

# Want an overnight stay and tramp in Kaweka Forest Park?



## Mangatutu Hot Springs Campsite

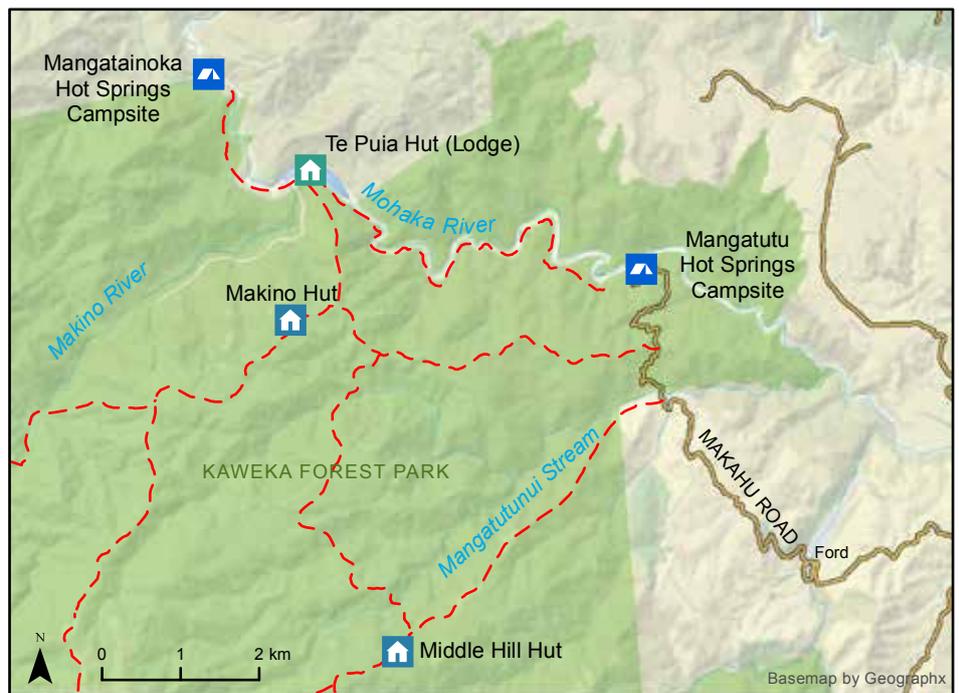
Driving time: approximately 1 hr 45 min northwest of Napier

From Napier, take Puketitiri Road via Patoka and Puketitiri. Turn into Pakaututu Road and follow for 9 km. Turn into Makahu Road and follow for 10 km to the road end. The trip involves approximately 1 hr travel on unsealed gravel roads, as well as a river ford on Makahu Road 7.5 km from the road end. Take care when driving through the ford as heavy rain and snow melt can affect the water level. The road is narrow, and may be slippery when wet. Check with Hastings District Council ([www.hdc.govt.nz](http://www.hdc.govt.nz)) for temporary road closures. *Makahu Road is not suitable for caravans or campervans.*

Mangatutu Hot Springs Campsite is a popular camping, picnic and fishing spot, and a starting point for tramping, hunting or day walks up the Mohaka River and into the Kaweka Forest Park. There are picnic tables and toilets, and an access track descending to the Mohaka River. The main feature here is the Mangatutu Hot Springs.

A short, steep track descends from the campsite to the thermal springs. Thermal water issues from a deep hole in an undercut bank near the top terrace. The water trickles down a riverside bluff, where it is channelled into two pools.

Makahu Road ends in a parking area near the campsite. The track to Te Puia Hut (Lodge), Makino River and the Mangatainoka Hot Springs starts here.



