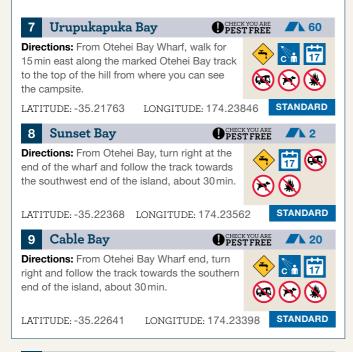
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Urupukapuka Island

Campsites 7-9 are on Urupukapuka, an island of significant historical and cultural importance. A great spot for fishing, swimming and water activities.

Directions: Ferries to Otehei Bay leave from Paihia and Russell daily during peak season, water taxis run year round, or arrive by private boat. Booking: Online or phone Paihia i-SITE on (09) 402 7345. Access: Boat only.



10 Puriri Bay

This camp overlooks the Whangaruru Harbour, with sheltered waters for swimming and boating.

Directions: Turn off SH1 into Russell Rd. 15 km north of Whangarei. After 30km (north of Ngaiotonga), turn into Whangaruru North Rd. Access: Sealed. Booking: Essential over summer. ph (09) 433 6160. Note: There is limited hardstand parking available year-round.

LATITUDE: -35.36473

STANDARD LONGITUDE: 174.3601

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11 Waikahoa Bay

Camp among pōhutukawa trees beside a sandy beach. Look out for rare brown teal/pāteke.



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Directions: From Whangarei, turn off SH1 at Whakapara into Russell Rd. Turn right at Helena Bay into Webb Rd. Continue to Mimiwhangata Coastal Park turn-off. Access: 9 km narrow, winding gravel road not suitable for campervans and large vehicles. Campsite is a steep 5 min walk from road, with no vehicle access. Access is through a locked gate. Booking: Essential over summer, book online or phone (09) 433 6554. Note: Tent only, walk-in campsite. LATITUDE: -35,44244 LONGITUDE: 174,41204

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Camp in a beach-front setting with large põhutukawa trees for shade.

12 Otamure Bay (Whananaki)

Directions: Go past Hikurangi on SH1, turn off at Whananaki North Road and travel 27 km. Campsite is 4 km past Whananaki shop and school. Access: Sealed. Booking: Essential over summer, ph (09) 433 8402.



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Trounson Kauri Park

Nestled on the edge of an ancient kauri forest. "Shh... can you hear that? It's a kiwi!"

Directions: From the south, turn off SH12 at Trounson Park Road, 35 km north of Dargaville. From the north, turn off SH12 at Katui Road, 40 km south of Opononi.

Access: Sealed from south. gravel from north. Booking: Required.

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14 Uretiti

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Camp behind the sand dunes at Uretiti Beach and explore the nearby Waipu Caves or walk the coastal track at Mangawhai Heads.

Directions: Signposted directly off SH1, approx 5 km north of Waipu. Access: Sealed. Booking: Essential over summer, ph (09) 432 1051. Note: Bulk water may be purchased to fill campervan tanks.



LONGITUDE: 174.45998 LATITUDE: -35.93379

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AUCKLAND WHANGAREL Note: All campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3. Mangawhai Heads Great Barrier Island Aotea Island) Cape Rodney-Okakari Point Marine Reserve Tāwharanui Marine Reserve Warkworth p 16 1 Orewa Long Bay-Okura Marine Reserve Helensville Te Matuku AUCKLAND Marine Motu Manawa-Pollen Whitianga Reserve Island Marine Reserve West Coast North Island Marine Mammal Sanctuary Pukekohe o Whangamata Waiuku o Tuakauo Paeroa o Waihi 25 50 km Te Aroha Ngāruawāhia • Morrinsville Tamaki Makaurau/Auckland **O** HAMILTON Visitor Centre > (09) 379 6476 aucklandvc@doc.govt.nz Te Awamutu itaruri A pathogen CHECK YOU ARE **PEST FREE** is killina

All of Auckland's campsites are on pest-free islands. Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel – see page 4.

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Situated on an island sanctuary for native flora and fauna, the camp is near a Māori historic site and early European settlement. Watch for kiwi.

