



















































Trails Index

1	Anzac Park Norsewood		p.3
2	Water Wheel Reserve, Lower Norsewood		p.3
3	Ruahine Forest Park		p.4
4	Tamaki Reserve	 	p.5
5	Kumeti Reserve		p.5
6	Adelaide Road / Smith Street, Dannevirke		p.5
7	Dannevirke Mountain Bike & Walking Trail - Upper Wahipai Reserve	 	p.6
8	Lower Domain, Dannevirke	 	p.7
9	Makirikiri Reserve, Dannevirke		p.7
10	Mangapuaka Stream Reserve		p.8
11	Mangatoro Scenic Reserve		p.8
12	Coppermine Valley Creek Walk, Woodville		p.8
13	Wharite Peak, Woodville	 	p.9
14	Te Pāmu Hau o Te Āpiti - Te Āpiti Wind Farm		p.13
15	Tawa Loop Track		p.14
16	Manawatū Gorge Track		p.15
17	Windfarm Ride		p.16
18	Upper Gorge Bridge Track		p.17
19	Te Waha o Te Kurī - Woodville Ferry Reserve		p.17
20	Te Ara o Mahurangi		p.18

21	Manawatū Gorge Loop Track		p.19
22	Ballance Domain		p.20
23	North Range Road, Pahiatua Track		p.21
24	Awapikopiko Reserve		p.22
25	Pattison's Bush		p.22
26	Makairo Track, near Mangatainoka		p.23
27	River Walk (Victory Park), Pahiatua		p.24
28	Carnival Park, Pahiatua		p.24
29	Road rides in Tararua District from Pahiatua	 	p.25
30	Marima Domain, Pahiatua		p.25
31	Tararua Traverse (Heartland Ride)	 	p.26
32	Waihi Falls		p.26
33	Cape Turnagain Walk		p.32
34	Route 52 (Heartland Ride)	 	p.32
35	Pongaroa Bush Walk		p.33
36	Mangatiti Falls		p.34
37	Four Mile Bush		p.34
38	Cliff Walk, Eketāhuna		p.35
39	Tararua Forest Park		p.36
40	W A Miller Reserve		p.37
41	Pūkaha Loop Track		p.37
42	Anzac Bridge Walk		p.38

1. Anzac Park Norsewood

Named in 1923 to commemorate the men from the district who fought in World War 1, this sheltered pocket of native forest is a pleasant spot for a short or overnight stop close to Norsewood. Mataī and Tōtara are prominent and there is a wealth of smaller broadleaf trees. A large area by the forest is set aside for picnicking and camping.

 Anzac Park Road, Norsewood


 Reserve


Facilities:   



2. Water Wheel Reserve, Lower Norsewood

A sheltered picnic and playground area offering the perfect place to stop for travelling families. Across the road you will discover the Wop Wops Wetlands. A great place to feed “Kui Kui” (giant eel).

 Hovding Street, Lower Norsewood

 Reserve

Facilities:   



3. Ruahine Forest Park

Over 92,000 hectares which encompasses the Ruahine Ranges. Several choices of tramps available, from one hour to overnight. There are magnificent views from the top. There are a number of access points into the Ruahine Ranges with some of the more well-known enclosed below. We recommend you enquire at the Tararua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre in Woodville for further details. A good level of fitness is required, and food and wet weather clothing should be carried.

To see details of tracks in the Ruahine Forest Park visit:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/manawatu-whanganui/places/ruahine-forest-park/>

 Tramp (Varying difficulty)  Varying  Varying


 Dogs not permitted






Photo: Nicholas Green


4. Tamaki Reserve

At the foot of the Ruahine Ranges, 18km from Dannevirke.

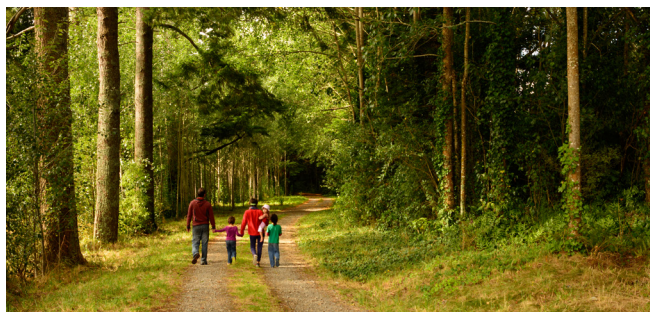
This reserve also links with the Ruahine Forest Park where you can commence day and multi-day one way walks in the Ruahine Forest Park. There are no loop tracks accessible from this location. There is a covered picnic area and toilet.

 451 Tamaki West Road

  Reserve | Walk (Easy-Experienced)  Varying

 Dogs not permitted

Facilities:  




5. Kumeti Reserve

Located 21km from Dannevirke at the end of Kumeti Road.

This reserve links to the Ruahine Forest Park. Public toilets are available here.

 Kumeti Road / Thorburn Road

 Reserve  Dogs not permitted

Facilities: 

6. Adelaide Road / Smith Street, Dannevirke

Spending some time in Dannevirke and want to stretch your legs somewhere close to town? This easy walk or ride on a gravel track next to Adelaide Road and Smith Street offers spectacular views of the Ruahine Ranges and views across farmland.

 Adelaide Road / Smith Street, Dannevirke

 Walk  2.8km  1-2 hours  On leash

7. Dannevirke Mountain Bike & Walking Trail Upper Wahipai Reserve


A mountain bike and walking trail has been created in the Upper Wahipai Reserve at the northern end of Dannevirke. Five hectares of bush-covered hillside with a mixture of native and exotic trees. Access is from State Highway 2, north end of Dannevirke.

