

Facilities

Lodges, cabins and cottages are accessible by vehicle, boat or short walk. Whirinaki Recreation Camp has an open-sided cooking shelter with wood BBQ, flush toilets, wood heaters, hot showers and lighting by candle (bring your own). See www.doc.govt.nz/whirinakirecreationcamp.

Serviced huts have mattresses, water supply, toilets, handwashing facilities and heating with fuel available.

Standard huts have mattresses, water supply and toilets. Wood heaters are provided at huts below the bushline.

Basic campsites have very limited facilities, so you need to be fully self-sufficient. There may be basic toilets and water from a tank, stream or lake.

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

Fees

Before you go, you can buy a Serviced (or Standard) Hut Ticket for each night's stay. Put this in the honesty box at the hut. Or buy a Backcountry Hut Pass that gives unlimited use at most Standard and Serviced huts for a 6- or 12-month period.

Age ranges

Adult: 18+ years
Youth: 11-17 years
Child: 5-10 years
Infant: 0-4 years

Booking is required for the Recreation Camp only. All others are first come, first served.

Track grades

SHORT WALKS are on well-formed tracks, suitable for most abilities and fitness levels.

WALKING TRACKS are easy to moderate walks for up to a full-day return, on mostly well-formed tracks. May be steep, rough or muddy.

TRAMPING TRACKS are challenging day or multi-day tramping. May have steep grades. Suitable for fit, experienced and adequately equipped people.

DUAL USE tracks are shared by walkers and mountain bikers. People heading uphill should give way to those heading down. Respect others, respect the rules, respect the track.

FEES PER NIGHT

Lodges, cabins and cottages
\$30.00 per cabin or
\$90.00 for sole occupancy

Serviced huts
To stay in the hut: Adult \$15,
Youth \$7.50, Child/Infant free
To camp: Adult \$5, Youth:
\$2.50, Child/Infant free

Standard huts
To stay in the hut: Adult \$5,
Youth \$2.50, Child/Infant free
To camp: Free

Basic campsites
Free

Backcountry campsites
Prices vary - check individual
campsites pages on the website.
Verns Camp: Free



leave no trace
NEW ZEALAND

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable ground
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Respect wildlife and farm animals
- Be considerate of others
- Minimise the effects of fire. Check before you light a fire - a ban may be in place

Tell someone before you go

Safety is your responsibility so remember to leave details of your trip (return date and time, planned route, party member names and vehicle licence plates) with a trusted contact, and don't forget to let them know when you return. Information on the Outdoor Intentions System can be found at mountainsafety.org.nz.

Remember to fill in hut books during your trip, even if you do not stay in the hut. They can assist in search and rescue operations, and may help save your life.

