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Public conservation land	 Campsite
 National park	 Visitor centre
 Conservation park	 Town/city
 Other public conservation land	 Great Walk
Marine protected areas	 State highway (SH)
 Marine reserve	
 Marine mammal sanctuary	

Water	Access
 Treated drinking water from tap	 Wheelchair accessible*
 Untreated water from tap – boil before use	 Wheelchair accessible with assistance
 Water from stream – boil before use	 Campervan accessible
Toilets	 No campervans
 Flush toilets	 No tents
 Non-flush toilets	 Boat launching
Other facilities	 Jetty
 Cold shower	 No motorbikes or trail bikes
 Hot shower	*Wheelchair-accessible facilities may include the water supply, toilets, showers, picnic tables, kitchens and pathways.
 Shop	
 Cooker / electric stove	Animals
 Barbecue (wood or gas)	 Dogs allowed – keep under control at all times
 Cooking shelter	 Dogs on a lead only
 Dump station*	 Dogs with a DOC permit only*
For more information on dump stations in the area, visit the local DOC visitor centre, the nearest isite or nzmc.org.nz/dump-stations .	 No dogs
	 No horses
Fires	*Exceptions may apply (for example, certified disability assist dogs) – for further guidance, check with the nearest DOC visitor centre or phone 0800 ASK DOC (0800 275 362).
 Fires permitted in fireplaces or firepits provided by DOC when no fire ban is in place – no open fires elsewhere	
 No fires at any time	Protecting the area
Bookings	 Scrub shoes
 Book online at doc.govt.nz/online-bookings	 Pack in, pack out – take your rubbish with you
	 Number of campsites
	 Number of powered sites

At the campsite

Care for Aotearoa New Zealand by following these simple steps each time you camp:

- Respect the rights of others for quiet enjoyment of the outdoors – campgrounds are social places, but everyone needs some rest and relaxation.
- Always use the toilets provided – there are toilets at all conservation campsites.
- Be tidy and leave campsites clean. Take your rubbish with you if no bins are provided and always dispose of sewage and greywater from motorhomes or campervans at official dump stations.
- Use biodegradable products and wash in a container well away from natural waterways – detergents, soap and toothpaste can harm freshwater and marine life.
- Use a cooker or approved barbecue, and only light fires when there is no fire ban and in designated fireplaces.
- Always thoroughly clean your equipment before and after trips to minimise the spread of weeds and diseases. If you are taking a boat or kayak, check this too.
- Do not fly unauthorised drones – a permit is required from DOC to use drones on public conservation land.
- Immediately report any sightings of pests on pest-free islands to **0800 DOC HOT** (0800 362 468).
- Protect native plants, native animals and the environment by leaving them undisturbed.
- Pay your fees online for bookable campsites or use the self-registration stand at non-bookable campsites to keep conservation campsites available in the future.

Beware of thieves

Remember to lock your vehicle and take your valuables with you.

Check your vehicle insurance

If you are driving a rental vehicle, remember to check whether you are insured to drive on unsealed or gravel roads.



TIAKI PROMISE

WHILE TRAVELLING IN NEW ZEALAND I WILL

CARE FOR LAND, SEA AND NATURE,
TREADING LIGHTLY AND LEAVING NO TRACE

TRAVEL SAFELY, SHOWING CARE
AND CONSIDERATION FOR ALL

RESPECT CULTURE, TRAVELLING
WITH AN OPEN HEART AND MIND

HOW TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND

 BE PREPARED
 DRIVE CAREFULLY
 KEEP NZ CLEAN
 PROTECT NATURE
 SHOW RESPECT

DOC Campsite Pass

The DOC Campsite Pass offers excellent value for regular campsite users and can be used at over 200 conservation campsites around Aotearoa New Zealand. The fees collected support conservation work and the ongoing maintenance of DOC facilities across the country.

You can purchase the Campsite Pass from DOC visitor centres or online.

For more information, visit doc.govt.nz/campsite-pass.

Note that purchasing a Campsite Pass does not guarantee you a space at a conservation campsite – check the booking requirements for the campsite before arrival.



Explore Aotearoa New Zealand's environment and find out what makes nature look different from here

DOC visitor centres

DOC visitor centres are located across the country and staffed by friendly DOC rangers who have first-hand, in-depth local knowledge about conservation places, native wildlife and outdoor activities. You will find essential advice to help plan your outdoor adventure, track updates and the latest weather forecasts here. You can also learn more about nature and contribute to conservation by purchasing gifts, books and outdoor gear.

For DOC visitor centre opening hours, visit doc.govt.nz/visitorcentres.

TE IKA-A-MĀUI
NORTH ISLAND

Conservation campsites



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Where you can camp



No overnight camping

Camping overnight is prohibited at sites displaying no camping signs.



Self-contained vehicles only

This symbol means you can only camp overnight in a vehicle that is certified as self-contained. From 7 June 2026, all vehicles must have a 'green warrant' to be certified self-contained and a warrant card must be displayed in the vehicle when camping in these areas.

There are rules around where you can camp on public land in New Zealand. These rules help protect fragile natural areas and keep the countryside clean.

Anyone can camp at a DOC campsite or any other council or commercial campsite in New Zealand. In some places, you are also allowed to camp away from a formal campsite, which is known as 'freedom camping'. Staying at a DOC campsite is not considered freedom camping, even if the campsite is free of charge.

You are allowed to camp anywhere you like on public conservation land managed by DOC, unless it is:

- prohibited, with a no camping sign in place
- restricted in some way, such as areas that are only for certified self-contained vehicles
- a scenic or recreation reserve.

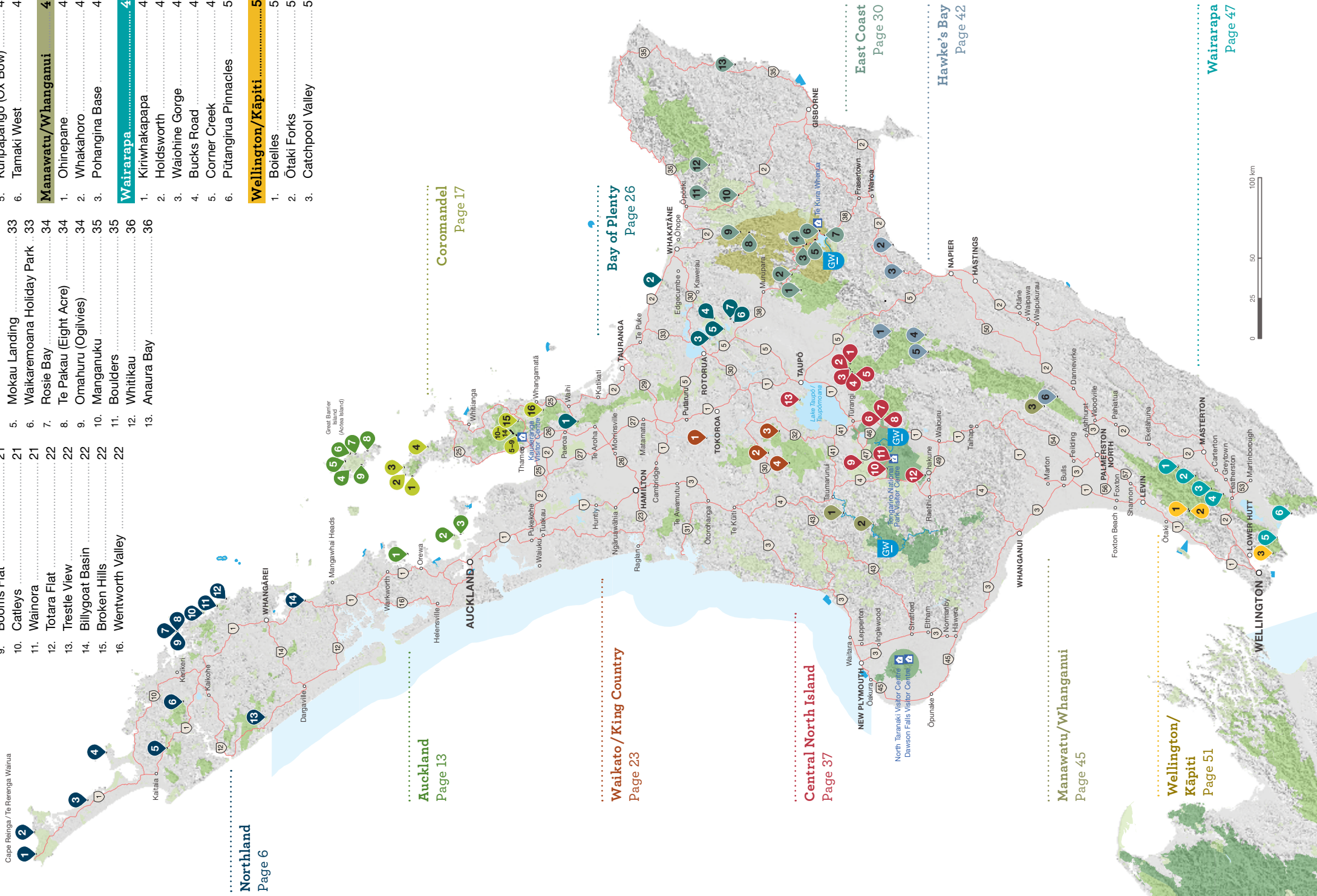
You can find a list of areas of public conservation land where you cannot freedom camp at doc.govt.nz/freedomcamping.