The trail is suitable for off-road mountain bikes and the difficulty ranges from medium to high.

At the beginning of the trail, off the High Street entrance, there are a number of small jumps and obstacles to test agility and balance. There is another entrance via a bridge off Cemetery Road halfway down the hill.

This is an easy walking trail suitable for children and those with limited physical ability. The trail is also excellent for those who wish to exercise their dogs or just walk amongst the trees. There are several tracks to choose from or can be done in a loop.

All users are asked to be considerate of other users of the trail.

 Car park corner of High Street SH2 and Cemetery Road, Dannevirke

 Walk (Easy)  Permitted on leash


 MTB (Med-High)  28km  1-2 hours



Photo: Natalie Yonge


8. Lower Domain, Dannevirke

In the lower part of the domain, nestled within the urban boundaries, are the bird aviaries and deer park, as well as the ever-hungry ducks. The motorcamp is close to this tranquil scenery.

 Corner of Christian Street and George Street, Dannevirke

 Reserve | Walk

Facilities:   

 Dogs not permitted



9. Makirikiri Reserve, Dannevirke

Off State Highway 2, past the Makirikiri Marae. Part of the original Seventy Mile Bush, the reserve is 15 hectares and has considerable historical significance.

 Makirikiri Road, Dannevirke

 Reserve  Permitted on leash



10. Mangapuaka Stream Reserve


Located 19km from Dannevirke off Maunga Road, this reserve is sloping hillside that is densely covered in native bush. The grassy area along the stream edge makes a good picnic spot.





 Mauga Road

  Reserve | Walk (Easy)

11. Mangatoro Scenic Reserve

This reserve is located on Ngapaeruru Road, 15km east of Dannevirke. You'll find bush walks and swimming holes here. Look out for the giant Tōtara, said to be one of the largest in New Zealand. This is a nice walk through an impressive stand of native trees. From the small grassy carpark, the walk descends about 20 metres and does a circuit through the trees. It can also be wet and boggy in patches after rain. There is a map at the start of the walk. You can do a circuit, or exit back onto Ngapaeruru Road about 500 metres from the carpark.

 41 Ngapaeruru Road, Waitahora, Dannevirke




  Reserve | Walk (Easy)  1km  1 hour


12. Coppermine Valley Creek Walk, Woodville

This walk is 15km from Woodville on Coppermine Road. This is a pleasant popular walk through lowland forest to an area where copper was mined. It is a family walk on a metre wide gravel path. Part of the walk to the mine is up a stream bed so can be a bit challenging. Features an abandoned copper mine site and cave wetas, waterfalls, wildlife, native trees and plants, including native orchids. A steep track leads to the TV tower on top of Wharite Peak. The condition of the track should be checked with the nearby farmer Noel Galloway 06 376 4863.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/manawatu-whanganui/places/ruahine-forest-park/things-to-do/tracks/coppermine-road-end-tramping-tracks/>

 Coppermine Road, Woodville

 Walk (Easy)  1–5km  1–2 hour

 Dogs not permitted

Facilities:   

13. Wharite Peak, Woodville

Suitable for riders of average fitness and experienced walkers, this is an uphill ride/walk with some gravel and an exhilarating 700m vertical descent. The road is steep, winding and unsealed and can be boggy in places.


About 20 minutes from the carpark the track climbs steeply to the windswept leatherwood tops and along to Whariti Road. On a clear day, there are views as far as Kapiti Island, over the windfarm to Mt Bruce and the Tongariro Mountains.

Located 12km west of Woodville, the drive to the top is not for the fainthearted. It is the gateway to many bushwalks and tramps in the Ruahine Ranges. A map of walks is at the trig point. Excellent views.

