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TE IKA-A-MĀUI  
NORTH ISLAND



# Conservation Campsites

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## **Responsible camping**

**You could get a \$200 instant fine by:**

- Freedom camping overnight where there is a no camping sign.
- Freedom camping overnight where there is a self-contained sign and you are not using an approved NZ Standard self-contained vehicle.
- Depositing waste while freedom camping.

DOC Visitor Centre staff can advise where you can freedom camp safely and responsibly in New Zealand and where local camping restrictions apply. New Zealand's Freedom Camping Act 2011 means visitors who ignore good camping practices and/or camp in the wrong places can receive an instant fine of \$200.

For more information on responsible camping visit [doc.govt.nz/freedomcamping](http://doc.govt.nz/freedomcamping).

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# Conservation Campsites

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Arohena, Waikato/King Country (p 20).

Photo: DOC

Conservation Campsites are places to relax, enjoy and explore the great outdoors. The Department of Conservation (DOC) manages more than 200 campsites throughout New Zealand. Choose from lush forest settings, lakeshores and sandy beaches. This brochure highlights campsites managed by DOC on conservation land. For more information on individual campsites, check out [doc.govt.nz/campsites](http://doc.govt.nz/campsites). Enjoy camping with DOC!

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# What to expect

**Fees will vary** at some campsites. For prices at individual campsites, go to [doc.govt.nz/campsites](http://doc.govt.nz/campsites).

## Serviced campsites\*

\$18\* adult; \$9 child

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

## Scenic campsites\*

\$13\* adult; \$6.50 child

These campsites are in high use locations and have a more limited range of facilities and services than Serviced campsites: toilets, water supply (tap, stream or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Wood BBQs and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter and rubbish bins may be provided.

## Standard campsites

\$8\* adult; \$4 child

These campsites have toilets, water supply (tap, stream, or lake) and vehicle or boat access. Wood BBQs and fireplaces, cold showers, picnic tables, a cooking shelter and rubbish bins may be provided.

## Backcountry campsites

\$6\* adult; \$3 child

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

## Basic campsites no charge

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

### Age categories for fees:

Adult:	18+ years
Child:	5–17 years
Infant:	0–4 years, no charge.

\* Extra charges apply for powered sites: \$3 per adult; \$1.50 per child.

## Booking and paying fees

Bookings are required for all Serviced campsites and for some Scenic and Standard campsites in peak season (usually 1 October – 30 April). Most bookings can be made at [booking.doc.govt.nz](http://booking.doc.govt.nz) or at a DOC Visitor Centre.

Where bookings are not required, pay fees via the self-registration system at the campsite, or at a Visitor Centre. These campsites operate on a first come, first served basis.

Fees are generally charged per person per night, and reflect the level of facilities and services provided. DOC rangers patrol camping areas and will check that fees have been paid.

# At the campsite

## Camping care code

- Be a careful camper and practise ‘no trace’ camping
- Choose your campsite carefully; set up your camp on firm, high or sandy ground. Camp only in designated areas.
- Be tidy and always leave campsites clean. Take your rubbish with you if bins are not provided.
- Use a cooker, fireplace or BBQ. Light fires only where allowed, collect dead wood and keep the fire small. Soak the fire with water before you go.
- Detergents, soap and toothpaste can harm aquatic and marine life. Use biodegradable products and wash in a container well away from water sources.
- Always use toilets provided.
- Campgrounds are social places but everyone needs some rest and relaxation. Please respect the rights of others for quiet enjoyment of the outdoors. Limit generator use (where permitted) between 9 pm and 8 am.
- Pay your fees to help keep campsites available in the future.
- Always thoroughly clean your equipment before and after trips to minimise the spread of weeds and diseases.
- Protect native plants and animals.

**Toitū te whenua**  
*Leave the  
land undisturbed*

## Campsites and dogs

Dogs are **not permitted** at Conservation Campsites unless the ‘dogs permitted’ or ‘dogs on a leash’ symbol is present.

With most campsites located in or near protected areas it is important to keep your dog under control. Even the most obedient dog has the potential to kill wildlife.

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. Controlling your dog also respects other people’s rights to use and enjoy the outdoors.

Visit [doc.govt.nz/dogcampsites](http://doc.govt.nz/dogcampsites) for further information.

## Beware of thieves

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

## Gravel roads and insurance

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

# Protect our wildlife

## ... from disease

Some of these campsites are in areas where native species are vulnerable to disease. You can prevent spreading disease from spreading by following some simple precautions, including cleaning gear before and after entering these areas. Look for notices at the campsites and local DOC Visitor Centres for details.



**Didymo** is an exotic alga that invades waterways. This microscopic pest can be spread by a single drop of water. Even if you can't see it, you could be spreading it.

A large number of Conservation Campsites are near rivers and lakes, so 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, go to [biosecurity.govt.nz/didymo](http://biosecurity.govt.nz/didymo) or [doc.govt.nz/stopthespread](http://doc.govt.nz/stopthespread).



**Kauri dieback** is a disease that kills kauri trees. To prevent the spread of kauri dieback, keep to the defined tracks, clean your footwear, tyres and other equipment before and after visiting kauri forest areas, and stay away from kauri tree roots. Visit [kauridieback.co.nz](http://kauridieback.co.nz) or call 0800 NZ KAURI (0800 695 2874).