Other public land (like council-managed land) will have different rules.

Always check the rules and only camp where you are allowed. Never dump waste, light fires or damage nature while freedom camping.

You can get an instant fine for camping in a place where it is not allowed or for causing damage while you camp.

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Conservation campsites

TE IKA-A-MĀUI
NORTH ISLAND

Arohena Campsite, Waikato/King Country. Photo: DOC

Conservation campsites are places where you can relax, enjoy nature and explore the great outdoors. The Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC) manages more than 200 campsites across Aotearoa New Zealand, giving you the choice of staying in lush forest settings, on the shores of lakes or alongside sandy beaches.

This brochure provides basic information about campsites managed by DOC on public conservation land in Te Ika-a-Māui / the North Island. For further information about these campsites, including any alerts, visit doc.govt.nz/campsites.

Enjoy camping with DOC!

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What to expect

Types of campsites

Serviced campsites

Serviced campsites have a wide range of facilities and services, including flushing toilets, tap water, a kitchen or cooking bench, hot showers, rubbish collection and road access for all types of vehicles. Laundry facilities, barbecues, fireplaces, cookers and picnic tables may also be provided.

Standard campsites

Standard campsites have a more limited range of facilities and services than serviced campsites. These campsites have toilets, a water supply (this could be treated or untreated tap water, or water from a stream or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Untreated water should be boiled before use to ensure that it is safe, and you will need to bring your own soap for washing hands. Wood barbecues and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter, and rubbish bins may also be provided.

Backcountry campsites

Backcountry campsites have toilets and a water supply, which may be from a stream. Untreated water should be boiled before use to ensure that it is safe. Picnic tables, cooking shelters and fireplaces may also be provided.

Basic campsites

Basic campsites have very limited facilities, so you need to be fully self-sufficient. There are basic toilets and the water supply may be untreated water from a water tank, stream or lake. Untreated water should be boiled before use to ensure that it is safe.

Great Walk campsites

Most Great Walks offer camping near huts or in designated areas. There are nearly 60 Great Walks campsites offering basic facilities, including toilets, handwashing sinks and a water supply, which may be treated or untreated. Untreated water should be boiled before use to ensure that it is safe.

Booking and paying fees

Bookings are required all year round for many campsites. Book online at doc.govt.nz/online-bookings or contact a DOC visitor centre.

Fees apply at most campsites and prices may vary. Check the price and how to pay for a campsite at doc.govt.nz/campsites.

For local information about a campsite, visit the nearest DOC visitor centre or phone **0800 ASK DOC** (0800 275 362).

Plan and prepare

To ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable trip, remember to:

- check your booking details
- research your trip and know the campsite rules
- check the weather forecast
- pack everything you need for a range of weather conditions
- tell someone your plans.

Campsite closures

From time to time, some campsites may be closed due to severe weather events or maintenance. For current access information and alerts, visit doc.govt.nz/campsites.

At the campsite



Check if dogs are permitted



Dogs are generally **not permitted** at conservation campsites unless the 'dog with permit' or 'dog on a lead' symbol is present. Exceptions may apply (for example, for certified disability assist dogs) – for further guidance, check with the nearest DOC visitor centre or phone **0800 ASK DOC** (0800 275 362).

Where dogs are allowed, it is important to keep your dog under control at all times. Even the most obedient dog has the potential to kill wildlife, and most DOC campsites are located in or near protected areas.

Dog owners who take their dogs into dog-prohibited campsites or controlled areas without a permit, or breach the conditions of their permit, are liable to prosecution. To find places where you can take your dog, visit doc.govt.nz/campsites and select the 'Dogs allowed' checkbox.



Take your rubbish with you

DOC operates a pack in, pack out policy at most campsites, as there are usually no rubbish or recycling facilities. Campers should plan to take their rubbish away with them.



No unauthorised drones

A permit is required from DOC to use drones on public conservation land or near marine mammals for any reason, including private use. To apply, visit doc.govt.nz/drones.



Check the fire risk

Before lighting a fire, always check the fire danger level at checkitsalright.nz. Only light fires in the designated fireplaces or firepits provided by DOC, and **never** light fires during a fire ban or at campsites where fires are not permitted.

Protect wildlife

Disease

Some conservation campsites are in areas where native species are vulnerable to disease. Help prevent disease from spreading by following simple precautions, including cleaning gear before and after visiting these areas. Look for notices at the campsites and DOC visitor centres for details, and contact the local DOC office for more detailed biosecurity information.



BETWEEN WATERWAYS

Didymo is an exotic freshwater alga that invades waterways. This microscopic pest can be spread by a single drop of water, so even if you cannot see it, you could be spreading it. A large number of conservation campsites are near rivers and lakes, so to prevent the spread of this and other freshwater pests, always remember to **Check, Clean, Dry** all footwear, bicycles, vehicles, fishing equipment and other items before entering and when moving between waterways. For more information and cleaning guidelines, visit mpi.govt.nz/cleaning.



Kauri trees are under threat from a disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora agathidicida* (PA), which can be spread through just a single speck of soil. You can help stop the spread of this incurable disease by:

- cleaning all soil off your footwear and other gear and equipment every time you enter or leave a kauri forest and at every cleaning station
- using disinfectant after you have removed all the soil
- staying on the track and off kauri roots, which can extend three times the distance of the branches
- spreading the word within your networks on how to stop kauri disease.

For more information, visit kauriprotection.co.nz.

Invasive pests

Some special campsites are located on islands that are free of most of Aotearoa New Zealand's invasive pest animals and plants. We rely on you to help keep them this way.

! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

Inspect and clean your tent and other camping gear thoroughly before leaving home and when moving between locations. Remove any mud (check the tent pegs and peg bag), sand, plant materials and insects or pests such as mice, rats, Argentine ants and plague (rainbow) skinks – and remember to check inside your tent. It is also important to check your clothing and footwear for weed seeds and soil before and after each trip – and if you are taking a boat or kayak, check this too.

DOC staff may make biosecurity checks of your footwear and gear. Immediately report sightings of any pests on pest-free islands to DOC on **0800 DOC HOT** (0800 362 468).

Care for Aotearoa



Protect nature

Keep your distance and don't feed wildlife. Follow any rules restricting dogs, fires, drones or vehicles.



Be prepared

Stay safe in the outdoors by planning and preparing for your trip.



Keep NZ clean

Take all rubbish with you and use toilets where provided.



Show respect

Respect others, respect culture.



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Te Papa Atawhai



3 Rarawa Beach

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A stone's throw away from a white sand beach, this campsite is a great base for surfing or fishing.

DIRECTIONS: 3 km north of Ngataki, turn off SH1 onto Rarawa Beach Rd.

ACCESS: 4 km of gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required. Bookings are managed by Ngāti Kuri.



The beach here is a challenging place for swimming and can be dangerous. There are rough seas, strong currents and it gets deep quickly.



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4 Maitai Bay

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Relax in sheltered and private campsites nestled among pōhutukawa trees.

DIRECTIONS: 25 km southeast of Kaitaia, turn off SH10 onto Inland Rd at Karikari Peninsula and then take Matai Bay Rd.

ACCESS: 2 km of gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



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5 Raetea North Side

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Experience one of the last remaining lowland coastal forests in Aotearoa New Zealand and see if you can spot some of the native birds and bats that live here. Camp beside the stream in summer and in the car park during winter.

DIRECTIONS: 18 km southeast of Kaitaia along SH1. Follow the Raetea Reserve sign at Mangataiore.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC



6 Puketī Recreation Area

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Camp close to kauri trees and keep an eye out for kiwi and short-tailed bats. An 18-bunk hut is also available.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH10 at Pungaere Rd, 600 m north of Waipapa, and follow signs to the campsite.

ACCESS: 7 km of gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Fires are only permitted at certain times of the year. Check the signs before lighting.



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Urupukapuka Island

Campsites 7–9 are on Urupukapuka, an island of significant historical and cultural importance, and a great spot for fishing, swimming and water activities.

DIRECTIONS: Ferries to Otehei Bay leave from Paihia and Russell daily during peak season, water taxis run year round or you can get here by private boat.

ACCESS: By boat only.

BOOKINGS: Required – book online or phone the Paihia isite on **09 402 7345**.

NOTE: No fires or dogs allowed.

7 Urupukapuka Bay 60

DIRECTIONS: Walk for 15 min east from the Otehei Bay wharf along the marked Otehei Bay track to the top of the hill. You can see the campsite from here.



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8 Sunset Bay 2

DIRECTIONS: Turn right at the end of the Otehei Bay wharf and follow the signs to Sunset Bay. It takes about 20 min to reach the campsite.