 Whariti Road, Woodville

 Tramp (Experienced)  3–4 hours  20km

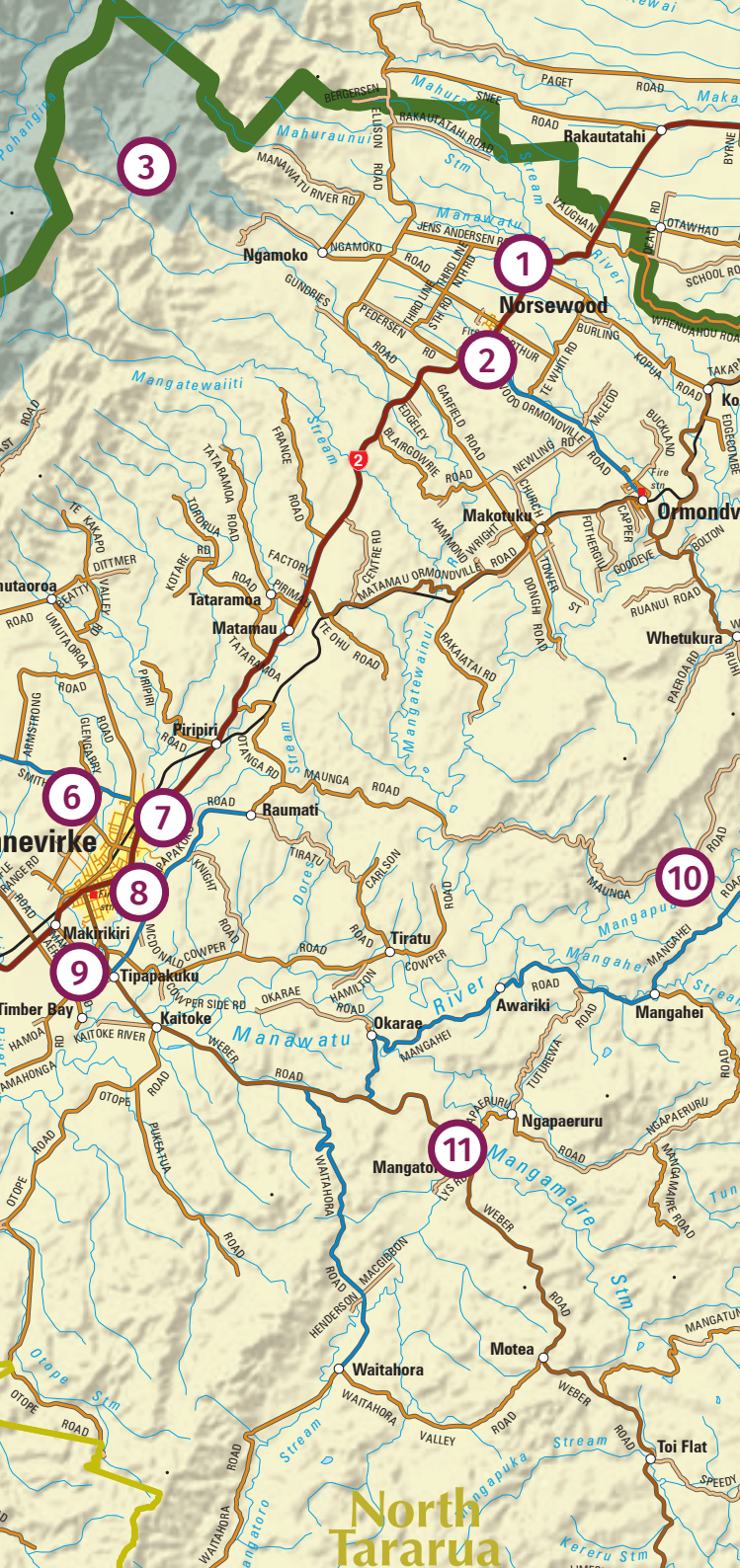
 MTB (Average)  1–3 hours  20km

 Dogs not permitted



Trail Numbers 1-13





3

1

2

2

6

7

8

9

10

11

North
Tararua

Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge

Nestled between Palmerston North and the Manawatū and Taranaki Districts, Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge is one of our country's most iconic natural playgrounds. Covered in ancient bush and home to a variety of wildlife, Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge is steeped in legend and has many a story to tell. Explore the walking tracks and you'll see the mighty Whātonga, an ancient warrior who stands guard over the forest.

Passing through unique landscapes of steep greywacke ranges covered in vegetation, you will predominantly find tawa and podocarp forest, along with broadleaved trees and nikau palms. What makes Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge especially unique is the maidenhair fern, only found in the Manawatū in New Zealand.

Discover the many walking tracks, mountain bike routes and swimming holes - latest information and a map of Te Āpiti is available online at www.teapiti.co.nz



Photo: Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Governance Group

14. Te Pāmu Hau o Te Āpiti - Te Āpiti Wind Farm

Located on the Saddle Road between Ashhurst and Woodville, you can get up close to these giant wind turbines and learn all about how they work. With giant blades whirring overhead, these surreal machines are quite a spectacle to behold.

If you prefer to take in the sights from the back of a bike, check out the Windfarm Ride.



Saddle Road between Ashhurst and Woodville



Reserve



Viewing area is closed for the duration of construction of the new highway



Dogs not permitted

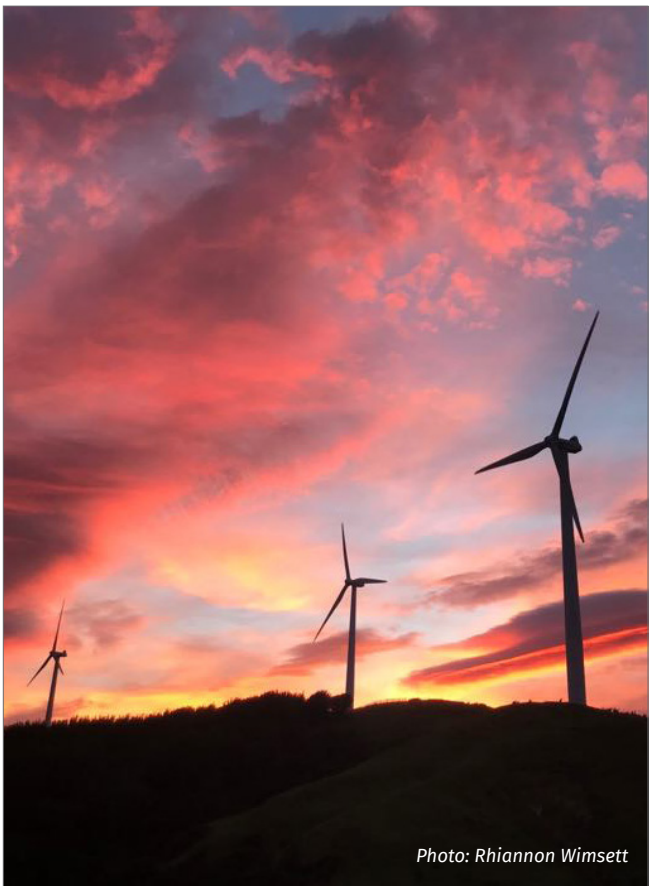



Photo: Rhiannon Wimsett

15. Tawa Loop Track


If you want to see all the beauty that Te Āpiti has to offer, but don't want to tackle the full Manawātū Gorge track, then the Tawa Loop Track is for you. This track provides all the beauty and wilderness of the full track, but is less than half the distance and takes half the time.