## ... and from invasive pests



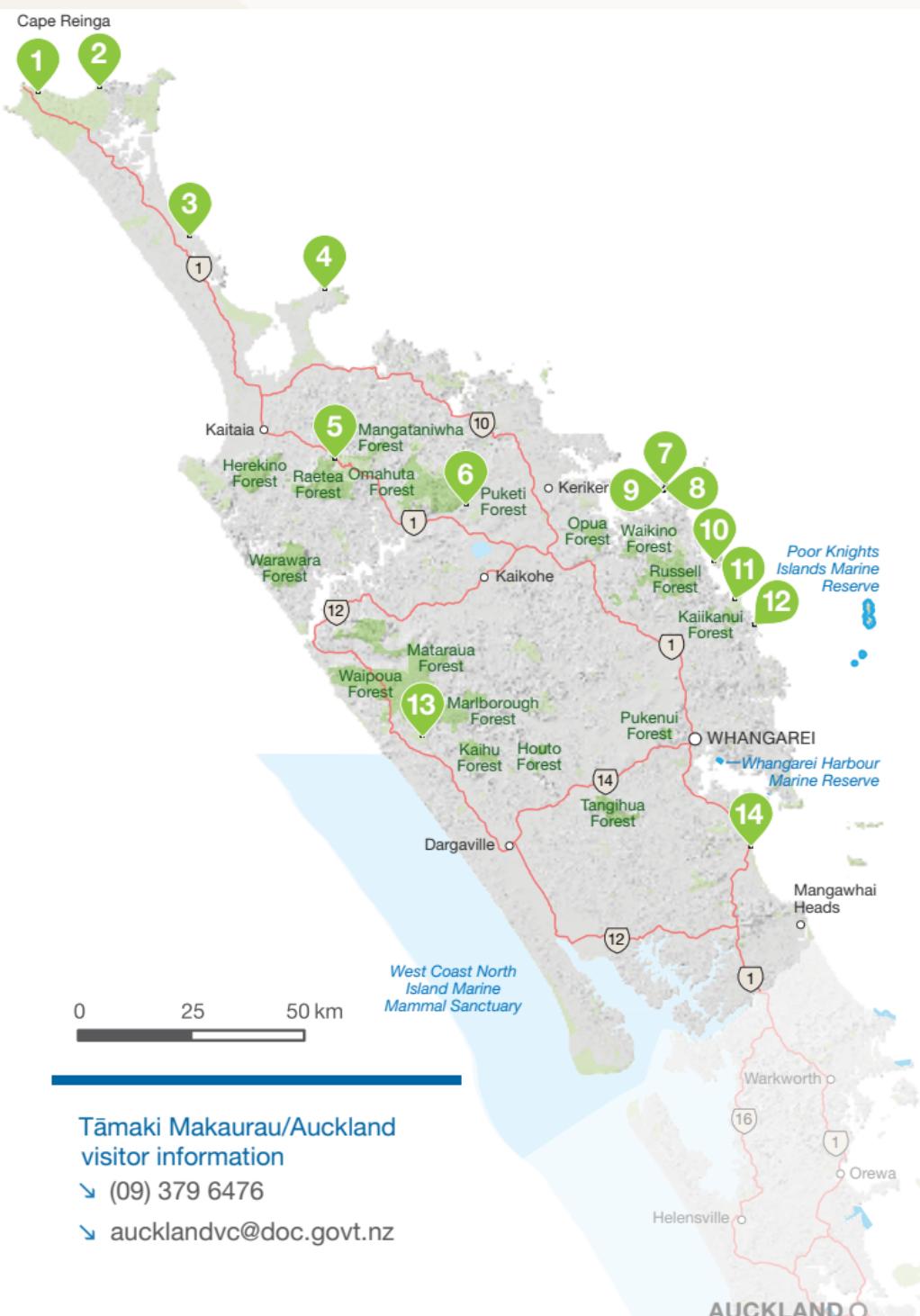
Some special campsites are located on islands free of most of our invasive pest animals and plants.

We rely on you to help keep them this way.

Inspect and clean your tent and other camping gear thoroughly before leaving home and between locations. Remove any mud (check the pegs and peg bag), sand, plant material, insects or animals such as mice or rats, Argentine ants and plague (rainbow) skinks – and don't forget to check inside your tent. It's also important to check your clothing and footwear for weed seeds and soil before and after each trip. If you're taking a boat or kayak, check these too.

DOC staff may make biosecurity checks of your footwear and gear when you arrive on an island to ensure your gear is pest free. Report sightings of pests on pest-free islands immediately to the DOC HOTline 0800 362 468.

# NORTHLAND



## Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland visitor information

- ↘ (09) 379 6476
- ↘ aucklandvc@doc.govt.nz

Help prevent the spread of kauri dieback disease, which is killing trees in Northland – see page 4.



## ! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

Urupukapuka is a pest-free island (campsites 7–9). Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel – see page 4.



Photo: DOC

**1 Tapotupotu**

45

*Relax at New Zealand's northernmost campsite; go surfing or walk the Te Paki Coastal Track.*

**Directions:** Camp located at the end of Tapotupotu Rd off Cape Reinga Rd (SH1), 3 km south of Cape Reinga. **Access:** Gravel, steep sections.



LATITUDE: -34.43769

LONGITUDE: 172.71645

STANDARD



Photo: DOC

**2 Kapowairua (Spirits Bay)**

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*Camp in a picturesque setting, and swim or walk the tracks.*

**Directions:** Follow signposts from Waitiki landing, off SH1, for 16 km along Te Hapua Rd and then Spirits Bay Rd. **Access:** 16 km of gravel.

**Note:** Pack your insect repellent.



LATITUDE: -34.42814

LONGITUDE: 172.86337

STANDARD

**3 Rarawa**

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*Camp among trees behind the white sand beach; go surfing and fishing.*

**Directions:** 3 km north of Ngataki along SH1 turn into Rarawa Beach Rd. **Access:** 4 km of gravel.

**Note:** Take care in the water as the beach may be dangerous.



LATITUDE: -34.72511

LONGITUDE: 173.08233

STANDARD



Photo: DOC

## 4 Maitai Bay

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*Camp on the outer Karikari Peninsula in sheltered and private campsites.*

**Directions:** 25 km southeast of Kaitaia on SH10, turn into Inland Rd at Karikari Peninsula and follow, then into Matai Bay Rd. **Access:** 2 km of gravel.



LATITUDE: -34.82958 LONGITUDE: 173.40807

SCENIC

## 5 Raetea North Side

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*Camp in one of the last remaining lowland coastal forests. Look for kūkupa/kererū (wood pigeon), short-tailed bats and kākāriki/parakeets.*

**Directions:** 18 km southeast of Kaitaia along SH1 at Mangataiore. Follow the 'Raetea Reserve' sign, and cross the stream ford to the campsite. **Access:** Gravel.



LATITUDE: -35.16848 LONGITUDE: 173.43488

BASIC



Puketi Forest. Photo: Laura Honey

## 6 Puketi

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*Camp close to kauri trees and look 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 camp.

**Access:** 7 km of gravel. **Note:** Fires only allowed in the firepits provided.



LATITUDE: -35.21167 LONGITUDE: 173.79350

STANDARD



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## Urupukapuka Island

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

**Directions:** Ferries to Otehei Bay leave from Paihia and Russell daily during peak season, water taxis run year round, or arrive by private boat. **Information and booking:** Phone Paihia i-SITE on 09 402 7345, book online during peak season or phone the DOC office on 09 407 0300. **Access:** Boat only.

### 7 Urupukapuka Bay

**CHECK YOU ARE  
PEST FREE**

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**Directions:** From Otehei Bay Wharf, walk for 15 min east along marked Otehei Bay track to the top of the hill from where you can see the campsite.



LATITUDE: -35.21763 LONGITUDE: 174.23846

**SCENIC**

### 8 Sunset Bay

**CHECK YOU ARE  
PEST FREE**

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**Directions:** From Otehei Bay, turn right at the end of the wharf and follow the track towards the southwest end of the island, about 30 min.



LATITUDE: -35.22368 LONGITUDE: 174.23562

**SCENIC**

### 9 Cable Bay

**CHECK YOU ARE  
PEST FREE**

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**Directions:** From Otehei Bay Wharf end, turn right and follow the track towards the southern end of the island, about 30 min.