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9 Cable Bay 20

DIRECTIONS: Turn right at the end of the Otehei Bay wharf and follow the signs to Cable Bay. It takes about 20 min to reach the campsite.



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10 Puriri Bay (Whangaruru North Head) 90

This campsite overlooks the Whangaruru Harbour, which offers sheltered waters for swimming and boating.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH1 onto Russell Rd, 15 km north of Whangārei. After 30 km (north of Ngaioitonga), turn onto Whangaruru North Rd.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: The grass areas are blocked off when there are no camp hosts on site (May – Labour weekend), but hard ground parking is still available.



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11 Waikahoa Bay 35

Camp among pōhutukawa trees beside a sandy beach. Look out for rare pāteke / brown teal.

DIRECTIONS: From Whangārei, turn off SH1 at Whakapara onto Russell Rd and then turn right at Helena Bay onto Webb Rd. Continue to the Mimiwhangata Coastal Park turn-off.

ACCESS: 9 km of narrow, winding gravel road – not suitable for campervans or large vehicles. The campsite is a steep 5 min walk from the road, with **no vehicle access**. Entry is through a locked gate – the access number will be emailed to you after you have booked.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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12 Otamure Bay (Whananaki) 130

Camp in a beach-front setting with large pōhutukawa trees for shade.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off at Whananaki North Rd, about 4 km north of Hikurangi, and travel 27 km. The campsite is 4 km past the Whananaki shop and school.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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Photo: Chris Enns

13 Trounson Kauri Park

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Nestled on the edge of an ancient kauri forest, this campground offers a variety of walks – and you might be lucky enough to hear a kiwi.

DIRECTIONS: Heading north, turn off SH12 at Trounson Park Rd, 35 km north of Dargaville. Heading south, turn off SH12 at Katui Rd, 40 km south of Opononi.

ACCESS: Sealed road heading north, gravel road heading south.

BOOKINGS: Required.



Photo: Brian Dobbie

14 Uretiti Beach

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Camp behind the sand dunes at Uretiti Beach and explore the nearby Waipū Caves or walk the coastal track at Mangawhai Heads.

DIRECTIONS: Signposted directly off SH1, about 5 km north of Waipū.

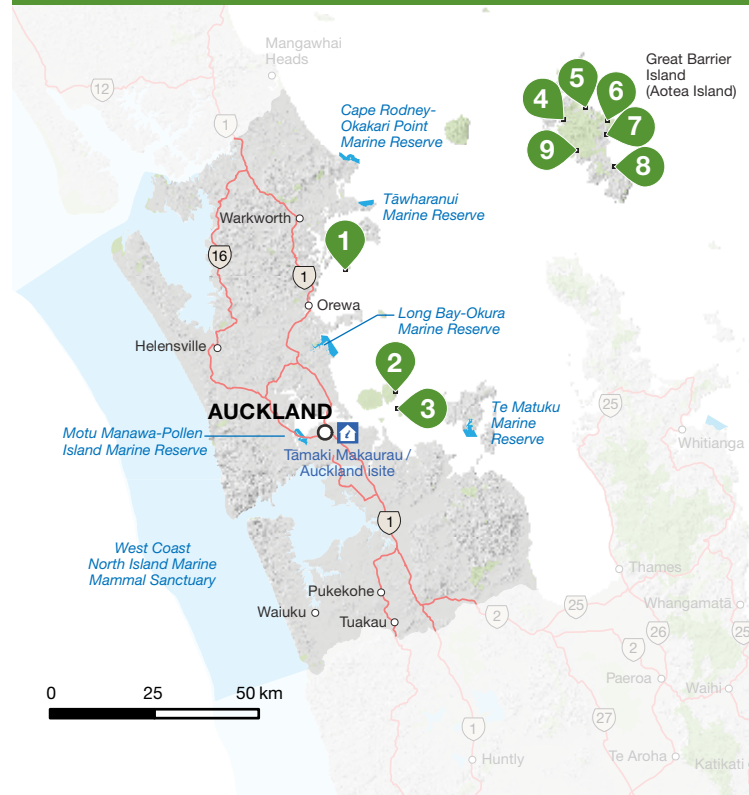
ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Bulk water may be purchased to fill campervan tanks. Minimum 3-night stay from 28 December to 1 January.



Auckland



None of the conservation campsites in the Auckland region have rubbish or recycling facilities, so take your rubbish away with you.



Fires are not permitted at any time.



CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

All of Auckland's conservation campsites are on pest-free islands. Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel.



A pathogen is killing kauri trees in Auckland. Help prevent its spread.

To find out more about protecting conservation campsites, see pages 3–5.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: **0800 ASK DOC** (0800 275 362)

Email: greenbarrier@doc.govt.nz Visit: doc.govt.nz/campsites

1 Motuora Island

! CHECK YOU ARE
PEST FREE

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Situated on an island sanctuary for native flora and fauna, this campsite is near a Māori historic site and early European settlement. Look out for kiwi!

DIRECTIONS: On the west coast of Motuora Island in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana, 6km east of Mahurangi Harbour.

ACCESS: By boat and experienced kayakers only. Contact an Auckland visitor information provider for water taxi operators.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: There is no wharf here – anchor at Home Bay.



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2 Home Bay, Motutapu Island

! CHECK YOU ARE
PEST FREE

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Check out historic relics, including various World War II military remains, while camping on the beach near the Reid Homestead, built in 1901.

DIRECTIONS: On the east coast of Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana.

ACCESS: By boat or experienced kayakers only. A 1 hr 30 min walk from Islington Bay Wharf, or a 3 hr walk from Rangitoto Wharf via the walkway or farm road. Home Bay campers should only use the coastal Motutapu Walkway to access the campsite; there is no walking access from the south.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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3 Motuihe Island

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PEST FREE

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Camp near a sandy, sheltered beach on a headland that is home to kiwi, kākāriki, tīeke/saddlebacks and shore skinks.

DIRECTIONS: At the west end of Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana.

ACCESS: By boat and experienced kayakers only.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island)

Campsites 4–9 are on Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island), one of the last great wilderness areas of the Auckland region.

DIRECTIONS: Travel from Auckland via passenger and car ferry to Tryphena, by private boat to Port Fitzroy or by aeroplane to Claris. Rental cars are available for hire from Tryphena and Claris.

ACCESS: Narrow gravel roads. Limited tidal access by kayak.

BOOKINGS: Required – book online or phone 09 379 6476.

4 Akapoua Bay

! CHECK YOU ARE
PEST FREE

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Camp among pōhutukawa trees beside a sheltered bay near Port Fitzroy that offers good fishing and kayaking.

DIRECTIONS: On the west coast of the island, about 2 km from Port Fitzroy.



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Photo: Brian Dobbie

5 Whangapoua

! CHECK YOU ARE
PEST FREE

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Stay in a partly sheltered campsite on the edge of the estuary and surf beach at Whangapoua, surrounded by a variety of birdlife.

DIRECTIONS: On the north coast of the island in Aotea Conservation Park near Okiwi, about 4 km from Port Fitzroy.



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1 Fantail Bay

Camp beneath pōhutukawa trees in peaceful surroundings close to swimming, fishing and diving opportunities.

DIRECTIONS: 50 km north of Coromandel. From Coromandel, follow Colville Rd for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, then turn left and continue along Port Jackson Rd for 28 km.

ACCESS: Gravel road from Colville.

BOOKINGS: Required.

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BACKCOUNTRY



Photo: Frederick Church

2 Port Jackson

This stunning beachfront campsite is at the northern tip of the peninsula alongside a safe, sandy beach that is ideal for water activities.

DIRECTIONS: 58 km north of Coromandel. Drive to Fantail Bay (see campsite 1 above) and follow the road for a further 8 km.

ACCESS: Gravel road from Colville.

BOOKINGS: Required.

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BACKCOUNTRY

3 Fletcher Bay

Enjoy beautiful coastal views from this farm-setting campsite located at the northern end of the Coromandel Walkway.

DIRECTIONS: 64 km north of Coromandel. Drive to Port Jackson (see campsite 2 above) and continue for a further 6 km until you reach the end of the road.

ACCESS: Gravel road from Colville.

BOOKINGS: Required.

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BACKCOUNTRY



Photo: Herb Christophers

4 Waikawau Bay

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This campsite is nestled between native bush and a sweeping white-sand surf beach with a significant wetland.

DIRECTIONS: 42 km north of Coromandel. Follow Colville Rd for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, then turn onto Port Charles Rd, turn right onto Waikawau Beach Rd and continue until you reach the campsite.

ACCESS: Gravel road from Colville.

BOOKINGS: Required.



Tūturiwhatu/New Zealand dotterels and tōrea pango/variable oystercatchers breed north of the campsite. Keep your distance from roped-off breeding areas to help protect these special birds.

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Kauaeranga valley

Campsites 5–16 are beside the river in the Kauaeranga valley, a historical kauri logging area that offers a selection of walks and swimming.

DIRECTIONS: From Thames, follow Kauaeranga Valley Rd for 14 km to the visitor centre.