Directions: West coast Motuora Island, 6 km east of Mahurangi Harbour. **Access:** Boat only and experienced kayakers. Contact Auckland visitor information for water taxi operators. **Booking:** Required. **Note:** No wharf, anchorage at Home Bay.

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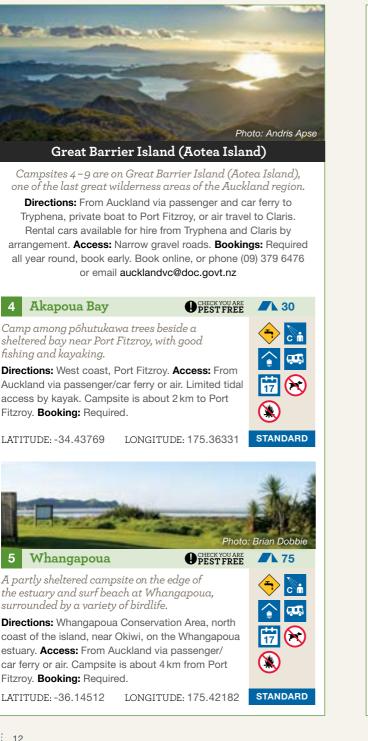
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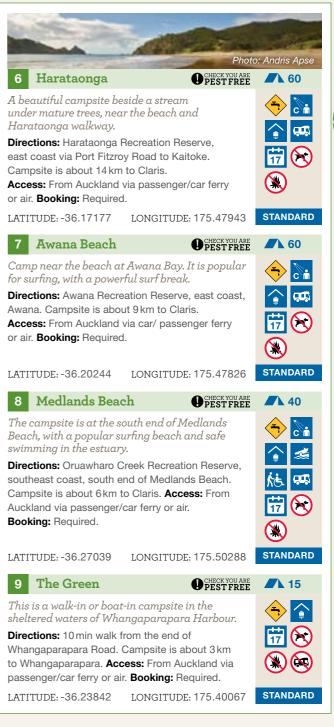
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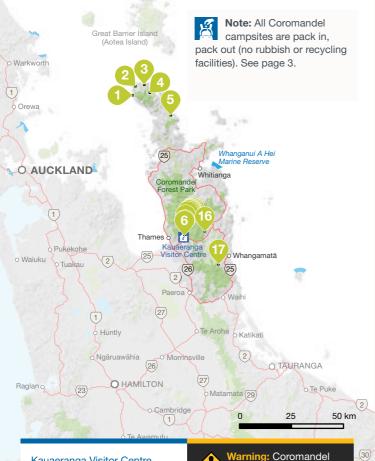
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Kauaeranga Visitor Centre

- ↘ Kauaeranga Valley Rd Thames
- ↘ (07) 867 9080
- > kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz

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A pathogen is killing kauri trees in Northland. Help prevent KAUPI PROTECTION the spread see page 4. \mathcal{P}

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weather can change very quickly, with rivers and streams rapidly reaching flood levels in heavy or prolonged rainfall. Coastal areas can also be affected.

Due to demand during Christmas/New Year, we recommend you book from early to mid-October for northern Coromandel campsites.

Fantail Bay

Camp beneath pōhutukawa trees in peaceful surroundings, with swimming, fishing, diving nearby.



Directions: 50 km north of Coromandel. Take Colville Rd from Coromandel for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, then turn left and follow Port Jackson Rd for 28 km. Access: Gravel from Colville. Booking: Required.

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LONGITUDE: 175.32816

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Port Jackson

Stunning beachfront campsite at the northern tip of the peninsula. Safe, sandy beach ideal for water activities.

Directions: 58 km north of Coromandel. Drive to Fantail Bay (as above) and follow road for 8 km. Access: Gravel from Colville. Booking: Required.

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LATITUDE: -36.48400

Farm-setting campsite at the end of the gravel road and the beginning of the Coromandel Coastal Walkway, with beautiful coastal views.

Directions: 64 km north of Coromandel. Drive to Port Jackson (as above), but continue 6 km to the end of the road. Access: Gravel from Colville. Booking: Required.



Stony Bay

LATITUDE: -36.47652

Spacious campsite beside the coast, at the beginning of the Coromandel Coastal Walkway.

Directions: 55 km north of Coromandel, From Coromandel, take Colville Rd for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, then turn right into Port Charles Rd to Stony Bay Rd and follow to end. Access: Gravel from Colville. Booking: Required.