LATITUDE: -35.22641 LONGITUDE: 174.23398

**SCENIC**

### 10 Puriri Bay

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Overlooking the mouth of Whangaruru Harbour, with sheltered waters for swimming and boating.



**Directions:** Turn off SH1 into Russell Rd, 15 km north of Whangarei. After 30 km (north of Ngaiotonga), turn into Whangaruru North Rd. **Access:** Sealed.

**Booking:** Required December–March. **Note:** Vehicle access to campsite closed Easter to Labour Weekend.

LATITUDE: -35.36473 LONGITUDE: 174.3601

**SCENIC**

## 11 Waikaho Bay

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

**Directions:** From Whangarei, turn off SH1 at Whakapara into Russell Rd. Turn right at Helena Bay into Webb Rd. Continue to Mimiwhangata Coastal Park turn off. **Access:** 9 km narrow, winding gravel road not suitable for campervans and large vehicles. Campsite is a steep 5 min walk from road, with **no vehicle access**. Access is through a locked gate. **Booking:** Essential, ph (09) 433 6554. **Note:** Tent only, walk-in campsite.

LATITUDE: -35.44244 LONGITUDE: 174.41204

SCENIC

## 12 Otamure Bay (Whananaki)

 130



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

**Directions:** Go past Hikurangi on SH1, turn off at Whananaki North Road and travel 27 km. Campsite is 4 km past Whananaki shop and school. **Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -35.49228 LONGITUDE: 174.46135

SCENIC

## 13 Trounson Kauri Park

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Nestled on the edge of an ancient kauri forest. "Shh... can you hear that? It's a kiwi!"

**Directions:** Turn off SH12 at Trounson Park Road, 35 km north of Dargaville. **Access:** Sealed from south, gravel from north.

LATITUDE: -35.72151 LONGITUDE: 173.65229

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## 14 Uretiti

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

**Directions:** Signposted directly off SH1, approx 5 km north of Waipu. **Access:** Sealed. **Note:** Bulk water may be purchased to fill campervan tanks.

LATITUDE: -35.93379 LONGITUDE: 174.45998

SCENIC

# AUCKLAND



## Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland visitor information

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- [aucklandvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:aucklandvc@doc.govt.nz)

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## ! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

All of Auckland's campsites are on pest-free islands. Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel – see page 4.



Photo: DOC

## 15 Motuora Island



▲ 35

An island sanctuary for native flora and fauna, the camp is near a Māori historic site and early European settlement. Watch for kiwi.

**Directions:** West coast Motuora Island, 6 km east of Mahurangi Harbour. **Access:** Boat only and experienced kayakers. Contact Auckland visitor information for water taxi operators. **Booking:** Required. **Note:** No wharf, anchorage at Home Bay.

LATITUDE: -36.50538 LONGITUDE: 174.78981



STANDARD



Photo: DOC

## 16 Home Bay (Motutapu Island)



▲ 152

By the beach and near the Reid Homestead built in 1901. Check out historic relics, including various WWII military remains.

**Directions:** Hauraki Gulf, east coast of the island. **Access:** Boat and experienced kayakers only. Contact Auckland visitor information for other transport options. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.76715 LONGITUDE: 174.92898



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## 17 Motuihe Island



▲ 48

Camp near a sandy, sheltered beach. Home to kiwi, kākāriki, saddleback and shore skink.

**Directions:** Hauraki Gulf, west end of the island. **Access:** Boat and experienced kayakers only. Contact Auckland visitor information for other transport options. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.80361 LONGITUDE: 174.93584



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Photo: Andris Apse

## Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island)

Campsites 18–23 are on Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island), one of the last great wilderness areas of the Auckland region.

**Directions:** From Auckland via passenger and car ferry to Tryphena or Port Fitzroy, private boat to Port Fitzroy, or air travel to Claris or Okiwi. Rental cars available for hire from Tryphena and Claris by arrangement. **Access:** Narrow gravel roads. **Bookings:** Required all year round, book early. Book online, or phone (09) 379 6476 or email aucklandvc@doc.govt.nz

### 18 Akapoua Bay

CHECK YOU ARE  
PEST FREE

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In a sheltered bay on the west coast, Port Fitzroy, among pōhutukawa trees with good fishing and kayaking.

**Directions:** West coast, Port Fitzroy. **Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. Good boat access. Campsite is about 2 km to Port Fitzroy. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -34.43769

LONGITUDE: 175.36331

SCENIC



Photo: Brian Dobbie

### 19 Whangapoua

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PEST FREE

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

**Directions:** Whangapoua Conservation Area, north coast of the island, near Okiwi, on the Whangapoua estuary. **Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. Campsite is adjacent to Okiwi Airfield (seasonal service) about 4 km from Port Fitzroy. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.14512

LONGITUDE: 175.42182

SCENIC





Photo: Andris Apse

**20 Harataonga****▲ 60**

*Beautiful campsite beside a stream under mature trees. Near the beach and Harataonga walkway.*

**Directions:** Harataonga Recreation Reserve, east coast via Port Fitzroy Road to Kaitoke. Campsite is about 14 km to Claris.

**Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.17177 LONGITUDE: 175.47943

**SCENIC****21 Awana Beach****▲ 60**

*Camp near the beach at Awana Bay; popular for surfing with a powerful surf break.*

**Directions:** Awana Recreation Reserve, east coast, Awana. Campsite is about 9 km to Claris.

**Access:** From Auckland via car/ passenger ferry or air. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.20244 LONGITUDE: 175.47826

**SCENIC****22 Medlands Beach****▲ 40**

*Campsites are at the south end of Medlands Beach with a popular surfing beach and safe swimming in the estuary.*

**Directions:** Oruawharo Creek Recreation Reserve, southeast coast, south end of Medlands Beach. Campsite is about 6 km to Claris.

**Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.27039 LONGITUDE: 175.50288

**SCENIC****23 The Green****▲ 15**

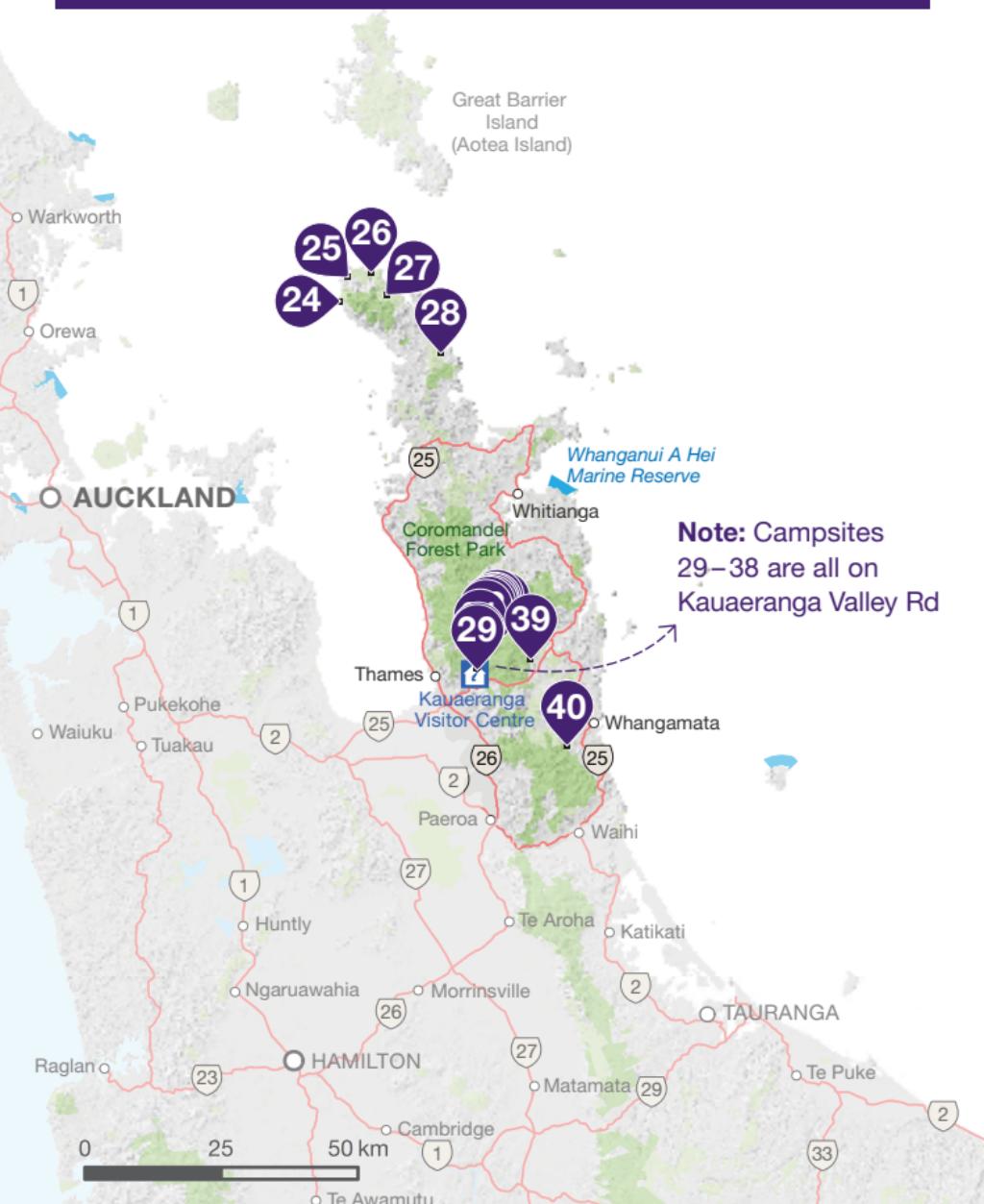
*A walk-in or boat-in campsite in the sheltered waters of Whangaparapara Harbour.*

**Directions:** 10 minute walk from the end of Whangaparapara Road. Campsite is about 3 km to Whangaparapara. **Access:** From Auckland via passenger/car ferry or air. **Booking:** Required.

LATITUDE: -36.23842 LONGITUDE: 175.40067

**SCENIC**

# COROMANDEL

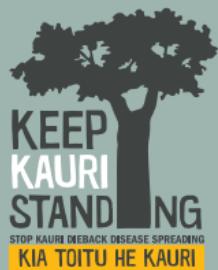


## Kauaeranga Visitor Centre

- ↳ Kauaeranga Valley Rd, Thames
- ↳ (07) 867 9080
- ↳ [kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz)

Due to demand during Christmas/New Year, we recommend you book from early to mid-October for northern Coromandel campsites.

Help prevent the spread of kauri dieback disease, which is killing trees in Coromandel – see page 4.



**Warning:** Coromandel weather can change very quickly, with rivers and streams rapidly reaching flood levels in heavy or prolonged rainfall. Coastal areas can also be affected.

**24** **Fantail Bay****▲ 29**

*Camp beneath pōhutukawa trees in peaceful surroundings. Swimming, fishing, diving nearby.*

**Directions:** 50 km north of Coromandel. Take Colville Rd from Coromandel for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, then turn left and follow Port Jackson Rd for 28 km. **Access:** Gravel from Colville. **Booking:** Required December–January.

LATITUDE: -36.52479    LONGITUDE: 175.32816

**SCENIC****25** **Port Jackson****▲ 113**

*At the northern tip of the peninsula, camp next to the beach with stunning coastal views.*

**Directions:** 58 km north of Coromandel. Drive to Fantail Bay (as above) and follow road for 8 km.

**Access:** Gravel from Colville. **Booking:** Required December–January.

LATITUDE: -36.48400    LONGITUDE: 175.34180

**SCENIC****26** **Fletcher Bay****▲ 118**

*This is a beach-front campsite in a farm setting and an ideal location for water sports.*

**Directions:** 64 km north of Coromandel. Drive to Port Jackson (as above), but continue 6 km to the end of the road. **Access:** Gravel from Colville.

**Booking:** Required December–January.

LATITUDE: -36.47652    LONGITUDE: 175.39017

**SCENIC**

*Photo: Tahu Taylor-Koolen*

**27** **Stony Bay****▲ 122**

*This is a spacious (5 ha) campsite beside the coast with good fishing and diving nearby.*

**Directions:** 55 km north of Coromandel. From Coromandel, take the Colville Rd for 22 km to Whangaahei Junction, then turn right into Port Charles Rd to Stony Bay Rd and follow to end.

**Access:** Gravel from Colville. **Booking:** Required December–January.

LATITUDE: -36.51231    LONGITUDE: 175.42188

**SCENIC**



Photo: Herb Christophers

**28 Waikawau Bay**

*Next to a sweeping sandy beach; NZ dotterel and variable oystercatcher breed north of the campsite.*

**Directions:** 42 km north of Coromandel. Colville Rd for 22 km to Whangahei Junction, turn into Port Charles Rd, right into Waikawau Beach Rd and follow to camp. **Access:** Gravel from Colville. **Booking:** Required December–March.

LATITUDE: -36.60586 LONGITUDE: 175.53701

SCENIC

**Kauaeranga Valley**Photo: Kathrin Marks  
(CC BY-NC-ND 2.0)

*Campsites 29–37 are beside the river in the Kauaeranga Valley, a historical kauri logging area with a choice of walks and swimming.*

**Directions:** Follow the Kauaeranga Valley Rd from Thames for 14 km to the Visitor Centre. **Access:** Gravel. **Booking:** Required. Campsites 30–37 can be booked online and are listed under Kauaeranga Valley camping. Decide on arrival which area to stay in. **Note:** Pay camp fees at the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre (24-hour drop box) or honesty boxes at each campsite.