ACCESS: Sealed road to the visitor centre and then gravel.

BOOKINGS: Required – book online or at the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre.

NOTE: Water from the stream – boil or treat before use.

5 Kahikatea

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Camp across the road from the river in this powered campsite that is suitable for certified self-contained campervans only – no tents. There are also four large sites for buses.

DIRECTIONS: 100 m before the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre, opposite Shag Stream campsite.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

NOTE: Arrange key collection at the visitor centre.



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6 Shag Stream

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This riverside campsite is an ideal base for exploring the valley and only a short walk from a replica kauri dam.

DIRECTIONS: 100 m before the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre, opposite Kahikatea Campsite.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

NOTE: Open from Labour weekend (October) until Easter. Check that the ground is well compacted before parking a campervan here.



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7 Hotoritori

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Go for a ride on one of the mountain bike tracks beginning at this campsite and then cool off in the nearby Emerald Pool swimming hole.

DIRECTIONS: 3 km north of the visitor centre.



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8 Whangaiterenga

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Camp near the confluence of the Whangaiterenga Stream and Kauaeranga River.

DIRECTIONS: 5 km north of the visitor centre and 2 km north of Hotoritori Campsite.



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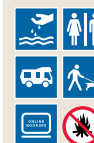
9 Booms Flat

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A popular and spacious campsite near a historic walk.

DIRECTIONS: 6 km north of the visitor centre.

NOTE: Open from Labour weekend (October) until Easter.



STANDARD

10 Catleys

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A pleasant campsite beside the river with great views of Table Mountain.

DIRECTIONS: 6.5 km north of the visitor centre.

NOTE: Open from Labour weekend (October) until Easter.



STANDARD



Photo: DOC

11 Wainora

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This campsite is at the start of the Cookson Kauri Walk, a 2–3 hr return walk with attractive views of the Wainora Stream.

DIRECTIONS: 7 km north of the visitor centre.



STANDARD

12 Totara Flat

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Camp beside the river or higher up alongside the road and enjoy a stroll along a boardwalk through the forest.

DIRECTIONS: 7.5 km north of the visitor centre.



STANDARD

13 Trestle View

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Located at the end of the valley, this campsite offers easy access to the Billygoat Track and the Webb Creek Track up to the Pinnacles.

DIRECTIONS: 9 km north of the visitor centre.

NOTE: Not accessible by vehicle, but it is an easy walk to the campsite from the car park.



STANDARD

14 Billygoat Basin

4

This campsite is on the popular Billygoat Circuit.

DIRECTIONS: A 2 hr tramp/hike from the Kauaeranga Valley Rd end.



BACKCOUNTRY

15 Broken Hills

45

Camp beside the Tairua River and explore the old gold mining area or enjoy the nearby swimming, canoeing and trout fishing opportunities.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH25 at Hikuai, opposite the Pauanui turn-off, and then follow Puketui Valley Rd to the end.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



STANDARD

16 Wentworth Valley

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This popular campground near the Wentworth Falls was once a large gold mining settlement.

DIRECTIONS: 7 km south of Whangamatā, turn off SH25 onto Wentworth Valley Rd and follow to the end.

ACCESS: 5 km of gravel road and a small stream ford.

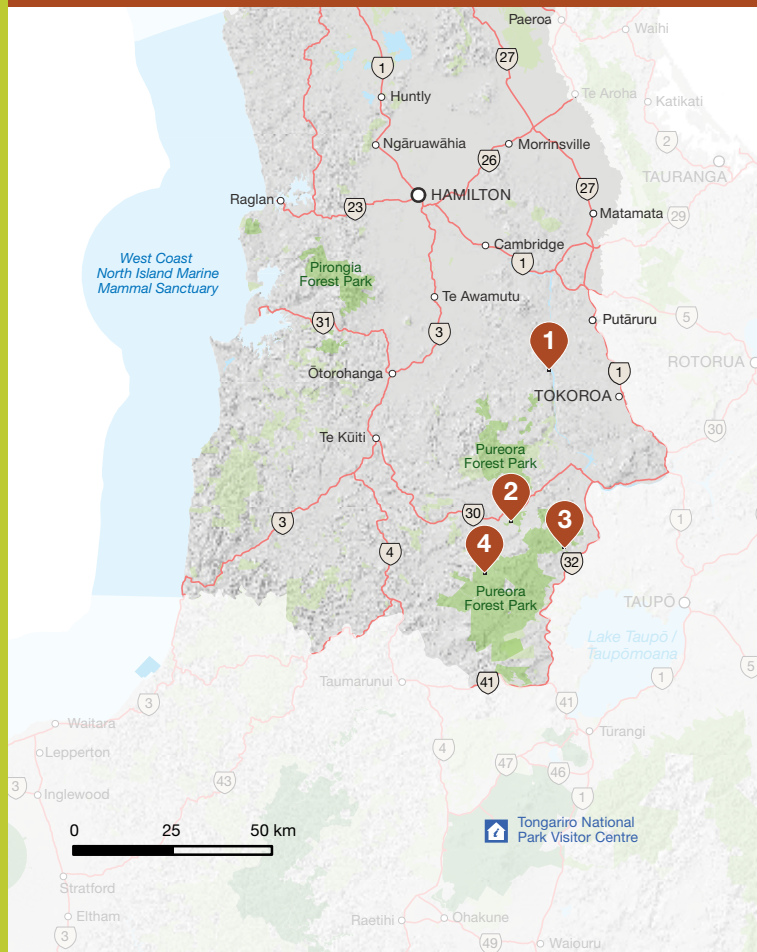
BOOKINGS: Required at certain times – phone **07 865 7032**. For further information, visit wentworthvalleycamp.co.nz.

NOTE: Dogs require prior approval from the camp manager.



STANDARD

Waikato / King Country



None of the conservation campsites in the Waikato / King Country region have rubbish or recycling facilities, so take your rubbish away with you.

To find out more about protecting conservation campsites, see pages 3–5.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: **0800 ASK DOC** (0800 275 362)

Email: tekuiti@doc.govt.nz Visit: doc.govt.nz/camping



Photo: DOC

1 Arohena

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Located on the western shores of Lake Arapuni on the Waikato River, this campsite is a great base for fishing and other water activities.

DIRECTIONS: From Waipapa Rd, turn onto Pukewhau Rd, followed by Mangare Rd and then Landing Rd. The campsite is at the end of Landing Rd beside the Waikato River.

ACCESS: Last 1 km is a winding gravel road; cornering is tight for large motorhomes.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Dogs by permit only – to apply, email tekuiti@doc.govt.nz. Fires in designated fireplaces only – bring your own firewood. Toilet is wheelchair accessible.



This campsite is beside a lake – beware of flooding.



STANDARD

2 Ngaherenga

16

Camp beside the towering Pureora Forest and look out for kākā, kākārīki, robins and short-tailed bats in the surrounding trees.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH30 onto Barryville/ Maraeroa Rd. The campsite is 20 km east of Benneydale adjacent to Pureora Village.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Toilets are not wheelchair accessible.



STANDARD

3 Kakaho

25

Camp next to Kakaho Stream and walk along the Rimu Track through thick forest to a stunning viewpoint.

DIRECTIONS: Follow Link Rd from Pureora Village or Kakaho Rd from SH32.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: No cash payments at self-registration. Dogs by permit only – to apply, email tekuiti@doc.govt.nz. Fires in designated fireplaces only.



STANDARD

4 Piropiro

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This basic campsite is at the midpoint of the Timber Trail cycleway, close to the Maramataha suspension bridge.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH4 onto Ongarue Waimiha Rd. Turn right onto Ongarue Stream Rd and then right again onto Kokomiko Rd.

ACCESS: 13 km of gravel road from Kokomiko Rd to the campsite.

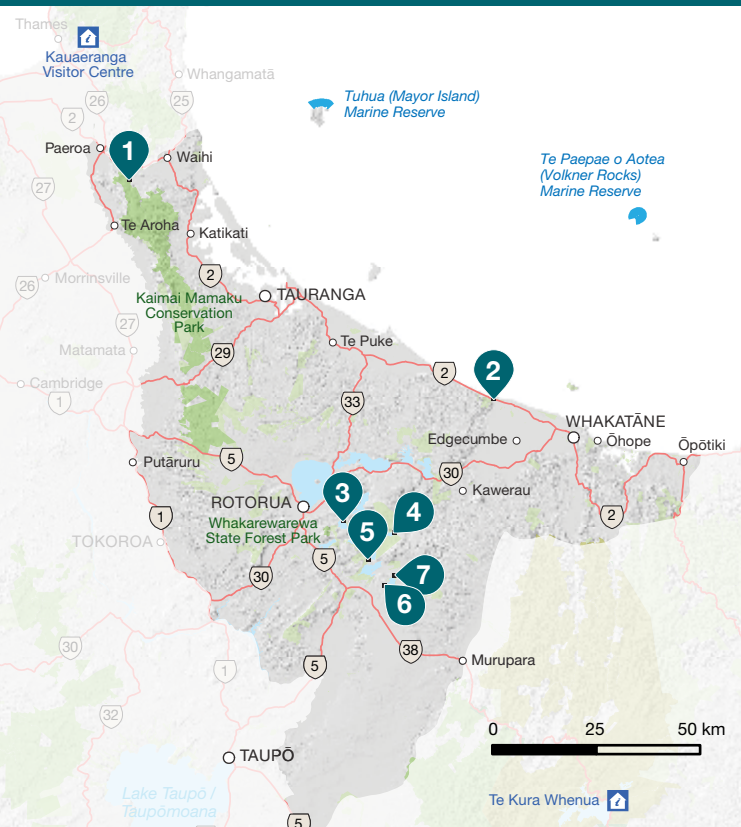
BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: Dogs by permit only – to apply, email tekuiti@doc.govt.nz.