Tawa Loop follows a mostly steady 5% gradient, however, it is steep in places and can prove challenging. The loop branches off the Manawātū Gorge track 500 metres into the walk. Upon meeting up with the main track again, you can choose to either go straight ahead or turn left and head back down the track to return to the Ashhurst end car park.

To start from the Ashhurst end, walk up through the closed road until the path takes a dive under the road on the left.

 Car park at the entrance to the Gorge on SH3, just past the Ashhurst bridge

 Walk (Medium)  4km  2 hours approx.

 Dogs not permitted



16. Manawatū Gorge Track

High above the river and gorge below, this one-way (or two-way for the more adventurous) walking track is saturated in native bush and native birds, providing an awe-inspiring experience. Viewpoints are dotted along the track, allowing you take a peek at beautiful scenery.



Car park over the Gorge Road bridge, Woodville just past the Ballance Domain



Walk (Medium)



11km (one way)



3–5 hours approx.



Dogs not permitted



Photo: Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Governance Group


17. Windfarm Ride

The Windfarm Ride affords you the rare opportunity to see both the wonders of nature and the marvels of modern engineering. To glimpse the mighty wind turbines is an experience in itself, but to glimpse it on the back of a bicycle is one that you'll never forget.

Please note: Caution needs to be taken in rough weather conditions.

 Hall Block Road, Woodville

 MTB (Gravel & Mixed - Grade 3)  41km on-way

 2.5 hours approx.


 Dogs not permitted








Photo: Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Governance Group

18. Upper Gorge Bridge Track

This track offers all the native bird and plant life of the full Manawatū Gorge Track and is a great alternative if you are short on time. With steep climbs and fantastic viewing points high above the Manawatū River, this a popular track for those wanting a bit of a challenge.

The best direction is anti-clockwise. Start down the Old Gorge Highway, cross the river bridge and the entrance to the track is on the left at end of the bridge.

-  Entrance to the Gorge on SH3 Woodville side, Napier Road
-  Walk one-way (Medium)  4km  1.5–2 hours approx.
-  Dogs not permitted

19. Te Waha o Te Kuri - Woodville Ferry Reserve

Woodville Ferry Reserve, located near Ballance Bridge, is a large grassy plain perfect for picnics and overnight stays (self-contained motorhomes only). With so much space, you'll have privacy and relaxation. This reserve provides easy access to the Manawatū River for swimming, kayaking and fishing, and has a small wetland planted with native trees. To access the reserve, the entrance is on SH 3 just after the Ballance Bridge.

Explore the small wetland via a boardwalk, which is planted with native trees, and see if you can spot some local wildlife.








-  Entrance to the Gorge on SH3 Woodville side, Napier Road
-   Reserve | Walk (Easy) Facilities:  
-  Permitted off leash  Open 24 hours, 7 days.



Photo: Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Governance Group


20. Te Ara o Mahurangi

Riders have the option of doing a 3.6km loop by parking at the Manawatu Gorge Walk carpark and riding 1.6km up Hall Block Road before descending the trail. Alternatively, vehicles can drop off riders on Upper Hall Block Road at the start of the trail.

After descending the Grade 3 trail for 800m, riders will come to a fork. The right fork allows riders to continue on 1.2km of Grade 3 trail, while the left fork allows advanced riders to quickly descend through steeper and more challenging terrain. Both options arrive at the common exit point on Hall Block Road.

Please note: Currently closed

 Hall Block Road, Woodville

 MTB (Grade 3 & 4 - Int. and Adv.) Elevation 92–213m

 3.6km loop  20+ minutes


 Dogs not permitted  Open 24 hours, 7 days.



Photo: Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Governance Group

21. Manawatū Gorge Loop Track

If you're short on time, or you're travelling with people who can't manage a long walk, this is a great option. This short loop track is located at the Woodville end of Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge. It's an easy walk through some beautiful native bush, there are no steps and it's suitable for pushchairs. Can include a short side track to an old giant Tōtara tree. A playground and toilet in Ballance Domain across the road from the car park make it an ideal destination for young families.

 Car park over the Gorge Road bridge, Woodville just past the Ballance Domain

 Walk (Easy)  1.2km  15–30 mins approx.


 Dogs not permitted



Photo: Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Governance Group

22. Ballance Domain

Immediately across the Ballance Bridge on Gorge Road is the Ballance Domain. Perfect for families, this special spot is surrounded by native bush with a small playground. The Domain is right on the doorstep of the Manawatū Gorge Loop Track, just cross over the road for a great short walk (15-30 min).

 Car park over the Gorge Road bridge, Woodville



Reserve



Open all hours

Facilities:



Dogs not permitted



Photo: Te Āpiti – Manawatū Gorge Governance Group


23. North Range Road, Pahiatua Track

This is a great fine weather ride. Drive up Pahiatua Track and park on the gravel pit area on the left at the summit. The first section of gravel road climbs gently for about 5-6km. You can drive this section and start your ride further up the road, but if you go too far you will need a 4WD. Where the road stops going up and starts to head downward, to your left near the first windmills you will need to stop and park. The ride follows along the range with the steepest section being the first down and uphill past the last parking area. After that it meanders all the way out to and past the windmills. It is approx. 12km from the first car park to where you overlook the far wind farms. Suitable for all riders.

We recommend you enquire at the Tararua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre in Woodville for further details on the latest safety level to use this track as it will be a vital access route for trucks working on the wind farm expansion.