LATITUDE: -36.51231 LONGITUDE: 175.42188





Campsites 6–14 are beside the river in the Kauaeranga valley, a historical kauri logging area with a choice of walks and swimming.

- Directions: Follow Kauaeranga Valley Rd from Thames for 14 km to the Visitor Centre. Access: Sealed road to the Visitor Centre. Gravel from there. Booking: Required. Campsites
 - 6–15 can be booked online and are listed under Kauaeranga Valley camping. Camps can be booked by location.
- **Note:** Bookings can be made at the Visitor Centre. Water from the tap at the Visitor Centre. Treat water from the stream.

6 Kahikatea

A powered campsite for certified self-contained campers only – no tents. 4 large sites for buses.

Directions: 100 m before the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. **Access:** Sealed. **Booking:** Required. Book online or through the Visitor Centre. Arrange key collection at the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Water from tap at Visitor Centre.

LATITUDE: -37.12434 LONGITUDE: 175.62833

7 Shag Stream

A riverside campsite, an ideal base for exploring the valley. Walk to the replica kauri dam.

Directions: 100m before the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. **Access:** Sealed. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) until Easter. Campervanners, check that the ground is well compacted before camping.

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adjacent to the river.

Mountain biking tracks start at the campsite,

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Totara Flat

Camp either beside the river or higher up beside the road.

Directions: 7.5 km north of the Visitor Centre. second campsite on the right past the Visitor Centre.

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Trestle View 14

Camp at the end of the valley, near Billygoat Track and Webb Creek Track up to the Pinnacles.

Directions: 9 km north of the Visitor Centre, the last campsite past the Visitor Centre. Note: Not accessible by vehicle. It is an easy walk to the campsite from the car park.

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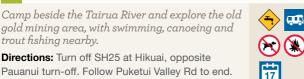
Billygoat Basin

This camp is on the popular Billygoat Circuit.

Directions: This campsite is a 2-hour tramp from the Kauaeranga Valley road end. Booking: Required. Book online or at the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre.

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trout fishing nearby. Directions: Turn off SH25 at Hikuai, opposite

Pauanui turn-off. Follow Puketui Vallev Rd to end. Access: Gravel road. Booking: Required.

LATITUDE -37,10547 LONGITUDE: 175,73845

Wentworth

Once a large gold mining settlement, this is now a popular campsite near the Wentworth Falls.

Directions: Off SH25, 7 km south of Whangamatā turn into Wentworth Valley Rd and follow to the end. Access: 5 km gravel, small stream ford. Booking: Required in peak season, ph (07) 865 7032. Prior approval from camp manager required for dogs.

LATITUDE: -37.24682 LONGITUDE: 175.81819

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On the western shores of Lake Arapuni on the Waikato River; great for fishing and water activities

Directions: From Waipapa Road, turn onto Pukewhau Rd, then Mangare Rd, then Landing Road. Campsite is at the end of Landing Road beside the Waikato River. Access: Last 1 km winding gravel. Cornering tight for large motor homes. Note: Bring your own firewood. Dogs by permit only, email tekuiti@doc. govt.nz. The campsite is beside the lake – beware of flooding. Toilet is wheelchair accessible. Booking: Required.

LATITUDE: -38.16623 LONGITUDE: 175.65767

2 Ngaherenga

Camp beside the towering Pureora Forest. Look out for kākā, kākāriki, robins and short-tailed bats in the trees around the campsite.



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Directions: Barryville/Maraeroa Rds, off SH30, 20 km east of Benneydale adjacent to Pureora Village. Access: Gravel road. Note: Toilets are not wheelchair accessible. **Booking**: Required.

LATITUDE: -38.51126 LONGITUDE: 175.56235

3 Kakaho

Camp next to Kakaho Stream. Walk the Rimu Track through thick forest to a stunning viewpoint.

Directions: Follow Link Rd from Pureora Village or Kakaho Rd from SH32. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** No cash payments at self-registration. To apply for a dog permit, email **tekuiti@doc.govt.nz**. Fires in designated fireplaces only. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -38.56843 LONGITUDE: 175.71775

4 Piropiro

Piropiro is at the midpoint of the Timber Trail cycleway, close to the Maramataha suspension bridge.

