

# Pouakai Range

## Egmont National Park



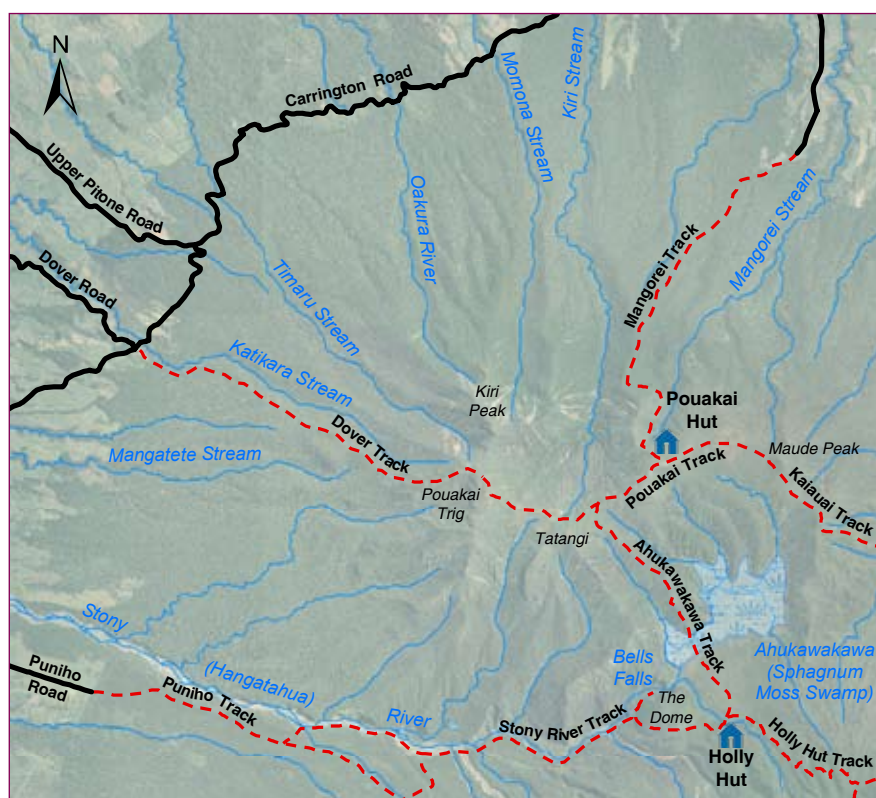
### Welcome

Nei rā te mihi atu ki ā koutou i raro i te korowai o tō tātou nei tauheke a Taranaki.

Greetings to everyone who sits under the cloak of our ancestor Mounga Taranaki.

### The Pouakai Range can be accessed in four ways:

- Access the **Mangorei Track** from the end of Mangorei Road, New Plymouth.
- Access the **Dover Track** from Carrington Road, New Plymouth. Drive out of town on Carrington Road until you come to Dover Road. The track is opposite Dover Road.
- Access the **Kaiauai Track** from the roadend at North Egmont. Turn off State Highway 3 at Egmont Village and onto Egmont Road.
- Access the **Ahukawakawa Track** from North Egmont on the Holly Hut Track. It's across the swamp from Holly Hut. Another access is the Puniho/Stony River Track which begins off Puniho Road..



Warning: This map is not to scale and is not suitable for navigation. It is recommended that park users refer to Egmont National Park Parkmap 273-09 and NZTopo50 map BH29 and BJ29.

### ⚠ Be prepared

#### Take the right gear

- Waterproof raincoat and leggings
- Sturdy tramping/hiking boots
- Warm clothing, gloves and hat
- Sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- First aid kit
- Food and 2–3 litres of water (there is no water available on the track)
- Cellphone/mountain radio/personal locator beacon (available for hire from North Egmont Visitor Centre)
- Walking poles (optional)
- Putties/gaiters (optional)

#### Before you go

- Check weather forecasts before you go via **METPHONE** 0900 999 24 or [www.metservice.com](http://www.metservice.com).
- Take a map and compass.
- Check with DOC visitor centre staff for updated track conditions.
- Tell someone responsible where you are going and your estimated time of arrival back. Use the online intention system: [www.adventuresmart.org.nz/outdoors-intentions](http://www.adventuresmart.org.nz/outdoors-intentions).

#### Your safety is your responsibility

### Further information

For park information, hut tickets, and Konini Lodge bookings:

**North Egmont Visitor Centre** (Open daily)  
Egmont Road RD6  
Inglewood  
Phone: +64 6 756 0990  
E-mail: [egmontvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:egmontvc@doc.govt.nz)

## Pouakai Range

There are a number of options for walks on the Pouakai Range. All are part of the Pouakai Circuit for which a more detailed brochure is available.

### Times to Pouakai Hut:

- Mangorei Track 2-3hr,
- Dover Track 3-4hr,
- Kaiuauai Track 5-7hr,
- Ahukawakawa Track 3hr, but allow 3-4hr to reach this track.

From Pouakai Hut, the Pouakai Track traverses open tussock lands and sub-alpine forest.

You could combine the tracks to make trips of varying lengths. All eventually join the Pouakai Track. The tussock sections of all these tracks are classified as "Routes".

In good weather there are spectacular views from the range towards Ahukawakawa Swamp, the mountain, the coastline and farmland



Lunch stop on the Pouakai Range.

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The junction of the Pouakai and Mangorei Tracks.

## Mounga Taranaki

The majestic andesitic volcano Mt Taranaki or Egmont (2518 m) is the central point of the 34,170 ha Egmont National Park. Approximately 125,000 years old, it is the park's most recent volcanic peak. Last erupting around 1755 AD the mountain is now considered dormant.

Local Māori believe Mounga (Mt) Taranaki once stood with the mountains of the central North Island. After a dispute over the maiden Pihanga, Taranaki fled his ancestral home, carving out the bed of the Whanganui River on his journey to the coast.

Egmont National Park became New Zealand's second national park (after Tongariro) in 1900. Named Mt Egmont by Captain Cook, the traditional Māori name of Mt Taranaki is now more widely used.

Sacred to Māori, visitors are asked to respect the mounga by not standing directly on the summit peak, not camping or cooking on or around the summit area, and removing all rubbish.

## Weather

Mt Taranaki has changeable and unpredictable weather. Check the forecast and carry enough clothing and equipment to ensure you are able to cope with any type of weather. The rivers and tributaries are not always bridged and some of these can flood at any time of the year.