**Campsite fees:** Donations welcome

**Camp location:** Grid reference:  
NZTopo50 map sheet BJ37,  
E 1898608 N 5657147

**Category:** Basic - 45 non-powered tent sites available

**Facilities:**  Toilets

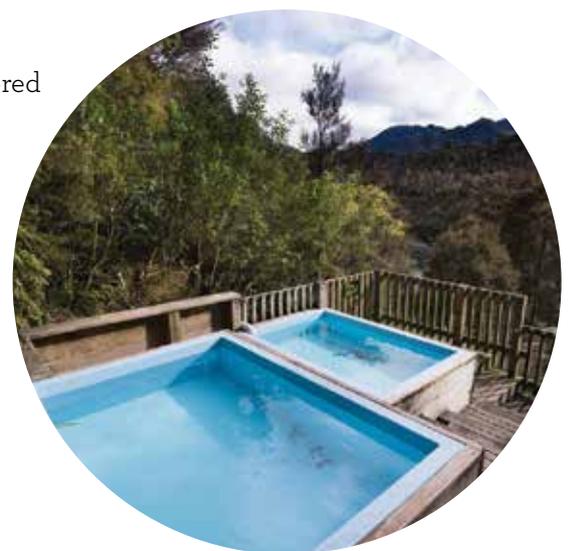
 Picnic table and shelter

 Water from stream

**Activities:**  Fishing

 Hunting  Rafting

 Swimming  Tramping



Mangatutu Hot Springs. Photo: L Bucholz

## Te Puia Hut (Lodge) Track

Time: 2–3 hr one way

The Te Puia Hut (Lodge) and Mangatainoka Hot Springs Track begins at the Makahu Road parking area. The track follows the true right bank of the Mohaka River to Te Puia Hut (Lodge), which offers overnight accommodation for trampers or a rest spot on the way to the Mangatainoka Hot Springs. The Mohaka River is home to brown and rainbow trout, and whio/blue duck can occasionally be seen here.

*Please note that Te Puia Hut (Lodge) is referred to as 'Te Puia Lodge' on NZTopo50 maps.*

Located in the northeastern section of the Kaweka Forest Park, Te Puia Hut (Lodge) is situated on the banks of the scenic Mohaka River. As the only serviced hut in the Hawke's Bay district, Te Puia Hut (Lodge) is a popular recreational destination for day trips, weekend visits and longer tramps. The hut has a wood-burning stove for heat and gas stovetops for cooking. The Mohaka River is just 30 m from the hut's covered veranda.

The area around the hut can experience a wide range of climatic conditions, including brief snowfalls during winter and strong westerly winds.

Te Puia Hut (Lodge) is 45 min from the Mangatainoka Hot Springs. The hut offers excellent access to the northern reaches of Kaweka Forest Park.

*Note: the land directly across the Mohaka River from the hut is private – respect the landowners and do not attempt to access this area without gaining permission first.*

**Hut category:** Serviced – Adult (aged 18+) \$15.00; Youth (aged 11–17) \$7.50; Child (aged 0–10) free

**Hut location:** Grid reference: NZTopo50 map sheet BH37, E 1894574, N 5658562

**Facilities:**  26 bunks  Mattresses

 Cooking  Heating



## Mangatainoka Hot Springs Track from Te Puia Hut (Lodge)

Time: 45 min one way

The Mangatainoka Hot Springs is a popular respite for hunters, fishing enthusiasts, trampers, rafters and family groups.

The track continues past Te Puia Hut (Lodge) and crosses a bridge over the Makino River just above its confluence with the Mohaka. The track follows the Mohaka's true right bank for another 40 min before culminating at the hot springs and backcountry campsite. There are two fibreglass baths surrounded by a wide deck at the hot springs, which are situated on a manuka terrace beside the Mohaka River. The Mangatainoka Hot Springs Campsite is adjacent to the pools.

**Campsite location:** Grid reference: NZTopo50 map sheet BH37, E 1893549, N 5659407

**Facilities:**  Campsite  Toilets  Water from stream



Te Puia Hut (Lodge). Photo: L Bucholz



Mangatainoka Hot Springs. Photo: L Bucholz

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Keep to marked tracks
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- High fire danger
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of others

### Check, Clean, Dry



Stop the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests. Remember to Check, Clean, Dry all items before entering, and when moving between, waterways.

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