Directions: Off SH4, on the Ongarue–Waimiha Rd. Turn east at Waimiha over bridge onto Ongarue Stream Road, turn right onto Kokomiko Road. **Access:** 13 km on gravel road from Kokomiko Road

to campsite. **Note:** Dogs with a DOC permit only, email tekuiti@doc.govt.nz

LATITUDE: -38.63323 LONGITUDE: 175.49112

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Dickey Flat

Campsite is located beside the Waitawheta River, known for its trout and some great swimming holes downstream. Alcohol banned all year round.

Directions: Via Waitawheta Road, Kennedy Road and Dickey Flat Rd. Access: Gravel road. Not suitable for vehicles over 20 m. Campers walk in from the car park. No access from the Crown Track: use Dubbo 96 Track as alternate route.

LATITUDE: -37.43788 LONGITUDE: 175,74724



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Matatā

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A family campsite in a coastal setting next to the Matatā Wildlife Refuge, with excellent fishing and swimming.

Directions: Off Arawa Street in Matatā township. Campsite is 200 m across a causeway. Access: Gravel road, Booking: Required.

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Lake Ōkāreka



A scenic lakeside campsite 15 min from Rotorua; swim or fish in the lake.

Directions: Head east out of Rotorua on SH30 towards Whakatāne for 1.7 km. Turn right into Tarawera Rd then turn left into Okareka Loop Rd. At Okāreka, turn left into Millar Rd. Turn off to the campsite on the right where the seal ends. Access: Sealed. Note: Not suitable for vehicles longer than 6 m. Booking: Not required.

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Lake Tarawera Outlet (Te Tapahoro)

Camp alongside Lake Tarawera in a large and attractive campsite where trout fishing and water activities are popular.



BAY OF PLENTY

Access: By boat (water taxis are available) or walk in via Tarawera Waterfall Track. Booking: Required.

LATITUDE: -38.18501 LONGITUDE: 176.50314

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Camp in scenic surroundings and relax in the natural hot springs in Te Rātā Bay.

Directions: Te Rātā Bay, southern shores of Lake Tarawera. Access: By boat (water taxis are available) or walk in via the Tarawera Trail. Booking: Required. Notes: Extremely popular during the summer months. Be careful as patches of verv hot sand on the beach and foreshore area



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Rerewhakaaitu – Brett Rd

Camp on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu; good fishing, swimming and walking nearby.

Directions: Off SH38, turn into Rerewhakaaitu Rd and follow for 2.7 km. Turn into Brett Rd. Awaatua Bay and follow 4.5 km to campsite. Access: Sealed. Booking: Required.



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Rerewhakaaitu – Ash Pit Rd

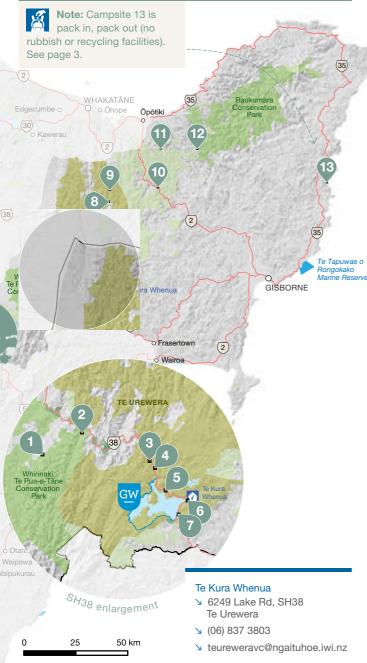
Camp on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu; take binoculars for watching water birds.

Directions: Off SH38, turn into Rerewhakaaitu Rd and follow for 2.7 km. Turn left into Brett Rd and follow to end. Turn right into Ash Pit Rd and follow to camp entrance. Access: Sealed. Booking: Required.



LATITUDE: -38.27738 LONGITUDE: 176.50742

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Sanctuary

A small camp next to Minginui Stream; walk through podocarp forest.

Directions: From Minginui Rd turn into Sanctuary Rd and follow to the end. Access: Gravel from Minginui. Note: Dogs by permit only.

LATITUDE: -38.66351 LONGITUDE: 176.72772

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Mid Okahu

Camp on grass terraces adjacent to Okahu Stream. There is good picnicking and walking in the forest.