**29 Kahikatea**

*Campsite for self-contained campers only—no tents—with 4 extra-large sites for buses.*

**Directions:** 100 m before the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. **Booking:** Required. Book online or through the Visitor Centre. Arrange key collection at the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Water from tap at Visitor Centre.

LATITUDE: -37.12434 LONGITUDE: 175.62833

SCENIC

**30 Shag Stream**

*Riverside campsite, an ideal base for exploring the valley. Walk to the replica kauri dam.*

**Directions:** 100 m before the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) until 30 April. Campervanners, check that the ground is well compacted before camping.

LATITUDE: -37.12268 LONGITUDE: 175.63013

SCENIC



**31 Hotoritori****▲ 30**

*Mountain biking and horse tracks start at the campsite, adjacent to the river.*

**Directions:** 3 km north of the Visitor Centre.



LATITUDE: -37.10016      LONGITUDE: 175.63419

**SCENIC****32 Whangaiterenga****▲ 50**

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

**Directions:** 5 km north of the Visitor Centre, 2 km north of Hotoritori campsite. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) until 30 April.

LATITUDE: -37.08393      LONGITUDE: 175.64516

**SCENIC****33 Booms Flat****▲ 65**

*Popular and spacious campsite with a historical walk nearby through native bush.*

**Directions:** 6 km north of Visitor Centre. Third campsite on left past the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) until 30 April.

LATITUDE: -37.07830      LONGITUDE: 175.65044

**SCENIC****34 Catleys****▲ 30**

*Camp by the river; short historical walk nearby.*

**Directions:** 6.5 km north of Visitor Centre, first camp on right past the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) until 30 April.

LATITUDE: -37.07643      LONGITUDE: 175.65616

**SCENIC**

Photo: DOC

**35 Wainora****▲ 30**

*Campsites is at the start of the Cookson Kauri Walk, with attractive water views on the walk.*

**Directions:** 7 km north of Visitor Centre, fourth campsite on left past the Visitor Centre. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend in October to 30 April.

LATITUDE: -37.07214      LONGITUDE: 175.65686

**SCENIC**

**36 Totara Flat** 30

Camp alongside the river or higher up, and walk on a boardwalk through forest.

**Directions:** 7.5 km north of Visitor Centre, second campsite on right past the Visitor Centre.



LATITUDE: -37.07102 LONGITUDE: 175.66221

SCENIC

**37 Trestle View** 30

Camp at the end of the valley, near the Billygoat Track and Webb Creek Track up to the Pinnacles.

**Directions:** 9 km north of Visitor Centre, the last campsite past the Visitor Centre.



LATITUDE: -37.06668 LONGITUDE: 175.66738

SCENIC

**38 Billygoat Basin** 10

This camp is on the popular Billy Goat circuit.

**Directions:** This campsite is a 2-hour tramp from the Kauaeranga Valley roadend. **Booking:** Required. Book online or at the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre. **Note:** No water, bring your own water supply.

LATITUDE: -37.06852



LONGITUDE: 175.68706

BACKCOUNTRY

**39 Broken Hills** 45

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

**Directions:** Turn off SH25 at Hikuai, opposite Pauanui turnoff. Follow Puketui Valley Rd to end.

**Access:** Gravel road.



LATITUDE: -37.10547 LONGITUDE: 175.73845

SCENIC

**40 Wentworth** 60

Once a large gold mining settlement, this is now a popular campsite near the Wentworth Falls.

**Directions:** Off SH25, 7 km south of Whangamata turn into Wentworth Valley Rd and follow to the end.

**Access:** 5 km gravel, small stream ford. **Booking:** Required in peak season, ph (07) 865 7032. Prior approval from camp manager required for dogs.



LATITUDE: -37.24682 LONGITUDE: 175.81819

SCENIC

# WAIKATO/ KING COUNTRY





Photo: DOC

**41 Arohena****▲ 50**

*On the western shores of Lake Arapuni on the Waikato River, great for fishing and water sports.*

**Directions:** From Waipapa Road, turn onto Pukewhau Rd, then Mangare Rd, then Landing Road. Campsite is at the end of Landing Road beside the Waikato River. **Access:** Last 1 km winding gravel. Cornering tight for large motor homes. **Note:** Bring your own firewood. Boat launching area but no boat ramp. Dogs with a DOC permit only, email [tekuiti@doc.govt.nz](mailto:tekuiti@doc.govt.nz).

LATITUDE: -38.16623 LONGITUDE: 175.65767

**STANDARD****42 Ngaherenga****▲ 16**

*Camp beside the towering Pureora Forest. Look for kākā, kākāriki, robins and short-tailed bats in the trees around the campsite.*

**Directions:** Barryville/Maraeroa Rds, off SH30, 20 km east of Benneydale adjacent to DOC's Pureora Base. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.51126 LONGITUDE: 175.56235

**STANDARD****43 Kakaho****▲ 25**

*Camp next to Kakaho Stream. Walk the Rimu Track through thick forest to a stunning viewpoint.*

**Directions:** Follow Link Rd from DOC's Pureora Base or Kakaho Rd from SH32. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Dogs with a DOC permit only, email [tekuiti@doc.govt.nz](mailto:tekuiti@doc.govt.nz).

LATITUDE: -38.56843 LONGITUDE: 175.71775

**STANDARD****44 Piropiro****▲ 16**

*At the midpoint of the Timber Trail cycleway, close to the Maramataha suspension bridge.*

**Directions:** Off SH4, on the Waimiha–Mangapehi Rd. Turn east at Waimiha over bridge onto Ongarue Stream Road, turn right onto Kokomiko Road.

**Access:** 13 km on gravel road from Kokomiko Road to campsite. **Note:** Dogs with a DOC permit only, email [tekuiti@doc.govt.nz](mailto:tekuiti@doc.govt.nz).

LATITUDE: -38.63323 LONGITUDE: 175.49112

**BASIC**

# BAY OF PLENTY



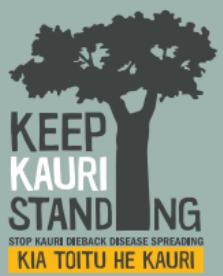
## Kauaeranga Visitor Centre

- ↳ Kauaeranga Valley Rd  
Thames
- ↳ (07) 867 9080
- ↳ [kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz)

## Te Wharehou o Waikaremōana

- ↳ Opourau, Home Bay SH38  
Te Urewera
- ↳ (06) 837 3900
- ↳ [teureweravc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:teureweravc@doc.govt.nz)

Help prevent  
the spread of  
kauri dieback  
disease, which  
is killing trees  
in Bay of Plenty  
– see page 4.



**45 Dickey Flat****▲ 35**

Campsite is located beside the Waitawheta River, known for its trout and some great swimming holes downstream.

**Directions:** Via Waitawheta Road, Kennedy Road and Dickey Flat Rd. **Access:** Gravel road.



LATITUDE: -37.43788

LONGITUDE: 175.74724

**STANDARD**

Photo: DOC

**46 Matata****▲ 40**

A coastal setting next to the Matata wildlife refuge, with excellent fishing and swimming in a family campsite.