BASIC

Bay of Plenty



None of the conservation campsites in the Bay of Plenty region have rubbish or recycling facilities, so take your rubbish away with you.



Fires are not permitted at any time.



A pathogen is killing kauri trees in the Bay of Plenty. Help prevent its spread.

To find out more about protecting conservation campsites, see pages 3–5.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Kauaeranga Visitor Centre

Phone: 07 867 9080

Email: kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz Visit: doc.govt.nz/camping

1 Dickey Flat

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This campsite is located beside the Waitawheta River, which is known for its trout and has some great swimming holes downstream.

DIRECTIONS: At Waikino, turn off SH2 onto Waitawheta Rd and then turn right onto Kennedy Rd and right again onto Dickey Flat Rd.

ACCESS: Gravel road – not suitable for vehicles over 20m long. Campers need to walk in from the Karangahake Reserve car park via the Windows Walk and the Crown track.

BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: Caravans, campervans and motorhomes less than 11 m long are able to set up in the car park. There is a year-round alcohol ban at the campsite.



This campsite is sometimes closed due to severe weather – check for alerts at doc.govt.nz/campsites before you start your journey.



STANDARD



Photo: DOC

2 Matatā

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A family campsite in a coastal setting next to the Matatā Wildlife Refuge Reserve, with excellent fishing and swimming.

DIRECTIONS: Signposted off Arawa St in Matatā township. The campsite is 200 m across a causeway.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



STANDARD



Photo: Natalie Douglas

3 Lake Ōkareka

12

Swim or fish in the lake at this scenic campsite that is only 15 min from Rotorua.

DIRECTIONS: Head east out of Rotorua on SH30 towards Whakatāne. After 1.7 km, turn right onto Tarawera Rd and then left onto Ōkareka Loop Rd. At the Ōkareka settlement, turn left onto Millar Rd and then turn off to the campsite on the right where the seal ends.

ACCESS: Sealed road – not suitable for vehicles over 6m long.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



STANDARD

4 Lake Tarawera Outlet (Te Tapahoro)

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Stay in a large campsite alongside Lake Tarawera, a popular site for trout fishing and water activities.

ACCESS: By boat (water taxis are available) or walk in via the Tarawera Falls Track.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: No access via the private road from Kawerau. Bring your own water, as the water supply is unreliable and the lake water may not be drinkable.



STANDARD

5 Hot Water Beach

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Relax in the natural hot springs in Te Rātā Bay.

DIRECTIONS: Southern shores of Lake Tarawera in Te Rātā Bay.

ACCESS: By boat (water taxis are available) or walk in via the Tarawera Trail.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Extremely popular during the summer months. Bring your own water.



Patches of very hot sand on the beach and foreshore area could cause injuries.



STANDARD

6 Rerewhakaaitu, Brett Road

25

Camp on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu close to good fishing, swimming and walking opportunities.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH38 onto Rerewhakaaitu Rd. After 2.7 km, turn onto Brett Rd in Awaatua Bay and follow for 4.5 km to the campsite.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Bring your own water, as the lake water may not be drinkable.



STANDARD

7 Rerewhakaaitu, Ash Pit Road

51

Watch native water birds while camping on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu – remember to pack binoculars!

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH38 onto Rerewhakaaitu Rd. After 2.7 km, turn left onto Brett Rd and follow to the end, then turn right onto Ash Pit Rd and follow to the campsite entrance.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Bring your own water, as the lake water may not be drinkable.



STANDARD

East Coast

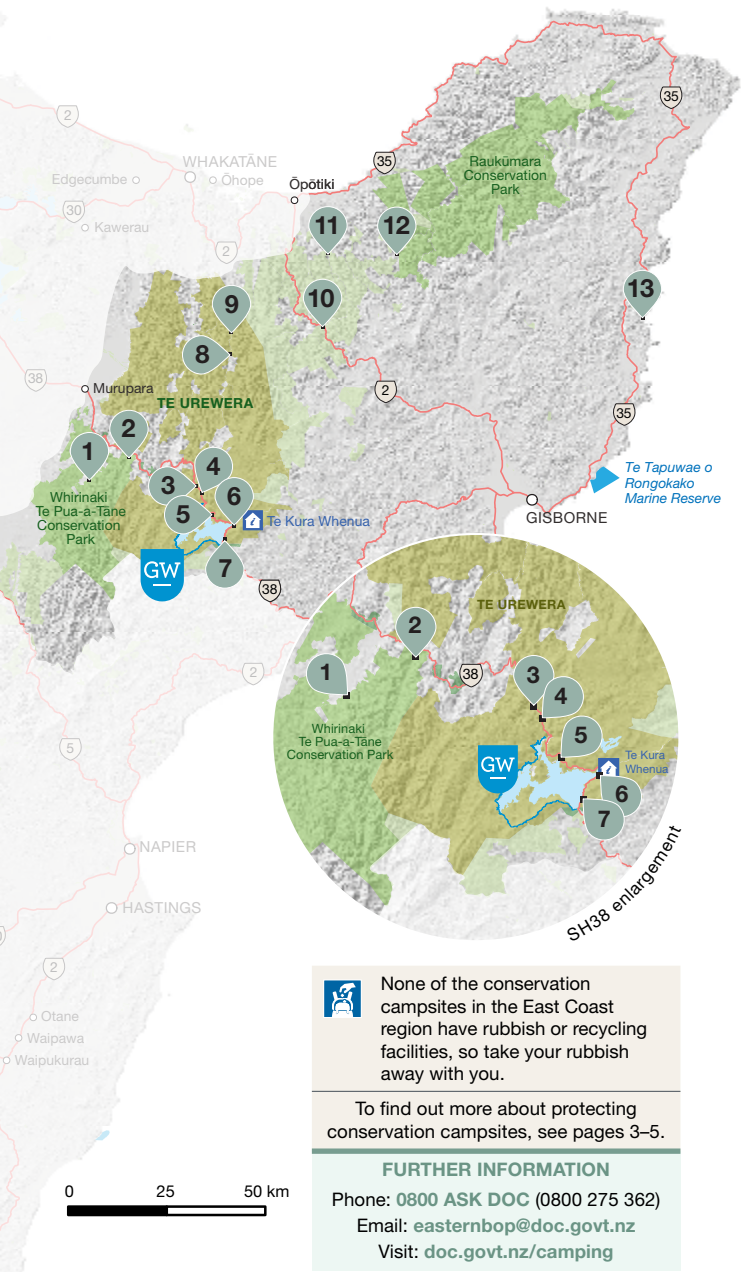


Photo: Dave Finn

1 Sanctuary

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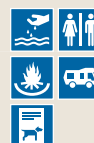
A small campsite next to Minginui Stream with an easy loop track through podocarp forest.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off Minginui Rd onto Sanctuary Rd and follow to the end.

ACCESS: Gravel road from Minginui.

BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: Dogs by permit only – to apply, email easternbop@doc.govt.nz.



BASIC

2 Mid Okahu Road

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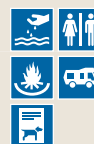
Enjoy a picnic and a walk through the forest while camping on grass terraces alongside Okahu Stream.

DIRECTIONS: Follow Ruatahuna Rd (formerly SH38) from Murupara and turn onto Okahu Rd at Ngaputahi.

ACCESS: Gravel road from Te Whaiti – recommended for four-wheel drive vehicles only.

BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: Dogs by permit only – to apply, email easternbop@doc.govt.nz.



BASIC

Te Urewera

Te Urewera is the spiritual home of Ngāi Tūhoe and is recognised in New Zealand law as a living person. She is spoken for and governed by a board. Care for Te Urewera, including the tracks and facilities, is carried out by Te Uru Taumatua – the operational entity of Ngāi Tūhoe. They are developing a new kind of visitor experience designed to foster a meaningful relationship with Te Urewera and with Ngāi Tūhoe. A trip to Lake Waikaremoana is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture and history of Te Urewera.

For additional information and to check for any alerts before your trip:

- visit ngaituhoe.iwi.nz
- call into Te Kura Whenua at 6249 Lake Road/SH38, Waikaremoana
- phone Te Kura Whenua on **06 837 3900**
- email teureweravc@ngaituhoe.iwi.nz.