Directions: Follow Ruatahuna Rd (formerly SH38) from Murupara and turn into Okahu Rd at Ngaputahi. Access: Gravel from Te Whaiti. 4WD recommended. Note: Dogs by permit only.

LATITUDE: -38,60930 LONGITUDE: 176.83976

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Te Urewera

Te Urewera is the spiritual home of Ngāi Tūhoe, and is recognised in New Zealand law as a living person. She is spoken for and governed by a board. Care for Te Urewera, including the tracks and facilities, is carried out by Te Uru Taumatua - Ngāi Tūhoe's operational entity. They are developing a new kind of visitor experience designed to foster a meaningful relationship with Te Urewera and with Ngāi Tūhoe.

A trip to Lake Waikaremoana is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture and history of Te Urewera. Check www.ngaituhoe.iwi.nz for alerts and updates before your trip. Visitors can also phone Ngāi Tūhoe on (06) 837 3803 or email teureweravc@ngaituhoe.iwi.nz for information.

Orangihikoia

Camp in a remote setting and go hunting, walking or fishing.

Directions: Next to Waikaremoana Rd (formerly SH38) between Te Whaiti and north of Lake Waikaremoana. Access: Gravel, narrow and winding.



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Te Taita O Makoro

Camp by a stream, hunt, walk or relax.

Directions: Next to Waikaremoana Rd (formerly SH38). 4 km north of Lake Waikaremoana. Access: Gravel, narrow and winding.

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Large grassy site between native rainforest and the lake, 1.5 km from Mokau Falls.

Directions: Drive west around the lake for approx 10 km from SH38 at Aniwaniwa. Access: Gravel. narrow and winding.



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Chalets and cabins available. Directions: Lake Waikaremoana, adjacent to SH38, in Opourau Bay. Approx 1 hour (57 km) from

Wairoa on SH38, some narrow and gravel sections. From Rotorua, after Murupara approx 2 hr drive on scenic winding gravel roads, with spectacular views. Booking: Required; book online or ph (06) 837 3826.



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Rosie Bay Campsite is closed until further notice Camp at the lakeshore in a secluded bay with stunning views. This is a popular campsite and

a good base for lake activities. Directions: Lake Waikaremoana, SH38, 10 km south of Te Kura Whenua. Access: Gravel. sections narrow and winding.

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Te Pakau (Eight Acre)



Once a dairy farm, this campsite is near the Waimana River. There are numerous walks into the spectacular forest nearby.

Directions: Follow Bell Rd off SH2 near Waimana and then onto Matahi Valley Rd. Campsite is 27 km (80-min drive) from SH2. Access: Gravel from Taneatua.

LATITUDE: -38.36411 LONGITUDE: 177, 12078 BASIC



Omahuru (Ogilvies)

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Directions: Follow Bell Rd off SH2 near Waimana and then onto Matahi Valley Rd. Campsite is 18 km (a 60-min drive) from SH2. Access: Gravel road.

Camp, swim, fish or relax beside the river in the Waimana valley. Take binoculars for birdwatching.

LATITUDE: -38.31269 LONGITUDE: 177.12122

STANDARD

10 Manganuku

Camp beside one of the few remaining historical Howe truss bridges; there is good river fishing.

Directions: Beside SH2, south of Opotiki and approx 4 km south of Wairata, Waioeka Gorge. Access: Sealed.



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Next to the Te Waiti Stream, surrounded by nīkau and tawa forest; this area is popular for picnicking.

Directions: South of Opotiki take Otara Rd and turn into Te Waiti Rd for 4 km. Access: Narrow gravel road with a low ford to cross; 4WD required. The track down to the campsite is steep and rough; drive with caution.

LATITUDE: -38.12292 LONGITUDE: 177.39056

BASIC

12 Whitikau



Directions: Takaputahi Rd, off old Motu Road, between Opotiki and Motu at the junction of the Whitikau Stream and Takaputahi River.

A remote campsite at the Whitikau entrance to

Raukumara Conservation Park. Walk, tramp, fly

fish, swim, mountain bike or hunt here.

Access: Small campervans only; gravel road for 1 hr.