 Pahiatua Aokautere Road (Pahiatua Track)

 MTB (All levels)  20+ km  2-3 hours

 Dogs not permitted




24. Awapikopiko Reserve

Awapikopiko Reserve is 28 hectare of bush that was gifted by the Druce family to the QEII National Trust in 1996. There is a short limed track from Druce Road over a bridge to a nice area suitable for picnics beside a pond. This section of track and bridge is pushchair friendly. The track entrance is signposted from the road.

The Short Loop Track (900 metres) is through tawa forest with occasional tall kahikatea. This track goes past a tall northern rata, and a large, very old hinau tree.


The Druce Track (2.1km) goes through tawa forest with many other native trees. These two tracks are tramping grade.

 268A Druce Road, Kumeroa, Woodville

 Reserve | Walk (Easy)

Facilities: 

 2.1km  1-2 hours

 Permitted on leash (potential of poison bait traps in area)




25. Pattison's Bush


Five hectares of native bush and 69 species of native trees. Facilities include public toilets and picnic area. Arrangements to use this facility should be made with Mr Poulton, 06 376 5599.

Attractive with a good stream and can be visited the same time as Awapikopiko Reserve

 Otawhao Road, Woodville

 Reserve | Walk (Easy)

Facilities:  

 Dogs not permitted

26. Makairo Track, near Mangatainoka

Drive to Mangatainoka on State Highway 2 south of Woodville. Turn left at the Tui Brewery into Kohinui Road, left into Waituna Road and right into Makairo Road. Drive to the end of the gravel and park. This is a very exposed track with steep drops off the side and should not be attempted in adverse weather. The track is uphill for the first few kilometres. On a good day it is a great ride. Reasonably technical and overgrown 4WD track, nearly always muddy in winter or summer, but worth the trip with great views to reward your efforts. Always take a windproof jacket, and long trousers and tops recommended because of some stinging nettles on the route. It is possible to ride right through to the other end with transport required to drive out to Dannevirke.

 Makairo Road

 MTB (Competent riders)  16km  2-4 hours


 Dogs not permitted



Photo: Toni Chapman

27. River Walk (Victory Park), Pahiatua

A short walk or ride for the family is available at Victory Park. Take time to relax and enjoy a picnic.


There is a secluded bench seat half way along the walk and picnic tables available.

 Victory Park, Pahiatua Mangahao Road, Pahiatua

    Reserve | Walk or Ride (Easy)

 100m  5-10 minutes

Facilities:  

 Dogs not permitted

28. Carnival Park, Pahiatua


Carnival Park has lots to offer the active family from a short bush walk and river swimming hole to a playground that will keep the kids busy. Relax under the lush trees and enjoy the serenity.

 Hall Road, Pahiatua

  Reserve | Walk (Easy)

Facilities:   

 600m  8 minutes

 Dogs not permitted



29. Road rides in Tararua District from Pahiatua

If you are looking to ride the open country roads and are a keen cyclist head to Pahiatua and tackle the MacDougalls 117km or Christie Stone Co. 55km one day routes. If you are looking for advice before commencing the tour, call in to see Kevin Laskey at Laskey Cycles, Pahiatua.



To talk to Kevin Laskey.

Laskey's Auto Services, 191 Main Street, Pahiatua



Road cycling



55km – 117km

30. Marima Domain, Pahiatua

A lovely reserve area 12km south of Pahiatua, popular for swimming and fishing.

Enjoy the birdlife in this peaceful place overlooking the Mangahao River. While you are at the river, take in the stunning rock faces.



Tutaekara Road



Reserve

Facilities:  + BBQ area



Permitted on leash



31. Tararua Traverse

HEARTLAND RIDES:

The Tararua District is host to two scenic backroad heartland rides that link great rides and other enjoyable cycle trails along the New Zealand national cycle touring routes.

Connecting to Route 52 and heading south through the Wairarapa, the Tararua Traverse is a challenging ride over the Tararua Ranges with some pretty big views along the way. This 67km one day ride is a Grade 4 route connecting Palmerston North to Masterton via the Tararua District. Please note, the closure of the nearby Manawatū Gorge has forced heavy traffic on to this route and made a 10km section too dangerous for cyclists. You'll need to bridge that gap by finding a friendly local with a bike rack or ute. The replacement road is scheduled to open in 2024.

More information:

<https://nzcycletrail.com/find-your-ride/heartland-rides/tararua-traverse/>



National Cycle Trail




32. Waihi Falls

A must-see waterfall, Waihi Falls is located 45km east of Dannevirke and are spectacular, especially after rain.

A short steep track with numerous steps leads to the base of the falls. Vantage points along the track provide spectacular views of the falls spilling 25m over hard rock. Arrive early with your camera as the falls photograph well in the morning sun.

We recommend you enquire at the Tararua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre in Woodville for further details on the latest track conditions.