**Directions:** Off Arawa Street in Matata township. Campground is 200 m across a causeway.

**Access:** Gravel road.



LATITUDE: -37.88639

LONGITUDE: 176.76059

**STANDARD**

Photo: Nick Lambert

**47 Lake Okareka****▲ 12**

Scenic lakeside campsite 15 min from Rotorua; swim or fish in the lake.

**Directions:** Head east out of Rotorua on SH30 towards Whakatane for 1.7km. Turn right into Tarawera Rd then turn left into Okareka Loop Rd. At Okareka, turn left into Millar Rd. Turn off to the campsite on the right where the seal ends.

**Access:** Sealed. **Note:** Not suitable for vehicles longer than 6m.



LATITUDE: -38.16203

LONGITUDE: 176.36073

**SCENIC**

**48 Lake Tarawera Outlet (Te Tapahoro)****▲ 50**

Camp alongside the lake in a large and attractive campsite where trout fishing and water sports are popular.

**Access:** Via private forestry roads from Kawerau township or boat access. **Note:** Permit required for vehicle access; go to [www.kawerauonline.co.nz](http://www.kawerauonline.co.nz) or the Kawerau Information Centre, ph (07) 323 6300.

LATITUDE: -38.18501

LONGITUDE: 176.50314

**SCENIC**

Photo: Brian Dobbie

**49 Hot Water Beach****▲ 30**

Camp in scenic surroundings and relax in the natural hot springs in Te Rata Bay.

**Directions:** Te Rata Bay, southern shores of Lake Tarawera, near the Waimangu Volcanic Valley.

**Access:** By boat (water taxis are available) or walk in via the Tarawera Trail. **Bookings:** Essential, contact (07) 349 3463. **Note:** Extremely popular during the summer months.

LATITUDE: -38.24410

LONGITUDE: 176.43375

**SCENIC****50 Rerewhakaaitu – Brett Rd****▲ 14**

Camp on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu; good fishing, swimming and walking nearby.

**Directions:** Off SH38, turn into Rerewhakaaitu Rd and follow for 2.7 km. Turn into Brett Rd, Awaatua Bay and follow 4.5 km to campsite. **Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -38.29974

LONGITUDE: 176.48145

**STANDARD****51 Rerewhakaaitu – Ash Pit Rd****▲ 30**

Camp on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu; take binoculars for watching water birds.

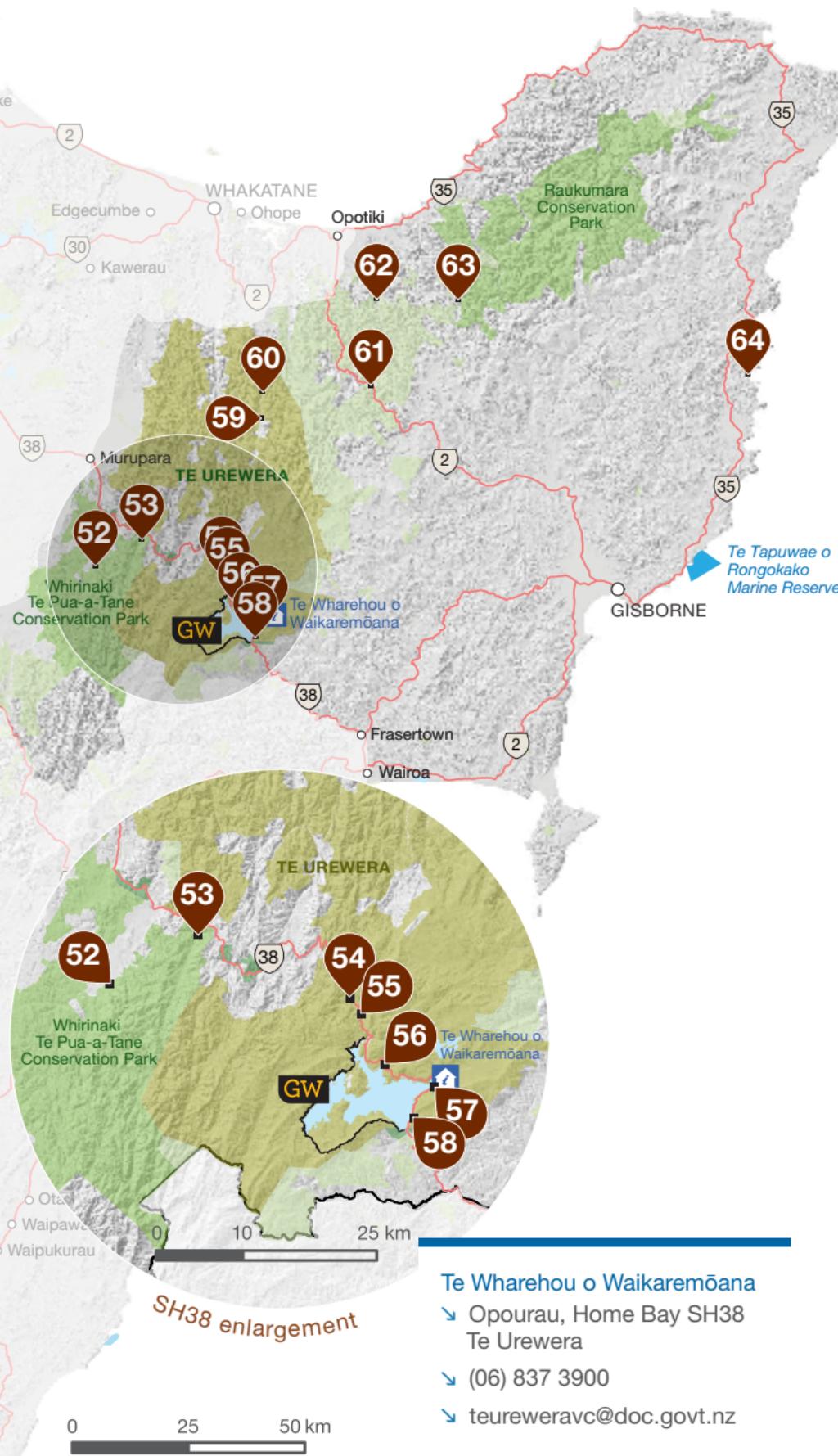
**Directions:** Off SH38, turn into Rerewhakaaitu Rd and follow for 2.7 km. Turn left into Brett Rd and follow to end. Turn right into Ash Pit Rd and follow to camp entrance. **Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -38.27738

LONGITUDE: 176.50742

**STANDARD**

# EAST COAST



**52** Sanctuary 3

*A small camp next to the Minginui Stream, walk through podocarp forest.*

**Directions:** From Minginui Rd turn into Sanctuary Rd and follow to the end. **Access:** Gravel from Minginui. **Note:** No dogs as this is a kiwi area.