3 Orangihikoia

10

Camp in a remote setting and go hunting, walking or fishing.

DIRECTIONS: Next to Waikaremoana Rd (formerly SH38) between Te Whaiti and Lake Waikaremoana.

ACCESS: Narrow, winding gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC

4 Te Taita A Makoro

10

Go hunting or walking, or simply relax while camping by a stream.

DIRECTIONS: Next to Waikaremoana Rd (formerly SH38), 4 km north of Lake Waikaremoana.

ACCESS: Narrow, winding gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC



Photo: Brian Dobbie

5 Mokau Landing

40

Pitch your tent on this large, grassy site situated between native rainforest and Lake Waikaremoana, 1.5 km from Mōkau Falls.

DIRECTIONS: From the end of SH38 at Aniwhaniwa, continue to drive west around the lake for about 10 km.

ACCESS: Narrow, winding gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



STANDARD



Photo: DOC

6 Waikaremoana Holiday Park

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Enjoy beautiful views of the lake, visit a 1,000-year-old rātā tree and be welcomed at Te Kura Whenua, a 'living building' that has been designed as a tribal meeting place, information space and visitor centre.

DIRECTIONS: Adjacent to SH38 in Opourau Bay, Lake Waikaremoana. Around a 1 hr (57 km) drive from Wairoa on SH38 or, if travelling from Rotorua, around a 3 hr drive on the Te Urewera Rainforest Route along scenic gravel roads with spectacular views.

ACCESS: Some narrow and gravel sections of road.

BOOKINGS: Required – book online or phone **06 837 3826**.

NOTE: Chalets and cabins are available.



SERVICED

7 Rosie Bay

6

This popular campsite is located in a secluded bay with stunning views and makes a good base for lake activities.

DIRECTIONS: Lake Waikaremoana, 10 km south of Te Kura Whenua off SH38.

ACCESS: Gravel road with some narrow and winding sections.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



This campsite may be closed when there is heavy rain – for alerts and updates, visit ngaituhoe.iwi.nz.



BASIC

8 Te Pakau (Eight Acre)

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Located on a former dairy farm, this campsite near the Waimana River offers numerous walks into the spectacular forest nearby.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH2 onto Bell Rd near Waimana and then continue along Matahi Valley Rd. The campsite is 27 km (an 80 min drive) from SH2.

ACCESS: Gravel road from mid-Matahi Valley Rd.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC

9 Omahuru (Ogilvies)

40

Camp, swim, fish or relax beside the river in the Waimana valley – and remember to take some binoculars for birdwatching.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH2 onto Bell Rd near Waimana and then continue along Matahi Valley Rd. The campsite is 18 km (a 60 min drive) from SH2.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



STANDARD



Photo: DOC

10 Manganuku

20

Camp beside one of the few remaining historical Howe truss bridges and enjoy some good river fishing.

DIRECTIONS: Beside SH2, 47 km south of Ōpōtiki and about 4 km south of Wairata in the Waioeka Gorge.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



STANDARD



Photo: Neil Hutton

11 Boulders

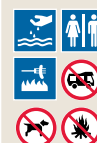
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Situated alongside Te Waiti Stream and surrounded by nīkau and tawa forest, this area is popular for swimming and picnicking.

DIRECTIONS: South of Ōpōtiki take Otara Rd, turn onto Te Waiti Rd and follow for 4 km.

ACCESS: Narrow gravel road with a low ford to cross – four-wheel drive access only.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC



The track down to the campsite is steep and rough. Drive with caution.

12 Whitikau

A remote campsite at the Whitikau entrance to Raukūmara Conservation Park, where you can go walking, hiking, fly fishing, swimming, mountain biking or hunting.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off old Motu Rd between Ōpōtiki and Motu onto Takaputahi Rd. The campsite is at the confluence of the Whitikau Stream and Takaputahi River.

ACCESS: Gravel road for 1 hr – suitable for small campervans only.

BOOKINGS: Not required.

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BASIC



13 Anaura Bay

Camp next to a beautiful beach alongside a stream, surrounded by forest and coastal bush.

DIRECTIONS: Alongside SH35, 85 km north of Gisborne, between Tolaga Bay and Tokomaru Bay.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Open from Labour weekend (October) to Easter. Toilets are not provided – bring your own chemical toilet. Limited water – bring your own water supply. Dump station is available all season.



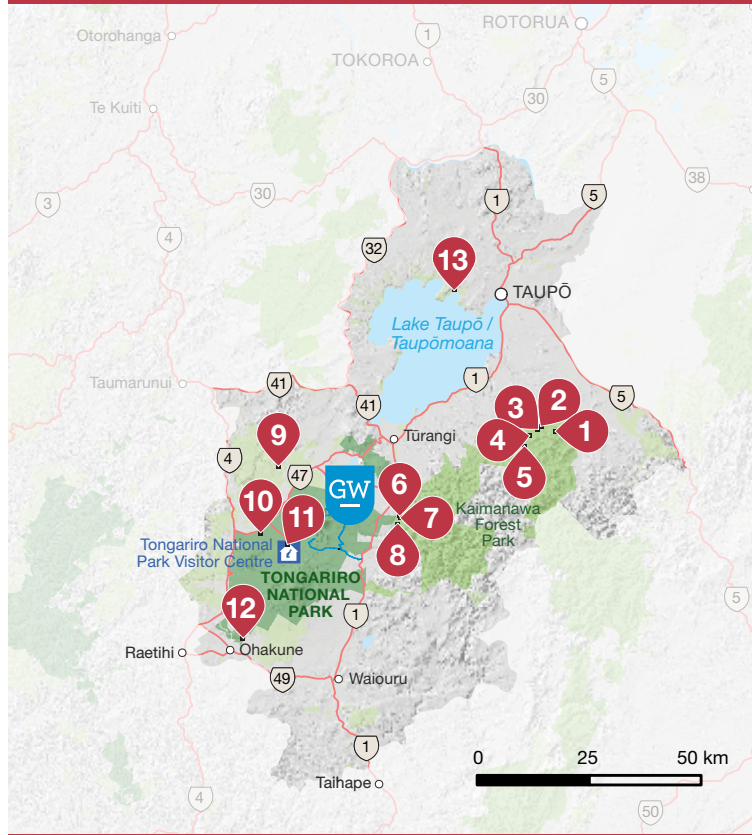
Expect strong waves and unpredictable weather conditions.

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STANDARD

Central North Island



Most of the conservation campsites in the Central North Island region do not have rubbish or recycling facilities, so plan to take your rubbish away with you.



At campsites 1–9, dogs are allowed with a **DOC permit only** – to apply, email turangi@doc.govt.nz.

To find out more about protecting conservation campsites, see pages 3–5.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre

Whakapapa Village, SH48, Mount Ruapehu

Phone: **07 892 3729**

Email: tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz Visit: doc.govt.nz/camping

Tongariro Alpine Crossing

Bookings are recommended for all visitors using any part of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and are required if using a shuttle or guided walk service. There is no cost to book – for full details and a booking form, visit doc.govt.nz/book-tongariro-alpine-crossing.

There is **restricted parking** (4 hr maximum) at the road ends during the Great Walks season (late October – 30 April), so plan ahead and book a shuttle.

For further information, visit doc.govt.nz/tongariroalpinecrossing.



Warning: This track is in an alpine environment. There can be extreme weather at any time of the year, and the track is covered with snow and ice from May to October. Make sure you have the right skills and equipment and check the forecast before you go.

1 Te Iringa

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This campsite is at the start of Te Iringa Track, which is popular for hunting, hiking and biking.

DIRECTIONS: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 onto Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right onto Clements Mill Rd and continue for a further 4 km.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: No water – bring your own water supply.



BASIC

2 Clements Clearing

25

This large campsite is a great base for exploring the Kaimanawa Forest Park.

DIRECTIONS: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 onto Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right onto Clements Mill Rd and continue for a further 9 km.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC

3 Kakapo

4

Camp near tall forest, scrubland and tussock grasses.

DIRECTIONS: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 onto Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right onto Clements Mill Rd and continue for a further 10 km.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC

4 Army Road

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Enjoy a range of activities, including hunting, hiking, fishing and rafting in this diverse terrain.

DIRECTIONS: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 onto Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right onto Clements Mill Rd and continue for a further 12.5 km.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC

5 Clements Road End

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This campsite is at the start of the Hinemaiaia Track.

DIRECTIONS: 27 km east of Taupō, turn right off SH5 onto Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right onto Clements Mill Rd and continue for a further 21 km until you reach the road end.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



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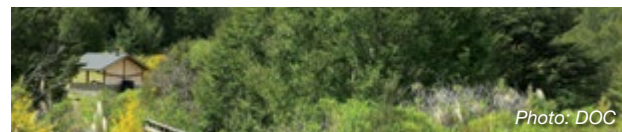


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6 Waikoko

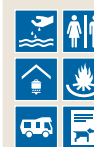
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Camp in a large, sunny clearing above the Waikoko Stream, where you might be lucky enough to spot a whio/blue duck.