 Oporae Road/Waihi Falls Road

 Reserve | Walk (steep steps in some places)

 300m  10 mins

 Permitted on leash

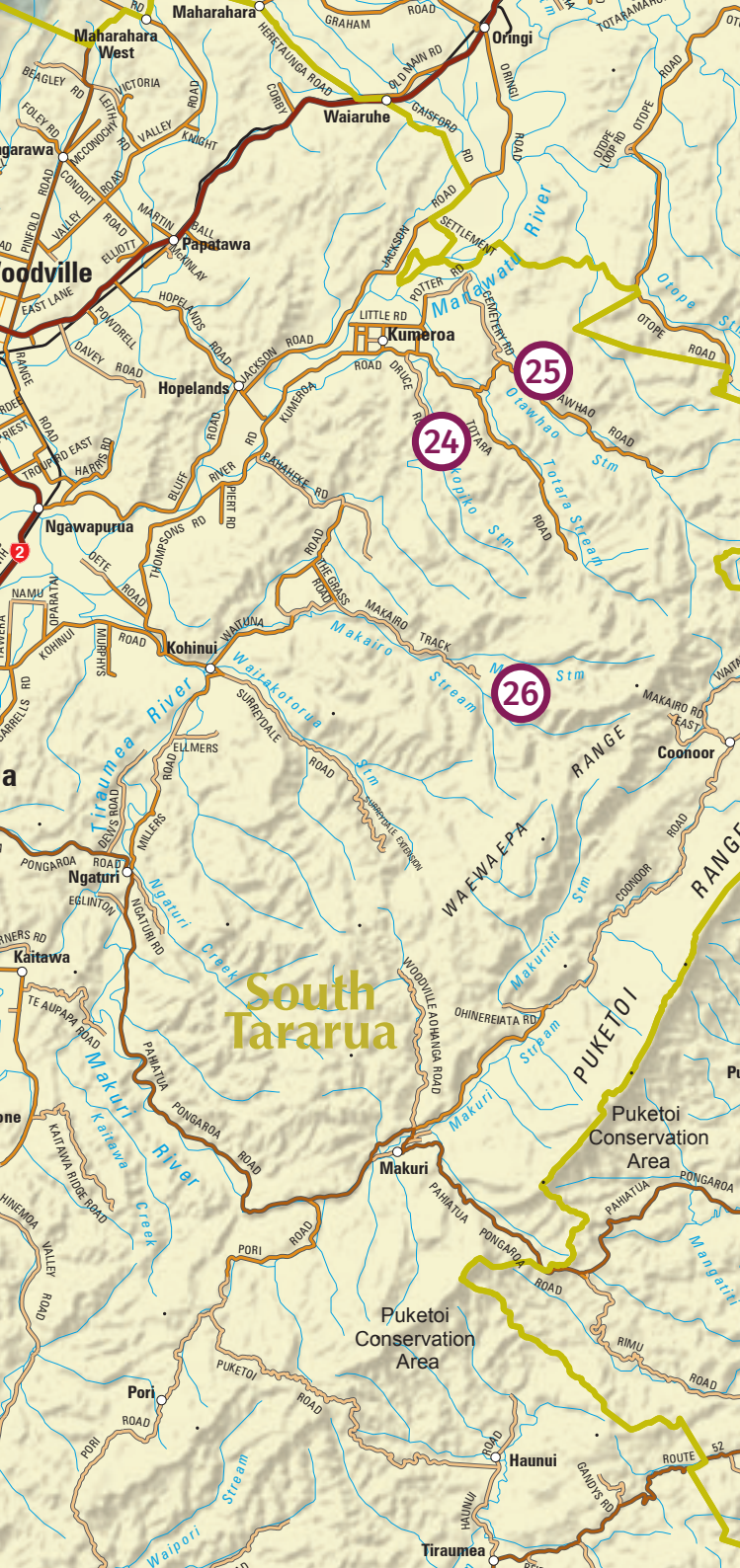
Facilities:  