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HUTS AND CAMPSITES

in Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park

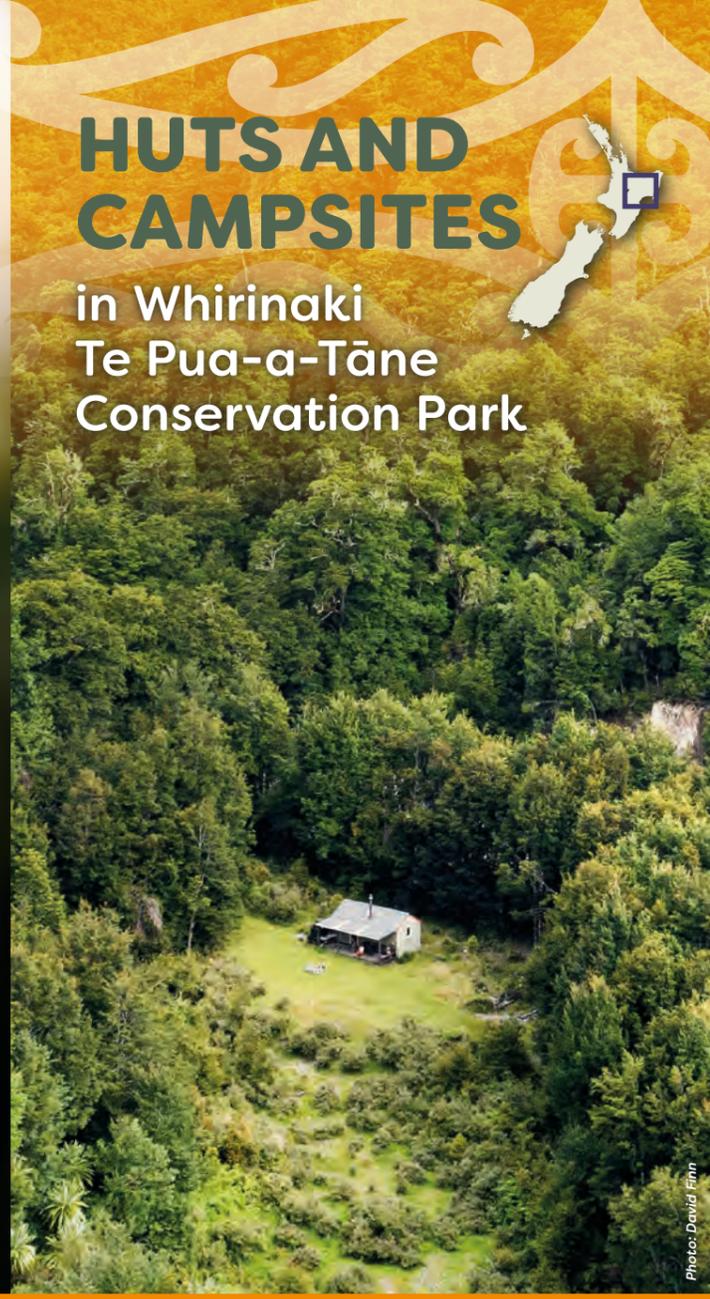


Photo: Neil Hutton

Photo: David Finn



For more information pick up a copy of the 'Walks and tracks' and 'Mountain biking' brochures or go to www.doc.govt.nz/whirinaki



Welcome to Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne

Towering trees, rushing rivers and a fascinating past combine to create Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park. The park stretches across 56,000 ha and is co-governed by the Department of Conservation and local iwi Ngāti Whare.

These huts and campsites in Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne provide unique places to stay and refuge from bad weather when you're exploring the outdoors.



COVER PHOTO:
Mangakahika Hut.
Photo: David Finn
THIS PAGE:
Photo: Neil Hutton



Vern's Camp

Photo: David Finn

The site of an old track cutter's camp, this is a good place to stop for lunch. It has a picnic shelter with fireplace. Water is available from a tank or the stream at the southern end of the clearing.

Category: Backcountry, 3 non-powered tent sites
Facilities: Water from stream, picnic shelter, campfires permitted (except during fire bans)
Restrictions: Dogs by permit only

Access: 2 hr 30 min from River Road car park
Location: NZ Topo50 map sheet BG38; E1919964, N5707639



Central Whirinaki Hut

Photo: David Finn

Sited in a large grassy clearing on the Whirinaki River, Central Whirinaki Hut is the gateway to Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne. It is the most popular hut in the Whirinaki, and is also the most spacious.

Category: Serviced, 25 bunk beds
Facilities: Heating, mattresses
Restrictions: Dogs by permit only

Access: 5 hr from River Road car park; 3 hr from Plateau car park
Location: NZ Topo50 map sheet BG38; E1917384, N5702317



Upper Whirinaki Hut

Photo: David Finn

A very popular hut for hunters, with 9 bunks, a wood burner, and a water supply. This hut is managed by the NZ Deer Stalkers' Association and Department of Conservation.

Category: Standard, 9 bunk beds
Facilities: Heating, mattresses
Restrictions: Dogs by permit only

Access: 3 hr 30 min via Taumutu Stream from Central Whirinaki Hut; 3 hr from Plateau car park and Department of Conservation.
Location: NZ Topo50 map sheet BG38; E1918935, N5697624



Mangamate Hut

Photo: David Finn

Originally located by the Upper Mangamate Stream, the new hut is now situated high on a saddle with great views overlooking the Whirinaki and is surrounded by podocarp forest.

Category: Standard, 9 bunk beds
Facilities: Heating, mattresses
Restrictions: Dogs by permit only

Access: 4 hr 30 min from Upper Whirinaki Hut; 4 hr from River Road car park
Location: NZ Topo50 map sheet BG38; E1920590, N5703875

MANGAMATE CAMPGROUND



www.ngatiwhare.iwi.nz

Did you know?
The Kaitiaki for Ngāti Whare is Hineruarangi

Mangamate Campground is a beautiful and spacious site operated by Ngāti Whare and conveniently located at the gateway to the Whirinaki.

Kei te waharoa o Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne te puni Mangamate e noho rerehua ana, nui ngā wāhi noho i rēira. Nā Ngāti Whare te whenua e manāki.



NGATI WHARE



Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park



- Mountain bike/dual use track
 - Short walk
 - Walking track
 - Tramping track
 - Sealed road
 - Gravel road
 - Lodge/cabin/cottage
 - Serviced hut
 - Standard hut
 - Basic campsite
 - Backcountry campsite
 - Toilet
 - Car park
 - Picnic shelter
 - Heated shower
 - Picnic table
 - Barbeque
 - Campervan
- * Managed by DOC and the NZ Deerstalkers' Association



Moerangi Hut Photo: David Finn

A popular overnight trip from Whirinaki or as part of a circuit including Skips Hut (Whangatawhia) and Rogers (Te Wairoa) Hut. A good hut where you can listen for kiwi calling at night.