DIRECTIONS: 15 km south of Tūrangi, turn left off SH1 onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km, turn left and then left again over the bridge.

ACCESS: Gravel road for last 100 m.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC

7 Kaimanawa Road

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This is a rustic campsite set high above the road.

DIRECTIONS: 15 km south of Tūrangi, turn off SH1 onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km, turn right up the hill and then take the first left.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: No water – bring your own water supply.



BASIC

8 Urchin

10

This quiet and remote campsite is a good base for walking or mountain biking on the Tree Trunk Gorge or the Pillars of Hercules to Desert Road tracks.

DIRECTIONS: 15 km south of Tūrangi, turn off SH1 onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km, turn right and follow the signs.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: Water is available from 150 m down the Tree Trunk Gorge Track.



BASIC

9 Pokaka Mill

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This is a basic campsite in the Tongariro Forest Conservation Area.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH47 onto Pukehinau Rd and drive to the road end.

ACCESS: Rough gravel road – recommended for four-wheel drive vehicles only.

BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: No water – bring your own water supply.



BASIC

10 Mangahuia

21

This peaceful campsite is situated beside the Mangahuia Stream on the edge of Tongariro National Park.

DIRECTIONS: Off SH47, 6 km east of National Park village.

ACCESS: Gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



STANDARD



Photo: Whakapapa Holiday Park

11 Whakapapa Holiday Park

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Camp in a mountain beech forest beside a stream. You can go skiing just up the road in winter.

DIRECTIONS: Drive south on SH48, past Chateau Tongariro, and look for the sign on the right just past the visitor centre.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required – book online at whakapapa.net.nz or phone 07 892 3897 from 8 am to 6 pm.

NOTE: The DOC Campsite Pass cannot be used at this campsite.



SERVICED

12 Mangawhero

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Camp in the forest on the flanks of Mount Ruapehu and explore Tongariro National Park.

DIRECTIONS: Ohakune Mountain Rd, 2 km from Ohakune.

ACCESS: Some gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



STANDARD

13 Whakaipo

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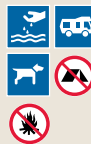
Camp alongside Lake Taupō / Taupōmoana and enjoy the farm park surroundings and a mountain bike track through native bush.

DIRECTIONS: Drive 10 km from Taupō through Acacia Bay and take Mapara Rd. Turn left towards Whakaipo Bay at the DOC signpost and follow the road to the end.

ACCESS: Well-maintained pumice road.

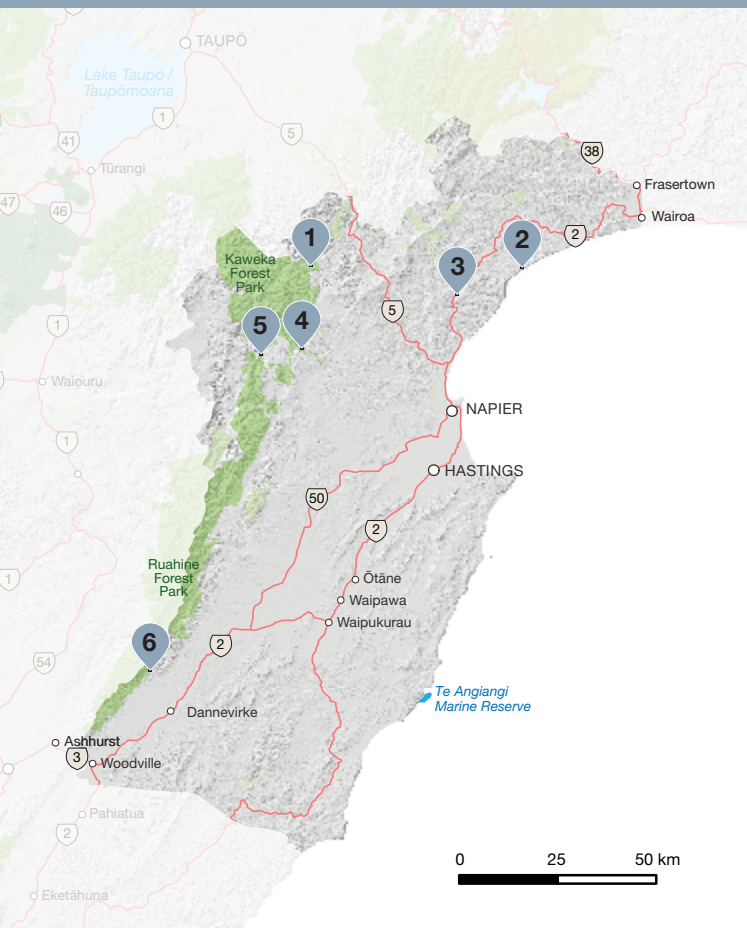
BOOKINGS: Not required.

NOTE: Overnight stays in self-contained vehicles only. No camping in other vehicles or tents.



BASIC

Hawke's Bay



None of the conservation campsites in the Hawke's Bay region have rubbish or recycling facilities, so take your rubbish away with you.



Fires are not permitted at any time.

To find out more about protecting conservation campsites, see pages 3–5.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Napier isite

100 Marine Parade, Napier

Phone: 0800 84 74 88 or 06 834 1911

Email: info@napiernz.com Visit: doc.govt.nz/camping

1 Mangatutu Hot Springs

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Relax at the nearby thermal springs or go hiking, fishing, hunting, swimming or rafting in the Kaweka Forest Park.

DIRECTIONS: From Napier, take Puketitiri Rd and then continue along Pakaututu Rd for 9 km. Turn onto Makahu Rd and follow to the road end.

ACCESS: Gravel road and a stream ford on Makahu Rd, 7.5 km from the road end – not suitable for caravans or campervans.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



Makahu Rd is steep and narrow in places and may be slippery when wet. Take extra caution when driving on this road and through the stream ford.



BASIC

2 Waikari River Mouth

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Camp beside the Waikari River, only a 10 min walk from the beach where you can go swimming, fishing or boating.

DIRECTIONS: At Putorino, turn off SH2 onto Waikare Rd and travel 13 km to the road end.

ACCESS: Narrow gravel road – not suitable for large motorhomes or caravans.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC



Photo: Shellie Evans

3 Lake Tūtira

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Camp by the lake and walk to the Table Mountain trig station to enjoy views from the inland ranges to the coast.

DIRECTIONS: Off SH2 at Tūtira, 50 min north of Napier.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



The lake may be subject to toxic algal blooms – do not enter the water if signs advise against it.



BASIC

4 Lawrence

Access day and overnight walks or go fishing or hunting from this campsite.

DIRECTIONS: From Taihape Rd, turn onto Lawrence Rd near Kuripapango and travel 7 km to the road end.

ACCESS: Gravel road – no campervans; four-wheel drive access only, with limited parking.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



Logging trucks use this road – take great care. A forestry gate has been installed on Lawrence Rd to allow for closure in the event of unsafe road conditions. Check the DOC website for any alerts.

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BASIC



Photo: Shellie Evans

5 Kuripapango (Ox Bow)

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Camp at the edge of the park and raft down the Ngaruroro River or go fishing.

DIRECTIONS: On Taihape Rd at Kuripapango.

ACCESS: 1 km of gravel road off the main road towards the river.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



BASIC

6 Tamaki West

10

Camp in a clearing near the Tamaki River West Branch and discover one of the day or multi-day walks that are accessible from here.

DIRECTIONS: Turn off SH2 south of Dannevirke onto Laws Rd, then right onto Top Grass Rd and left onto Tamaki West Rd. Park at the end of this road and walk to the campsite.

ACCESS: 200m walk from the road end.

BOOKINGS: Not required.



A small creek needs to be crossed to reach the campsite, which may become impassable after very heavy rain.



BASIC

Manawatu/Whanganui



None of the conservation campsites in the Manawatu/Whanganui region have rubbish or recycling facilities, so take your rubbish away with you.

To find out more about protecting conservation campsites, see pages 3–5.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 0800 ASK DOC (0800 275 362)

Email: northtaranakivc@doc.govt.nz or tongarirovvc@doc.govt.nz

Visit: doc.govt.nz/camping

1 Ohinepane

Camp in a remote setting at one of four road access points to the Whanganui Journey. Look and listen for kererū, tūī and fantails during the day and brown kiwi at night.

DIRECTIONS: Whanganui River Rd, SH43, 21 km southwest of Taumarunui.

ACCESS: By road or river. Take care when turning into the reserve – a large vehicle turning area is located 2 km west of the entrance.

BOOKINGS: Only required if staying as part of the Whanganui Journey Great Walk.

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GREAT WALK



Photo: Daniel Deans

2 Whakahoro

A large, flat, grassy site beside the river that makes a good starting point or mid-point stop on the Whanganui Journey.

DIRECTIONS: 44 km west of Ōwhango. Turn off SH4 onto Oio Rd and drive to the road end.

ACCESS: By road or river.

BOOKINGS: Only required if staying as part of the Whanganui Journey Great Walk.

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GREAT WALK

3 Pohangina Base

This campsite is near the Ruahine Forest Park and overlooks the Pohangina River.

