Welcome to Whareroa Farm

Whareroa was developed as a sheep and beef farm by the Department of Lands & Survey. The farm transferred to Landcorp Ltd when Lands & Survey was disestablished in 1987 and then to DOC after Landcorp indicated its intention to sell it. The farm opened to the public in April 2011. The United States Marines had a large camp here, Camp McKay, during World War II.

Walking tracks
Stream loop walk ……… 365 m / 12 min return
A short walk through regenerating枕木round. Suitable for wheelchair.
Coastal lookout walk ……… 500 m / 15 min
Photographs of views to the Marlborough Sounds, Kapiti Island and the Kapiti coast.
Forest loop walk ……… 1.6 km / 45 min
Walk through a remnant of the kohekohe forest that once covered much of the Kapiti coast, return along the farm roads.

Tramping tracks
Calm view track ……… 1.2 km / 40 min
Climb to a lookout over the farm and coast. From the lookout you can view the site of Camp McKay and the old water reservoir.
To Campbell’s Mill Road ………
The uphill mountain bike track (4.1 km, Easy Tramping) and the horse riding track (2.5 km, Tramping) can be walked to and from Campbell’s Mill Road.

Track categories
Tracks are categorised to help you choose the most appropriate for your level of fitness and the skills and abilities of your party. You must be well prepared with suitable clothing and equipment for all weather and conditions. Safety is your responsibility.

Walkers
Well formed, easy walking for up to an hour
Short Walk
Well formed, easy walking for up to an hour
Walking Track
Well formed walking track for up to an hour
Easy Walking Track
Well formed walking track suitable for wheelchair and people with mobility aids
Easy Tramping Track
Generally well formed for comfortable tramping/ hiking trips

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Grade 3 Mountain Bike Track
Steep slopes and/or avoidable obstacles, possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure at the track’s outside edge.
Grade 2 Mountain Bike Track
Gentle climb, obstacles such as rocks and potholes easily avoidable.
Grade 1 Mountain Bike Track
Smooth track suitable for beginners, generally no gradients, safe for walkers, suit all ages.
Easy Tramping Track
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Mountain biking and horse riding
The mountain biking and horse riding tracks are shared use tracks with walkers. Please be alert to the likelihood of meeting other users on the tracks and be courteous.

Uphill mountain bike/Easy Tramping track ……… 4.1 km
Camp to Campbell’s Mill Road
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Downhill mountain bike track ……… 2 km
Campbell’s Mill Road to car park
Horse / Tramping track ……… 2.5 km
Car park to Campbell’s Mill Road
Horse ridng and Tramping track. Meanders through retired farmland to Campbell’s Mill Road.

Round trip via Maungakotokutoku Valley ……… 13.4 km
The uphill mountain bike track (Easy Tramping) and the horse riding track (Tramping) lead to Campbell’s Mill Road.
To complete a circuit, follow Campbell’s Mill Road into Maungakotokutoku Valley Road, Waterfall Road and Emerald Glen Road back to Whareroa Farm.

Open hours
Summer: 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Winter: 8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Safety
New Zealand’s back country is renowned for its changeable weather and rugged terrain. Be prepared for adverse conditions.

• Please advise someone of your planned route and expected time back.
• Use appropriate NZTopo50 topographical maps for navigation.
• Overnight parties should always include experienced trampers.
• Carrying first aid kit with comprehensive maps for navigation.
• Packages are useful for planning trips.
• Please advise someone of your planned route and expected time back and contact them when you return.
• If you encounter a problem, call 111 and give the location of your position.

WHAHEROA COMMUNITY TRUST

The Whareroa Guardians Community Trust formed in 2006 following the successful community campaign to prevent the land from passing into private ownership. The Trust works in partnership with DOC in managing the farm. Restoration works to date have involved over 200 volunteers who have planted 25,000 plants along the streams. Please contact us if you would like to support our projects on the farm or go on our e-mail list.
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Getting Here
By car: From SH1 to Paekakariki, turn left onto Northern Road, then left onto Waikanae Valley Road. Continue for 4.7 km to the car park on the left.
From Paekakariki, take Campbell’s Mill Road through retired farmland to Whareroa Farm.

DOC Hotline
0800 360 246
Observe natural damage to the site of Camp McKay.
Treat all waterways (protect all vegetation).