- Category:** Standard, 9 bunk beds
- Facilities:** Heating, mattresses
- Restrictions:** Dogs by permit only

- Access:** 4 hr 30 min from River Road car park; 3 hr from Rogers Hut

Location: NZTopo50 map sheet BG38; E1923632, N5704619



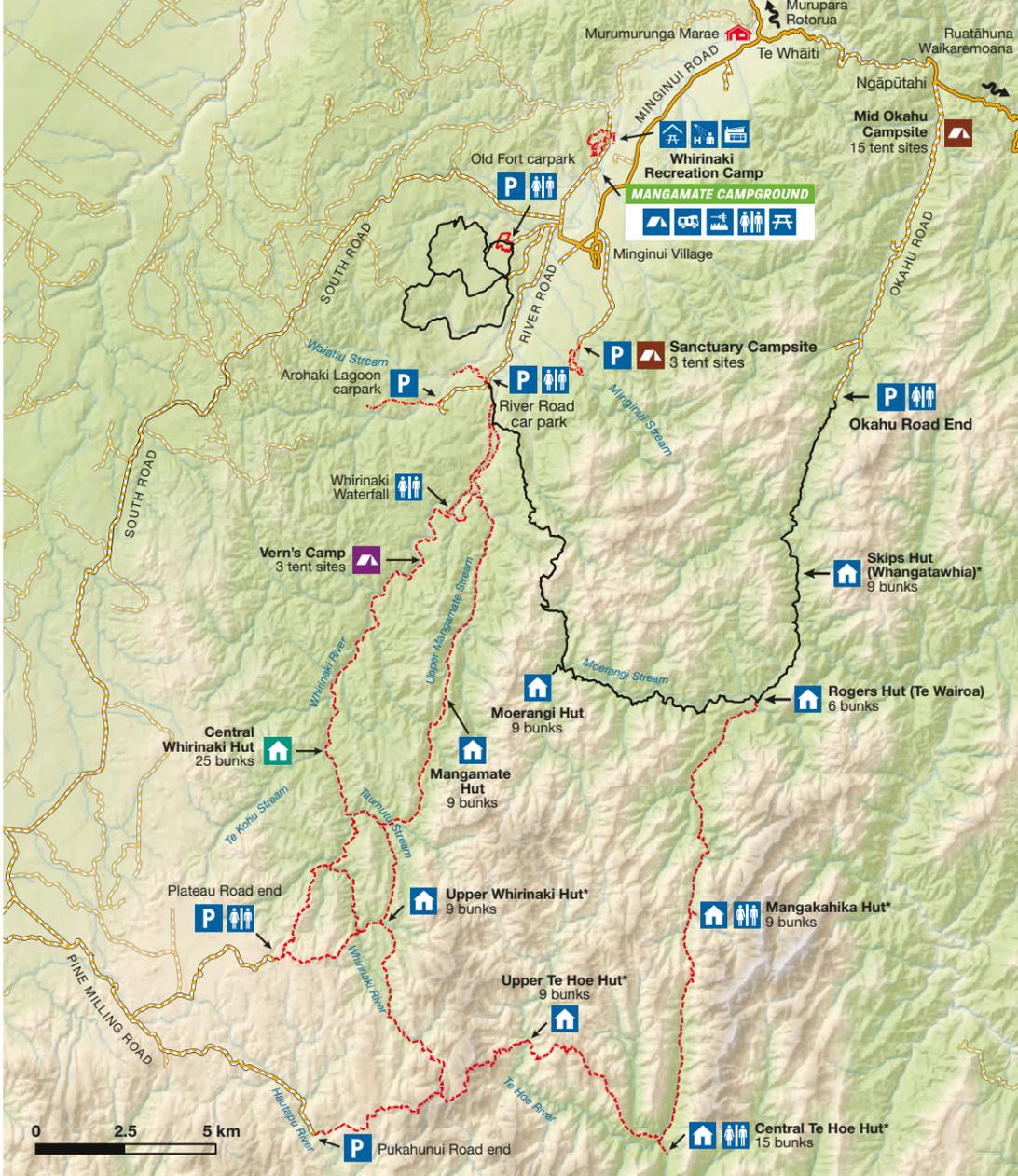
Rogers Hut (Te Wairoa) Photo: David Finn

The historic Rogers Hut (Te Wairoa) was built by a team of cullers in 1952. Famous for its stained-glass window, the hut is situated on a cleared terrace above the Moerangi Stream surrounded by native bush. It is constructed from beech slabs coated with an orange colour so it is easily located.