DIRECTIONS: From Ashhurst, drive north along Cambridge Ave/Pohangina Rd and then turn right onto Pohangina Valley East Rd. Follow for about 25 km. The campsite is about 1 km past the Takapari Rd turn-off.

ACCESS: Sealed road, then mown grass.

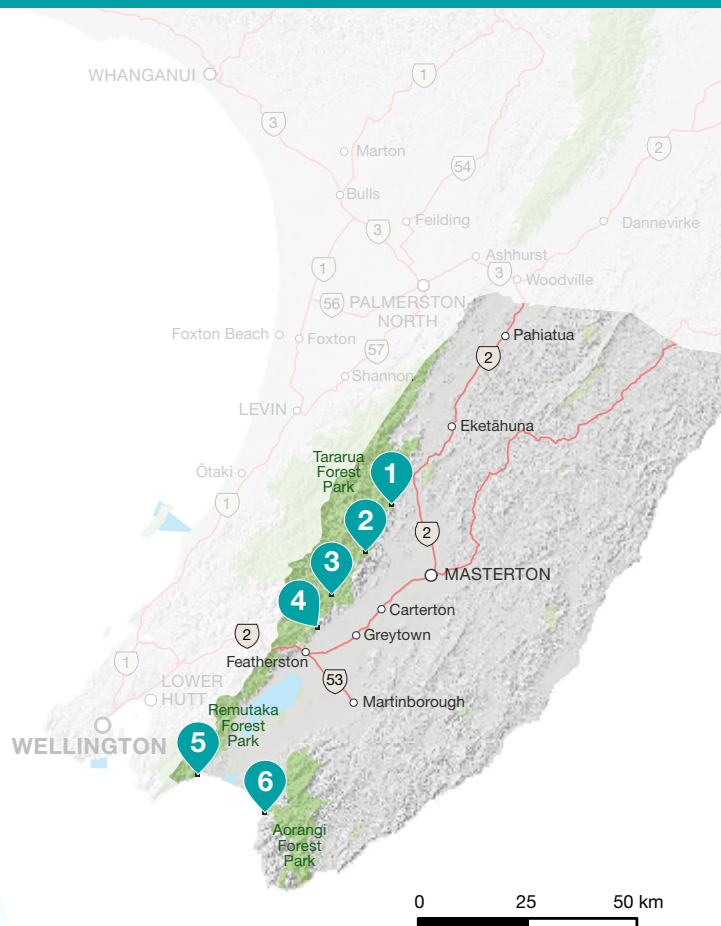
BOOKINGS: Required.

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STANDARD

Wairarapa



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Most of the conservation campsites in the Wairarapa region do not have rubbish or recycling facilities, so plan to take your rubbish away with you.

To find out more about protecting conservation campsites, see pages 3–5.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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1 Kiriwhakapapa

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This is a lovely family campsite located beside a creek and near a spectacular stand of tall redwoods and regenerating native forest.

DIRECTIONS: 15 km north of Masterton, turn off SH2 onto Kiriwhakapapa Rd and follow for 7 km to the road end.

ACCESS: 5 km of gravel road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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2 Holdsworth

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A spacious campsite on the eastern edge of the Tararua Forest Park, where you can enjoy walking, fishing and swimming. Holdsworth Lodge is also available to book (sleeps 28).

DIRECTIONS: 2 km south of Masterton, turn off SH2 at the signpost to Mount Holdsworth onto Norfolk Rd and follow to Mount Holdsworth Rd. The campsite is 15 km from the SH2 turn-off.

ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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3 Waiohine Gorge

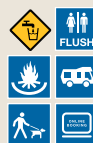
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This secluded campsite is at the head of two spectacular gorges above the Waiohine River in an area that is popular for rafting, canoeing, swimming and outdoor education.

DIRECTIONS: From Carterton, turn off SH2 onto Dalefield Rd and then turn left onto Jervois Rd, left onto Moffats Rd and right onto Waiohine Gorge Rd. The campsite is at the end of the road, about 15 km from SH2.

ACCESS: Gravel road for the final 9 km and two stream fords.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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4 Bucks Road

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Enjoy a walk along the Tauherenikau Gorge Track and a swim in the river while staying at this picturesque campsite above the Tauherenikau River.

DIRECTIONS: 15 min from Featherston via Wakefield St, Underhill Rd and Bucks Rd. The campsite is at the end of Bucks Rd.

ACCESS: 5 km of gravel road with steep sections.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: This campsite is very exposed in extreme winds.



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5 Corner Creek

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Just a 5 min walk from Palliser Bay, this campsite is a great base for fishing, surfing, walking, hunting or mountain biking.

DIRECTIONS: 38 km south of Featherston. Follow Western Lake Rd to the end and then turn left onto Wharekauhau Rd and continue along Ocean Beach Rd.

ACCESS: Gravel road for the last 5 km and two stream fords. Accessible only from the eastern side of the Remutaka Range.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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6 Pūtangirua Pinnacles

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Camp beside the Pūtangirua Stream with views over Cook Strait. You can walk from here to the impressive Pūtangirua Pinnacles or drive to the seal colony near Cape Palliser lighthouse.

DIRECTIONS: 58 km south of Martinborough. Follow Lake Ferry Rd and then turn left onto Cape Palliser Rd and continue for 13 km.

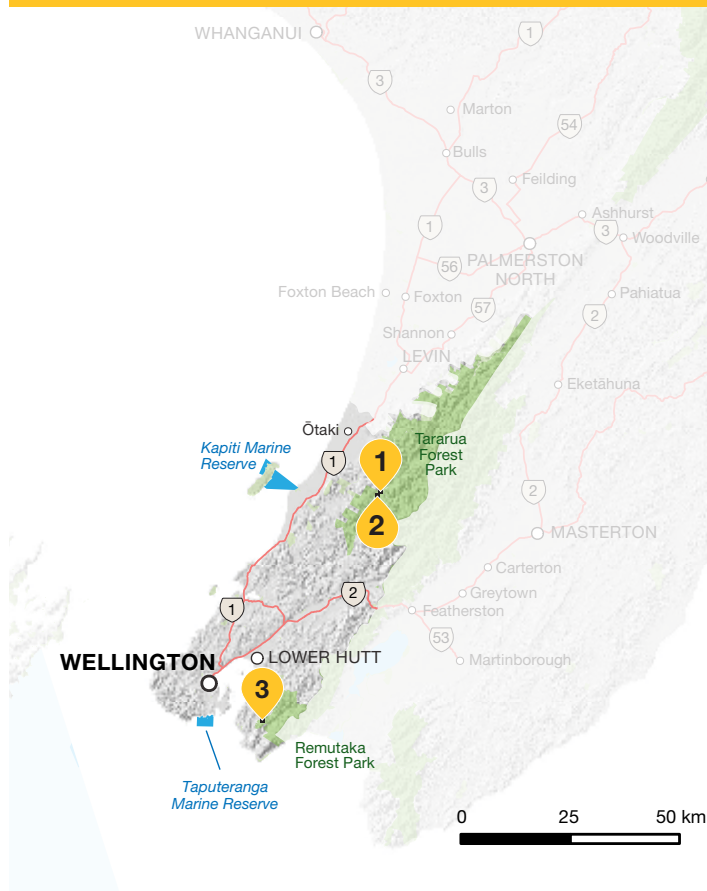
ACCESS: Sealed road.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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Wellington/ Kāpiti



None of the conservation campsites in the Wellington/Kāpiti region have rubbish or recycling facilities, so take your rubbish away with you.



Fires are not permitted at any time.

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1 Boielles

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Camp in a grassy field next to the Waiotauru River, with plenty of fun activities nearby.

ACCESS: 1 km south of Ōtaki, turn onto Ōtaki Gorge Rd. The campsite is 19 km east of Ōtaki township.

BOOKINGS: Required. Open for camping from May to October only.

NOTE: This campsite is on Te Araroa. There is no cell phone reception at the site.



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2 Ōtaki Forks

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Open river terraces and regenerating bush surround this campsite, reflecting the farming and sawmilling history of the area.

DIRECTIONS: 1 km south of Ōtaki, turn onto Ōtaki Gorge Rd. The campsite is 19 km east of Ōtaki township.

ACCESS: Narrow gravel road with one stream ford. The campsite at Schoolhouse Flat is open over summer from Labour weekend through to the end of the Easter break.

BOOKINGS: Required.



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3 Catchpool Valley

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Camp beside the Catchpool Stream, close to walks in the Ōrongorongo valley.

DIRECTIONS: Follow Coast Rd for 10 km south of Wainuiomata and turn into the main Remutaka Forest Park entrance. The campsite is clearly signposted 2.5 km past the park entrance.

ACCESS: Across a concrete stream ford on Catchpool Valley Rd. Gravel road through the campsite. Note that this campsite is closed from the end of the Easter break through to Labour weekend.

BOOKINGS: Required.

NOTE: Gate opening times vary through the year. A campground warden is on site.



Do not attempt to drive through the ford across Catchpool Valley Rd when it is flooded.



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