Photo: Skye Schoeman



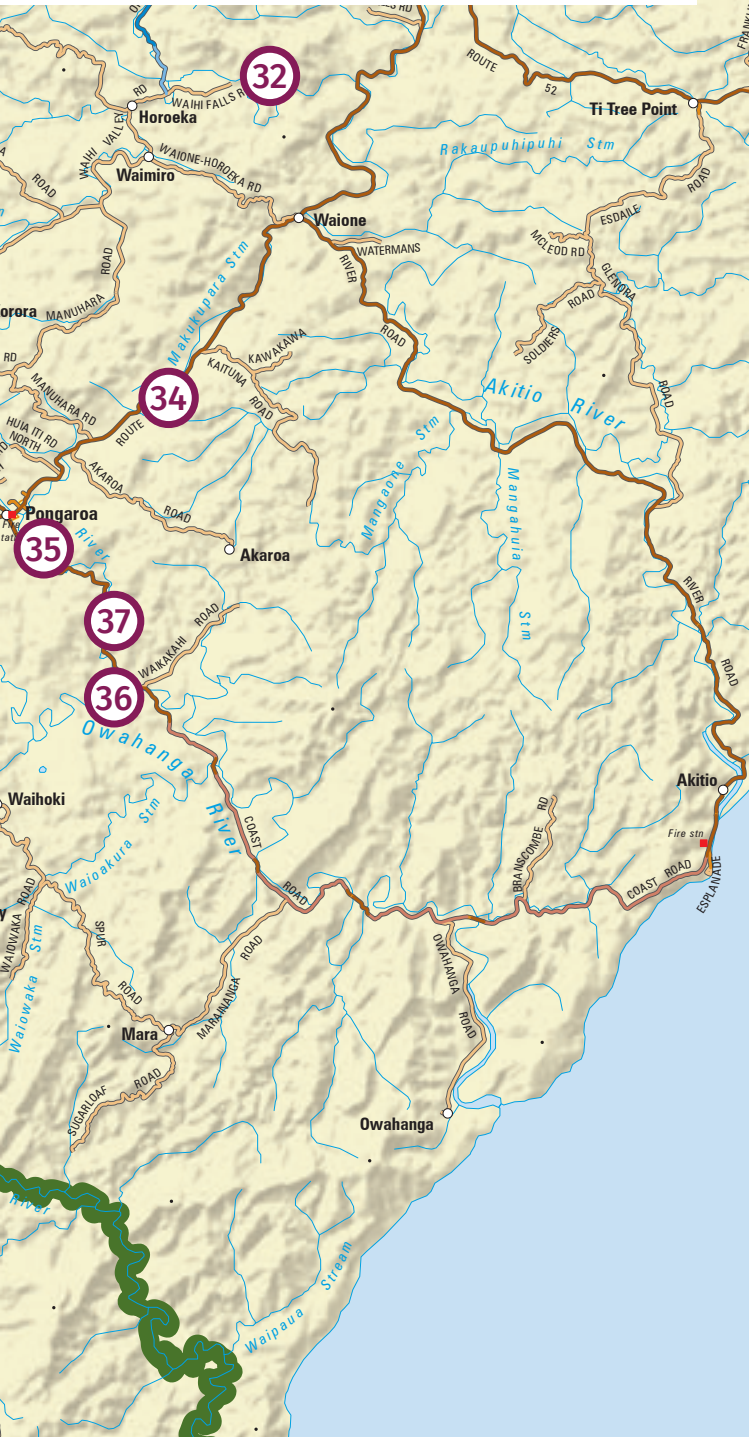
Trail Numbers 23 - 31





South Tararua

Trail Numbers 32 - 37





33. Cape Turnagain Walk

This is a beach walk along Herbertville Beach to Cape Turnagain. The walk takes around 45–50 minutes. The beach is accessed from the last gate on Tautane Road. Please be mindful of the seals. Their breeding season is from mid-November to mid-January. Please also check tide times. There are no toilets or drinking water.



Tautane Road, Herbertville



Walk (one-way track)



1km



45 mins



Permitted on leash



34. Route 52

HEARTLAND RIDES:

The Tararua District is host to two scenic back road Heartland Rides that link great rides and other enjoyable cycle trails along the New Zealand national cycle touring routes.

Route 52, between Waipukurau and Masterton, passes through a series of small country towns dotted across the rolling farm countryside of Tararua District. This 202km two-day ride is Grade 3 and passes through Pongaroa, Glenross and Alfredton where food and lodging can be found in country pubs, cafes, various lodges and domain camps. Care should be taken on this route as it is used regularly by logging trucks. An alternative route goes from Alfredton west to Eketāhuna, Parkville, Hastwell, Mauriceville and then into Masterton.

More information:

<https://nzcycletrail.com/find-your-ride/heartland-rides/route-52/>



National Cycle Trail



35. Pongaroa Bush Walk

Located 100m along Urupa Street. Views of Bentary, Akaroa Peak and the Beehive. The walk takes 20-25 minutes and medium fitness is required.

The Yellow Track to Pongaroa Outlook and Cemetery takes 10-15 minutes and suits all levels of fitness.

The Red Track takes 5 minutes to the picnic table in the bush and suits all levels of fitness.

 Urupa Street, Pongaroa

 Walk (Various levels)

Facilities: 

 <1km  10-25 mins




Photo: Morag Carter

36. Mangatiti Falls

Possibly the best waterfall on private land, Mangatiti Falls is very spectacular after rain or during wintertime. Accessible via a private land track with the company of bulls and sheep. The waterfall is 6.5km south of Pongaroa on Coast Road. You will need to get permission from the owners to access the track to the falls (Marty and Debbie Hull, phone 06 376 2822).

 652 Coast Road, Pongaroa

 Walk (Easy)  1-5km  2 hours return

 Dogs not permitted




37. Four Mile Bush

Located 6.1km east of Pongaroa. There is a covered table and a toilet. No marked walks but walking along the margin of the stream through assorted vegetation is quite pleasant. Does have stock in there periodically.

 Coast Road, Pongaroa




 Walk (Easy)

 Dogs not permitted

38. Cliff Walk, Eketāhuna

The walkway was opened in 1911 to commemorate the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. The historic walk begins in Bridge Street and winds along the cliff above the Makakahi River. Well above the river, the track is well fenced and is suitable for all ages and dogs.

 Bridge Street, Eketāhuna

 Walk (Easy)  2.4km  30 mins

 Permitted on leash



Photo: Tara Swan

39. Tararua Forest Park

The Tararua Range provides an outstanding variety of tramping, hunting and walking opportunities in a wild, natural landscape. At 116,535 hectares, it is the largest conservation park managed by DoC in the North Island.

There are three main access points to the forest Park in the Tararua District. Taking them from North to south they are:

Putara Road

This is the best-known entrance to the Forest Park in the Tararua District. Mangatainoka Valley Road leads into Putara Road (unsealed) and this ends at the Mangatainoka River where there is a small carpark (about 17Km West of Eketāhuna).

The first part of the track (tramping grade) tends to be wet, but improves after the first swing bridge is crossed after a short walk. The path follows the river closely and the Forest Park itself is entered after about 30 minutes walking. The second and longer swing bridge is reached after another 30 minutes. From here a steep climb begins, leading to Herepai or Roaring Stag huts (about another 1.5 hour walk to either).

Kaiparoro Road

Kaiparoro Road (unsealed) leaves SH2 close to W A Miller Reserve (40). The end of the road is marked by a gate and at this point the road is close to the Makakahi River. The Kaiparoro Track (tramping grade) starts across the river, which must be forded. The walk is 3.5 hours each way and climbs through mature pine and beech forest until reaching the flat tussock covered summit of Mt Kaiparoro. You will have stunning views of the Tararua Range on the nearby trig and the chance to visit a plane crash site and the grave of RNZAF officer David Leary, who crashed here while flying from Masterton to Ohakea in 1952.