- Category:** Standard, 6 bunk beds
- Facilities:** Heating, mattresses
- Restrictions:** Dogs by permit only

- Access:** 3 hr from Moerangi Hut; 1 hr 30 min from Skips Hut; 3 hr 30 min from Mangakahika Hut

Location: NZTopo50 map sheet: BG39; E1929319, N5703835



Skips Hut (Whangatawhia) Photo: David Finn

Conveniently located 7 km from Okahu Road end, Skips Hut has beautiful views of the podocarp and beech forests. It is an easy destination to reach on Friday nights for an early start the next day.

- Category:** Standard, 9 bunk beds
- Facilities:** Heating, mattresses
- Restrictions:** Dogs by permit only

- Access:** 1 hr 30 min from Rogers Hut (Te Wairoa), 2 hours from Okahu Road end

Location: NZTopo50 map sheet BG39; E1930410, N5707370



Central Te Hoe Hut Photo: David Finn

Cross a suspension bridge to reach this hut standing in a beautiful clearing by the Te Hoe Stream. It is the most remote hut in the Whirinaki.

- Category:** Standard, 15 bunk beds
- Facilities:** Heating, mattresses
- Restrictions:** Dogs by permit only

- Access:** 3 hr 30 min from Mangakahika Hut

Location: NZTopo50 map sheet BH39; E1926810, N5691255



Mangakahika Hut Photo: David Finn

Set amidst beech forest, this hut is another popular destination for hunters. Halfway between Rogers Hut and Central Te Hoe Hut, Mangakahika Hut was inherited from the forest service days.

- Category:** Standard, 9 bunk beds
- Facilities:** Heating, mattresses
- Restrictions:** Dogs by permit only

- Access:** 3 hr from Rogers Hut; 4 hr from Central Te Hoe Hut

Location: NZTopo50 map sheet BG39; E1927630, N5697920



Upper Te Hoe Hut Photo: David Finn

With elevated views on a terrace and clothed in beech forest, Upper Te Hoe Hut is a good midway point between Central Te Hoe Hut and Upper Whirinaki Hut.

- Category:** Standard, 9 bunk beds
- Facilities:** Heating, mattresses
- Restrictions:** Dogs by permit only

- Access:** 5 hr from Central Te Hoe Hut; 6 hr from Pukahunui Rd end; 7 hr from Upper Whirinaki Hut

Location: NZTopo50 map sheet BG38; E1922898, N5694428



Sanctuary Campsite Photo: David Finn

A small campsite by the Minginui stream, the Sanctuary Campsite protects a striking remnant of podocarp forest and a bird sanctuary. From Minginui Rd turn into Sanctuary Rd, and follow 3.5 km to the campsite.

- Category:** Basic, 3 non-powered tent sites

Facilities: Water from stream, campfires permitted (except in fire bans)

Restrictions: Dogs by permit only

- Access:** Vehicle access from Sanctuary Road

Location: NZTopo50 map sheet BG39; E1924363, N5713773



Mid Okahu Campsite Photo: David Finn

Camp on grass terraces adjacent to Okahu Stream, with good picnicking and walking in the forest. Follow Ruatahuna Rd (formerly SH38) from Murupara and turn into Okahu Rd at Ngāpūtahi.

- Category:** Basic, 15 non-powered tent sites

Facilities: Water from stream, campfires permitted (except in fire bans)

Restrictions: Dogs by permit only

- Access:** Vehicle access from Okahu Road

Location: NZTopo50 map sheet BG39; E1934169, N5719380



Whirinaki Recreation Camp Photo: Neil Hutton

Whirinaki Recreation Camp outdoor recreation and education centre is ideal for schools and other groups. There is a large grassy area around the cabins for activities and several tracks nearby, including a mountain bike track. The 3 cabins each sleep 10 people. Lighting by candle (take your own).

- Category:** Booked accommodation, 3 cabins

Facilities: Wood heaters, cooking shelter with wood BBQ, flush toilets, hot showers, wheelchair accessible

Restrictions: Dogs by permit only

- Access:** By road, 33 km south of Murupara

Location: 5km from Minginui Village on Old Te Whaiti Road. NZTopo50 map sheet BG39; E1925211, N5719475

- Booking required,** go to booking.doc.govt.nz.

For more information, go to www.doc.govt.nz/whirinakirecreationcamp or contact DOC Whakatane Office (8 am - 12 noon) 1/100 Valley Road, Whakatane 3120

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- Fees (per night):** Sole or shared occupancy: \$30.00 per cabin, or \$90.00 for sole occupancy