LATITUDE: -38.66351 LONGITUDE: 176.72772

**BASIC** 15**53** Okahu Road

*Camp on grass terraces adjacent to Okahu Stream. Good picnicking and walking in the forest.*

**Directions:** Follow Ruatahuna Rd (formerly SH38) from Murupara and turn into Okahu Rd at Ngaputahi. **Access:** Gravel from Te Whaiti.

LATITUDE: -38.60930 LONGITUDE: 176.83976

**BASIC****Te Urewera**

As a result of Ngai Tūhoe's Treaty of Waitangi Settlement with the Crown for Te Urewera, the governance of Te Urewera is now the responsibility of Te Urewera Board, which comprises joint Tūhoe and Crown membership. Under the Te Urewera Act 2014, Te Urewera is no longer a national park, and has its own unique personal legal identity, for whom

the board members act as trustees.

The Department of Conservation supports Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatau in the operational management in Te Urewera, including in the maintenance of visitor facilities.

Te Urewera Board welcomes manuhiri (visitors), and advises the following campsites are available for use within Te Urewera.

**54** Orangihikoia 10

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

**Directions:** Next to Waikaremoana Rd (formerly SH38) between Te Whaiti and north of Lake Waikaremoana. **Access:** Gravel, narrow and winding.

LATITUDE: -38.66800 LONGITUDE: 177.04067

**BASIC****55** Te Taite A Makoro 10

*Camp by a stream, hunt, walk or relax.*

**Directions:** Next to Waikaremoana Rd (formerly SH38), 4 km north of Lake Waikaremoana. **Access:** Gravel, narrow and winding.

LATITUDE: -38.68253 LONGITUDE: 177.05644

**BASIC**



Photo: Brian Dobbie

**56 Mokau Landing**

40

*Large grassy site between native rainforest and the lake, 1.5 km from Mokau Falls*

**Directions:** Drive west around the lake for approx 10 km from SH38 at Aniwaniva. **Access:** Gravel, narrow and winding.

LATITUDE: -38.73296

LONGITUDE: 177.08975

STANDARD



Photo: DOC

**57 Waikaremoana Holiday Park**

32 26

*Camp next to the lake with beautiful views, visit the 1000-year-old rātā tree and Te Wharehou o Waikaremoana. Chalets and cabins available.*

**Directions:** Lake Waikaremoana, adjacent to SH38, in Opourau, Home Bay. Approx 1 hour (57 km) from Wairoa on SH38, some narrow and gravel sections. From Rotorua, after Murupara approx 2 hr drive on scenic winding gravel roads, with spectacular views. **Booking:** Required; ph (06) 837 3826 or visit [www.waikaremoana.info](http://www.waikaremoana.info).



LATITUDE: -38.75344

LONGITUDE: 177.15559

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*Camp at the lakeshore in a secluded bay with stunning views. This is a popular campsite and a good base for lake activities.*

**Directions:** Lake Waikaremoana, SH38, 10 km south of Te Urewera Visitor Centre. **Access:** Gravel, sections narrow and winding.



LATITUDE: -38.78602

LONGITUDE: 177.13036

BASIC

**69 Te Pakau (Eight Acre)****▲ 60**

*Once a dairy farm, this campsite is near the Waimana River. There are numerous walks into the spectacular forest nearby.*

**Directions:** Follow Bell Rd off SH2 near Waimana and then onto Matahi Valley Rd. Campsite is 27 km from SH2. **Access:** Gravel from Taneatua.

LATITUDE: -38.36411    LONGITUDE: 177.12078

**BASIC**

Photo: DOC

**60 Omahuru (Ogilvies)****▲ 40**

*Camp, swim, fish or relax beside the river in the Waimana valley. Take binoculars for birdwatching.*

**Directions:** 18 km from SH2, south of Opotiki and approx 4 km south of Wairata, Waioeka Gorge.

**Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.31269    LONGITUDE: 177.12122

**STANDARD****61 Manganuku****▲ 20**

*Camp beside one of the few remaining historical Howe truss bridges; good river fishing.*

**Directions:** Beside SH2, south of Opotiki and approx 4 km south of Wairata, Waioeka Gorge.

**Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -38.29072    LONGITUDE: 177.38542

**STANDARD**

**62 Boulders****▲ 16**

*Next to the Te Waiti Stream, surrounded by nīkau and tawa forest; popular for picnicking.*

**Directions:** South of Opotiki take Otara Rd and turn into Te Waiti Rd for 4 km. **Access:** Narrow gravel road with a low ford to cross. The track down to the campsite is steep and rough; if unsure park on the road instead.

LATITUDE: -38.12292

LONGITUDE: 177.39056

**BASIC****63 Whitikau****▲ 16**

*A remote campsite at Whitikau entrance to Raukumara Forest Park. Walk, tramp, fly fish, swim, mountain bike or hunt here.*

**Directions:** Takaputahi Rd, off old Motu Road, between Opotiki and Motu at the junction of the Whitikau Stream and Takaputahi River.