Naenae Road


This access point is a short drive from Marima Domain (30) and the two could be visited in the same trip. Naenae Road is unsealed but a pleasant drive and ends in a cluster of agricultural buildings. It is a very quiet place and would be a pleasant spot for a picnic if walking felt too energetic.


To see details of other tracks in the Tararua Forest Park visit:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/wellington-kapiti/places/tararua-forest-park/>

We recommend you enquire at the Tararua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre in Woodville for further details on the latest track conditions.

 Woodville

 Tramp (Experienced) - no facilities unless visiting huts

 Dogs not permitted

40. W A Miller Reserve

Surrounded by beautiful scenery, follow the loop track along an easy walk that passes through native bush. Alternatively, stop for a picnic and enjoy the peace.

 8.5km south of Eketāhuna on SH2


 Reserve | Walk (Easy)

Facilities: 

 1.6km  20 mins


41. Pūkaha Loop Track

Allow 1 hour to the lookout, steep in places. Can be accessed through the Pūkaha Mount Bruce Visitor Centre (there is a charge to enter the park).

 85379 SH2, Mount Bruce

 Walk (steep in places)  4km  1 hour each way

Facilities:   + cafe at start of walk

 Dogs not permitted

42. Anzac Bridge Walk

The ANZAC memorial bridge at Kaiparoro is linked to the W A Miller Reserve by a walking path alongside the Makakahi River.


This memorial is unique in New Zealand as it is a memorial specifically to the ANZACs and was constructed as a utility, bridging the last stream on SH2 to be crossed.


Memorials as a utility were frowned on by the government of the time, who preferred the obelisk type in the town square.


The combination of these two features can be found nowhere else in New Zealand.

The bridge has a category one Historic Places listing.

ANZAC services have been held at the bridge on ANZAC Day, at 2.00pm, since its rededication in 2006.

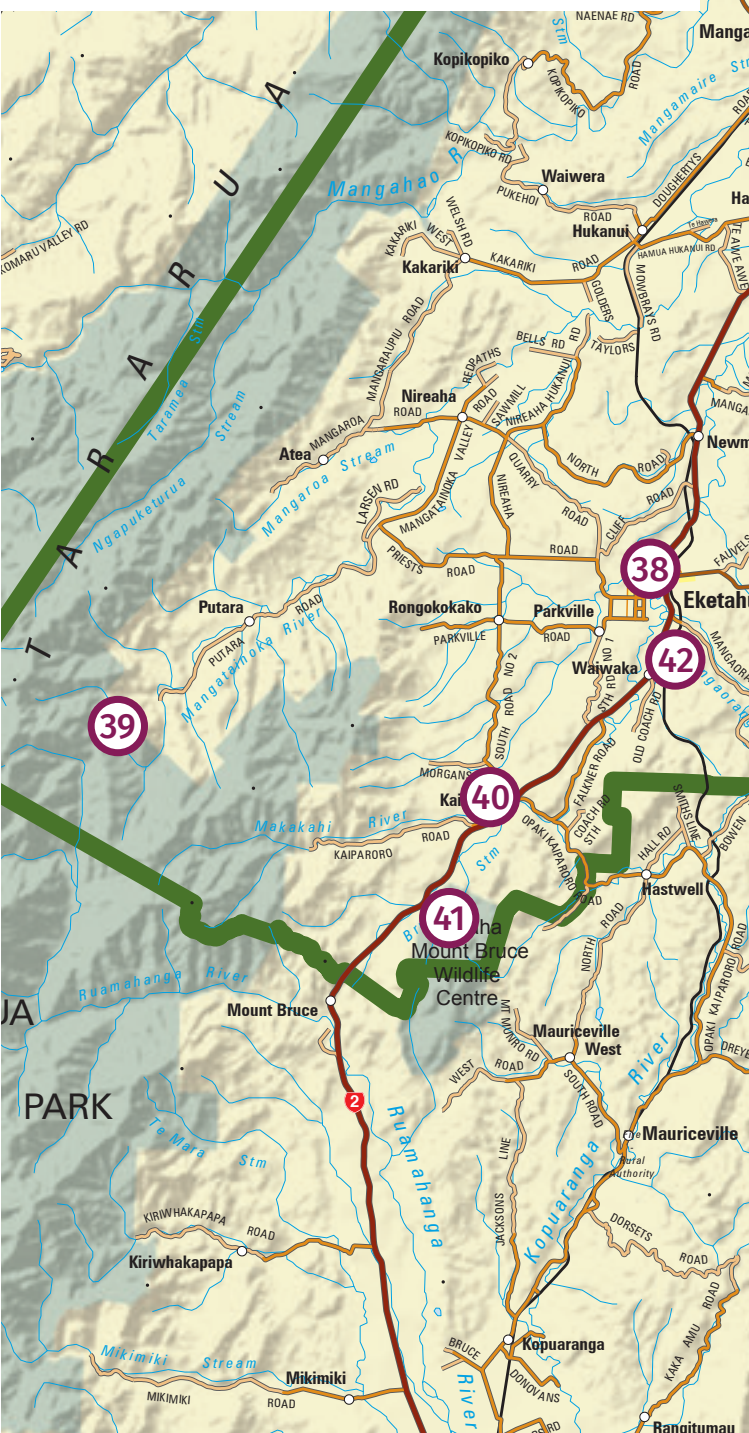
 8km south of Eketāhuna

 20 minute loop walk

 Dogs not permitted



Trail Numbers 38 - 42



[illegible]