LATITUDE: -38,11724 LONGITUDE: 177,58985 BASIC



Anaura Bay 13



Camp next to a beautiful beach alongside a stream, surrounded by forest and coastal bush.

Directions: SH35, 85 km north of Gisborne, between Tolaga Bay and Tokomaru Bay. Access: Sealed road. Note: Open from Labour weekend (October) to Easter. Toilets NOT provided (bring your own chemical toilet). Dump station available all season. Booking: Required.

LONGITUDE: 178.30831 LATITUDE: -38,23304



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Tongariro Alpine Crossing

There is restricted parking (4 hr max.) at the road ends during the Great Walks season (Late Oct - end Apr). Plan ahead and book a shuttle, phone Whakapapa i-SITE (07) 892 3075. www.doc.govt.nz/tongariro

Island campsites are pack in, pack out (no rubbish or recycling facilities). See page 3.

Warning: Make sure you're well prepared as alpine weather changes quickly. Check in at the Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre before heading out into the alpine environment.

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Te Iringa

This site is at the start of the Te Iringa Track, which is popular for hunting, tramping and biking.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 4 km. Access: Gravel road. Note: No water, bring your own water supply.

LATITUDE -38.95718 LONGITUDE: 176.22058

Clements Clearing

This large campsite is a good place to base yourself to explore the Kaimanawa Forest Park.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km. then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 9 km. Access: Gravel road.

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This campsite is near tall forest, scrubland and tussock grasses.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km. then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 10 km. Access: Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38,95398 LONGITUDE: 176.17427

Army Road 4

Camp in an area of diverse terrain; activities include hunting, hiking, fishing and rafting.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 12.5 km. Access: Gravel road.

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Clements Road End 5

This site is at the start of the Hinemaiaia Track.

Directions: 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow 21 km to road end. Access: Gravel road.

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Camp in a large sunny clearing above the river. A shelter with a fireplace is available.

Directions: 15 km south of Turangi on SH1, turn left onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km turn left. then left again over the bridge.

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Kaimanawa Road

This is a rustic campsite set high above the road.

Directions: 15 km south of Tūrangi on SH1, turn off onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km turn right up the hill and take the first left. Access: Gravel road. Note: No water, bring your own water supply.



LATITUDE -39.13734 LONGITUDE: 175.82617



Urchin 8

This is a quiet and remote campsite. Mountain bike the Tree Trunk Gorge or the Pillars of Hercules to Desert Road tracks.

Directions: 15 km south of Turangi on SH1, turn off on to Kaimanawa Rd. after 3.5 km turn right and follow signs. Access: Gravel road. Note: Water is from 150 m down the Tree Trunk Gorge Track.

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Pokaka Mill

This is a basic campsite in the Tongariro Forest Conservation Area.

Directions: Off SH47 at the end of Pukehinau Rd. Access: Rough gravel road, 4WD recommended. Note: No water, bring your own water supply.



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Mangahuia 10

This is a peaceful campsite beside the Mangahuia Stream on the edge of Tongariro National Park.

Directions: Off SH47, 6 km east of National Park village. Access: Gravel road. Booking: Required.

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Whakapapa Holiday Park

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Camp in a large sunny clearing above the river. Directions: Drive south on SH48, past Chateau Tongariro. Look for the sign on the right, just past the Visitor Centre. Access: Sealed. Booking: Required. Book online at www.whakapapa.net.nz or phone (07) 892 3897 from 8 am to 6 pm.

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Mangawhero 12

Camp in the forest on the flanks of Mt Ruapehu; a good base for exploring the park.

Directions: Ohakune Mountain Rd, 2 km from Ohakune. Access: Some gravel. Booking: Required.

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13 Whakaipo Bay

Camp next to Lake Taupo and enjoy the farm park surroundings and the mountain bike track through native bush.

Directions: Drive 10 km from Taupo through Acacia Bay and take Mapara road. Turn off into Whakaipo Bay at the DOC signpost. Access: Drive down a well-maintained pumice road to the camping area.

Note: Overnight stays only in self-contained vehicles. No camping in tents or other vehicles.

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Fish, swim, canoe or raft in the river.

Directions: From SH5 turn into Waitara Rd (sealed), 2.1 km south of the Mohaka River bridge.

Follow for 8 km.

Access: Gravel road at campsite.

