

# Makara Walking Track

WEST WELLINGTON COAST



The high cliffs and spectacular views that are features of Makara have for centuries provided the people of the area with good vantage points for the defence of their land. Makara Track climbs past an ancient maori pa site and the remains of World War II gun emplacements.

## How to get there

Makara Track begins and ends at Makara Beach, 16 km north of Wellington at the end of Makara Road which runs from the south end of Karori Road.

## More information

### DOC Wellington Visitor Centre

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## Attractions and facilities



The Makara Track is a 6-km loop, climbing to vantage points with spectacular views, and returning along the beach. A Ngāti Ira



pa site lies on the promontory at the western end of Fisherman's Bay, and gun emplacements at the top of the cliffs mark the position of Fort Opau, which was garrisoned by 100 soldiers during World War II.

## Please remember

Carry food and drink: the track does not go past drinkable water.



Makara beach is sheltered from southerly winds, but is very exposed to northerlies. The hilltops are especially prone to gale force winds.

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**0800 362 468**  
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or conservation emergencies  
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environmental  
CARE CODE**

Protect plants and animals.

Remove rubbish.

Bury toilet waste.

Keep streams and lakes clean.

Keep to the track.

Consider others.

Respect our cultural heritage.

*Toitu te whenua  
(Leave the land  
undisturbed)*