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Mangatutu Hot Springs

Relax at the nearby thermal springs or go tramping, fishing, hunting, swimming or rafting.

Directions: From Napier, take Puketitiri Rd then Pakatutu Rd for 9km. Turn into Makahu Rd and follow to road end. Access: Gravel road, Stream ford (caution required) on Makahu Rd, 7.5 km from road end. No caravans or campervans.

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Waikare River Mouth 3

Camp beside the Waikare River, with a 10 minute walk to the beach for swimming, fishing and boating.



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Directions: From SH2 at Putorino, turn into Waikare Rd and travel 13 km to road end. Access: Gravel road.

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Camp by the lake and walk to Table Mountain Trig for views from the inland ranges to the coast.

Directions: Off SH2 at Tutira, 50 min north of Napier. Access: Sealed. Note: The lake may be subject to toxic algal blooms.

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Lawrence

Access day and overnight walks, fishing or hunting from this site.

Directions: From the Taihape Road turn into Lawrence Rd near Kuripapango and travel 7 km to road end. Access: Gravel road, no campervans. Last 500 m only suitable for 4WD.

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Note: Logging trucks on road - take great care.

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Kuripapango

Camp at the edge of the park and raft down the Ngaruroro River or go fishing.

Directions: On the Taihape Road at Kuripapango. Access: 1 km gravel road off main road towards the river.

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Tamaki West

Camp in a clearing near Tamaki West River. Day and multi-day walks are accessible from here.

Directions: From SH2 south of Dannevirke, turn into Laws Rd, right into Top Grass Rd, then left into Tamaki West Rd and follow to end. Access: 200 m walk from road end. Note: There is a creek crossing that may become impassable after heavy rain.

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1 Ohinepane

Camp in a remote setting – one of four road access points to the Whanganui Journey. Look and listen for kererū, tūī and fantails.

Directions: Whanganui River Road, on SH43, 21 km southwest from Taumarunui. **Access:** Road or by river. Take care when turning into the reserve. A large vehicle turning area is located 2 km west of the entrance. **Booking:** Online – only required if staying as part of the Whanganui Journey Great Walk.



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2 Whakahoro

A large, flat grassy site beside the river; a good starting point or mid-point stop on the Whanganui Journey.

Directions: 44 km west of Owhango, off SH4 at the end of Oio Road. **Access:** Road or by river. **Booking:** Online – only required if staying as part of the Whanganui Journey Great Walk.



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Simpsons Domain

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Simpsons Domain is closed due to a large sinkhole on the track and road.

A very basic campsite set in a spectacular forest just 5 min off State Highway 1.

Directions: From SH1, From SH1, cross a historic bridge just north of Hunterville and turn west into Murimoto Road. Continue down Murimoto Road until you reach the domain. Access: Short gravel road. Note: No water provided, bring your own.

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- > egmontvc@doc.govt.nz

Dawson Falls Visitor Centre

- > Manaia Rd, Kaponga
- ↘ (027) 443 0248
- > egmontvc@doc.govt.nz

Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre

- Whakapapa Village SH48, Mount Ruapehu
- ↘ (07) 892 3729
- > tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz

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Book online at greatwalks.co.nz

4 Piripiri



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Piripiri campsite is closed due to damage to the grounds by vehicles.

The campsite is in a small clearing next to the Pohangina River, with good trout fishing and hunting upstream of the campsite.

Directions: From Ashhurst, drive north along Cambridge Ave/Pohangina Road, then right into Pohangina Valley East Road. Follow for approx 25 km. The camp is just past the Takapari Road turn-off by the Piripiri Bridge. Access: Access for campervans only in dry weather. Sealed road. Short, steep access track may be slippery when wet. Notes: Keep dogs on a leash at all times.

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Pohangina Base

The campsite overlooks the Pohangina River to the west of the Ruahine Forest Park.

Directions: From Ashhurst, drive north along Cambridge Ave/Pohangina Road, then right into Pohangina Valley East Road. Follow for approx 25 km. Camp is approx 1 km past the Takapari Road turn-off. Access: Sealed, then mown grass. Booking: Required, phone the Wellington Visitor Centre (04) 384 7770.

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1 Kiriwhakapapa

This is a lovely family campsite beside a creek, with an old logging and exotic (redwood) forestry trial area nearby.

Directions: Turn off SH2 15 km north of Masterton onto Kiriwhakapapa Rd, and follow 7 km to road end. **Access:** 5 km of gravel road.

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2 Holdsworth

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A spacious campsite on the eastern edge of the Tararua Forest Park. Holdsworth Lodge (sleeps 28) is also available.



Directions: 2 km south of Masterton, turn off SH2 at the signpost to Mt Holdsworth, onto Norfolk Rd. Follow to Mount Holdsworth Rd. Campsite is 15 km from the SH turn-off. **Access:** Sealed.

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3 Waiohine Gorge

This secluded campsite is at the head of two spectacular gorges above the Waiohine River; it is popular for rafting, canoeing and outdoor ed.

Directions: From Carterton turn off SH2 onto Dalefield Rd, Jervois Rd, Moffats Rd. Turn onto Waiohine Gorge Rd and follow to end, approx. 15 km from SH2. **Access:** Gravel road for final 9 km, two stream fords.

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A picturesque campsite above the Tauherenikau River. Walk the Tauherenikau Gorge Track or cool off with a swim in the river.



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Directions: 15 mins from Featherston, via Wakefield St, Underhill Rd then Bucks Rd to the end. **Access:** 5 km of gravel with steep sections. **Note:** The site can get extremely windy.

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5 Corner Creek

Just a 5 min walk from Palliser Bay; go fishing, surfing, walking, hunting and mountain biking.

Directions: 38 km south of Featherston, along Western Lake Rd to Wharekauhau Rd. **Access:** Gravel road last 5 km, two stream fords. Accessible only from the eastern side of the Remutaka Range.

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6 Putangirua Pinnacles

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Directions: 58 km south of Martinborough, via Lake Ferry Road, then turn into Cape Palliser Road and follow this for 13 km. **Access:** Sealed.

This campsite is located beside the Putangirua

Stream; walk to the impressive Putangirua Pinnacles or drive to the seal colony near Cape Palliser.

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1 Waikawa



Waikawa Campsite is closed until further notice.



Watch for fantails, tūī and bellbirds. Short walks, day trips and tramps are nearby.

Directions: Turn east into North Manakau Rd, 9km north of Ōtaki on SH1. **Access:** Gravel road.

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2 Ōtaki Forks



Otaki Forks Campsite is temporarily closed, due to road access being closed.

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Open river terraces and regenerating bush surround the campsite, reflecting the farming and sawmilling history of the area.

Directions: 1 km south of Ōtaki, turn into Otaki Gorge Rd. Campsite is 19 km east of Ōtaki township. **Access:** Gravel and narrow, with one stream ford. **Note:** Campsite ranger on site over summer.

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3 Matiu/Somes Island OPES

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Visit this historic predator-free island, and camp among the remnants of the quarantine station and wartime internment camp.

Access: Ferry from Wellington or Days Bay. Also by kayak or private vessel. There are strict landing and mooring requirements on the island; please check with the Visitor Centre before you go. **Bookings:** Required; book online or at the Wellington Visitor Centre, ph (04) 384 7770. **Note:** Campers must meet biosecurity requirements. The island can be closed because of extreme fire risk in summer.

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- Conservation House 18 Manners Street Wellington
- > (04) 384 7770
- > wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz



Matiu/Somes is a pest-free island (campsite 99). Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel – see page 4.

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4 Catchpool valley

Camp beside Catchpool Stream, close to walks in the Orongorongo valley.

Directions: South of Wainuiomata follow the Coast Rd for 10km and turn into the main Remutaka Forest Park entrance. The campsite is clearly signposted 2.5 km past the park entrance. Access: Gravel road through the campsite. Cross concrete stream ford in heavy rain. Note: Gates open summer 6 am – 8 pm, winter 6 am – 6 pm. A 24-hr emergency phone is at the Catchpool Centre. Campground warden on site. Booking: Required.



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Care for Aotearoa



Protect nature Keep your distance and don't feed wildlife. Follow any rules restricting dogs, fires, drones or vehicles.

Be prepared Stay safe in the outdoors by planning and preparing for your trip.

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Keep NZ clean Take all rubbish with you and use toilets where provided.



Show respect Respect others, respect culture.



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