**Access:** Small campervans only; gravel road for 1 hr.

LATITUDE: -38.11724

LONGITUDE: 177.58985

**BASIC**

Photo: DOC

**64 Anaura Bay****▲ 75**

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

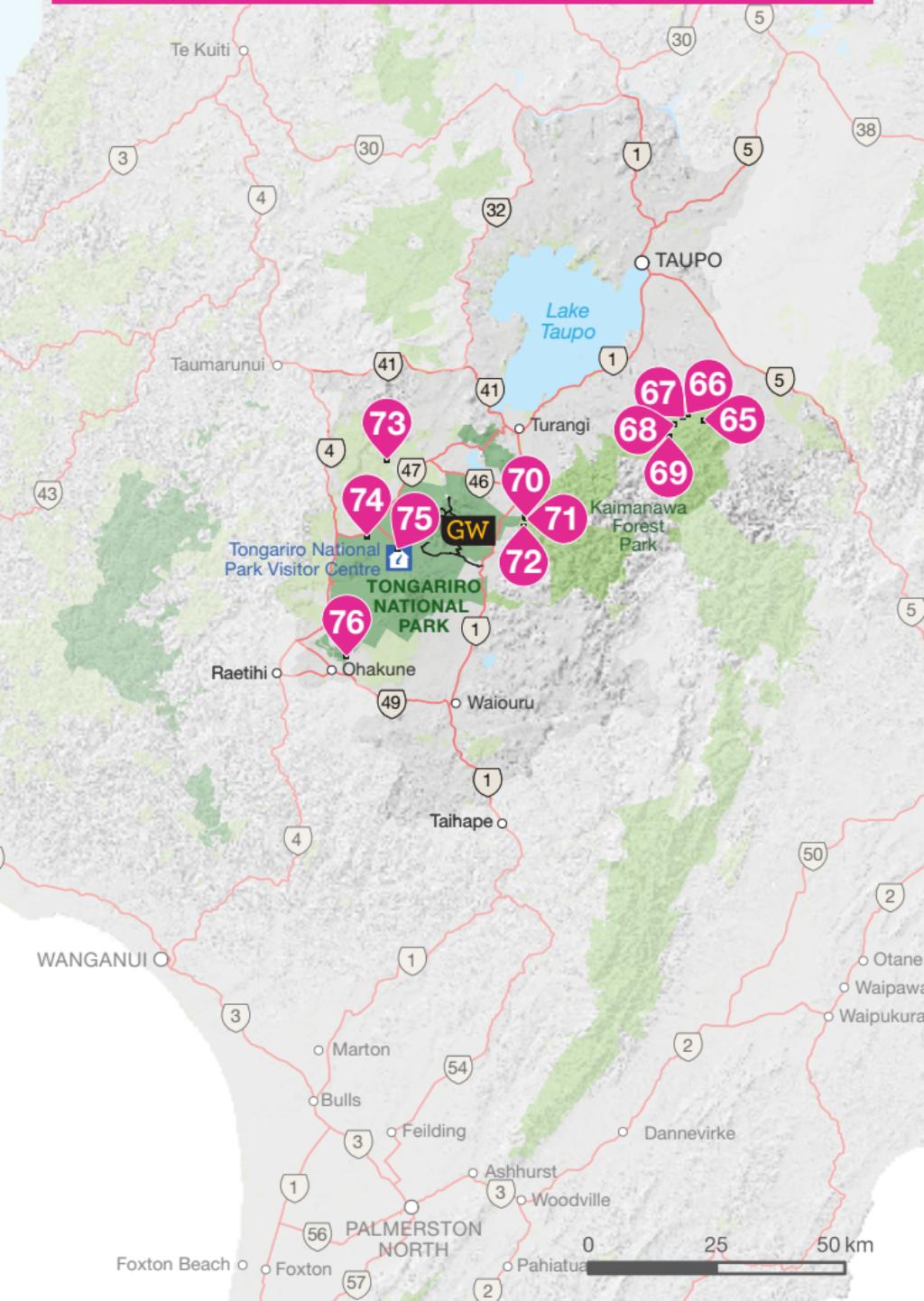
**Directions:** SH35, 85 km north of Gisborne, between Tolaga Bay and Tokomaru Bay. **Access:** Sealed road. **Note:** Open from Labour weekend (October) to Easter. Toilets NOT provided (bring your own chemical toilet). Dump station available Dec–Feb.

LATITUDE: -38.23304

LONGITUDE: 178.30831

**STANDARD**

# CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND



## Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre

- ↳ Whakapapa Village SH48, Mount Ruapehu
- ↳ (07) 892 3729
- ↳ [tongarirovoc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:tongarirovoc@doc.govt.nz)



**Warning:** Make sure you're well prepared as alpine weather changes quickly. Check in at the Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre before heading out into the alpine environment.

**65 Te Iringa** 4

*This site is at the start of the Te Iringa Track, which is popular for hunting, tramping and biking.*

**Directions:** 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 4 km.

**Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** No water, bring your own water supply.

LATITUDE: -38.95718 LONGITUDE: 176.22058

**BASIC****66 Clements Clearing** 25

*Large campsite; a good place to base yourself to explore the Kaimanawa Forest Park.*

**Directions:** 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 9 km.

**Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.94744 LONGITUDE: 176.18449

**BASIC****67 Kakapo** 4

*Campsite is near tall forest, scrubland and tussock grasses.*

**Directions:** 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 10 km.

**Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.95398 LONGITUDE: 176.17427

**BASIC****68 Army Road** 4

*Camp in an area of diverse terrain; activities include hunting, hiking, fishing and rafting.*

**Directions:** 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow for 12.5 km.

**Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.96796 LONGITUDE: 176.15483

**BASIC****69 Clements Road End** 4

*This site is at the start of the Hinemaiaia Track.*

**Directions:** 27 km east of Taupo, turn right off SH5 into Taharua Rd and follow for 9.5 km, then turn right into Clements Mill Rd and follow 21 km to road end. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -38.98849 LONGITUDE: 176.14278

**BASIC**



Photo: DOC

## 70 Waikoko

**▲ 20**

*Camp in a large sunny clearing above the river. Shelter with fireplace is available.*

**Directions:** 15 km south of Turangi on SH1, turn left onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km turn left, then left again over the bridge. **Note:** Late arrivals – information is available in letterbox outside office door.

LATITUDE: -39.13750 LONGITUDE: 175.83050

**BASIC**

## 71 Kaimanawa Road

**▲ 10**

*A rustic campsite set high above the road.*

**Directions:** 15 km south of Turangi on SH1, turn off onto Kaimanawa Rd. After 3.5 km turn right up the hill and take the first left. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** No water, bring your own water supply.

LATITUDE: -39.13734 LONGITUDE: 175.82617

**BASIC**

Photo: DOC

## 72 Urchin

**▲ 10**

*A quiet and remote campsite. Mountain bike the Tree Trunk Gorge or the Pillars of Hercules to Desert Road tracks.*

**Directions:** 15 km south of Turangi on SH1, turn off on to Kaimanawa Rd, after 3.5 km turn right and follow signs. **Access:** Gravel road. **Note:** Water is from 150m down the Tree Trunk Gorge Track.

LATITUDE: -39.15418 LONGITUDE: 175.82306

**BASIC**

## 73 Pokaka Mill

**▲ 30**

*A basic campsite in the Ruapehu area.*

**Directions:** Off SH47 at the end of Pukehinau Rd.

**Access:** Rough gravel road, 4WD recommended.

**Note:** No water, bring your own water supply. Dogs with DOC permit only, email [tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz).

LATITUDE: -39.04398 LONGITUDE: 175.50998

**BASIC**

**74 Mangahuia****▲ 21**

*Ski, hunt and mountain bike from this peaceful campsite at the edge of Tongariro National Park.*

**Directions:** Off SH47, 6 km east of National Park village. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -39.18005 LONGITUDE: 175.46979

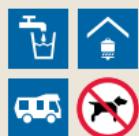
**SCENIC**

Photo: Whakapapa Holiday Park

**75 Whakapapa Motor Camp****▲ 44 ▲ 15**

*Camp in a large sunny clearing above the river.*

**Directions:** 15 km south of Turangi on SH1 turn left onto Kaimanawa Rd.

**Access:** Sealed.

**Booking:** Required. Book online at [www.whakapapa.net.nz](http://www.whakapapa.net.nz) or phone 07 892 3897 from 8 am to 6 pm.

**Note:** Fire permitted in the shelter with fireplace only. Do not cut/break live vegetation for firewood.



LATITUDE: -39.20104 LONGITUDE: 175.54004

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**76 Mangawhero****▲ 12**

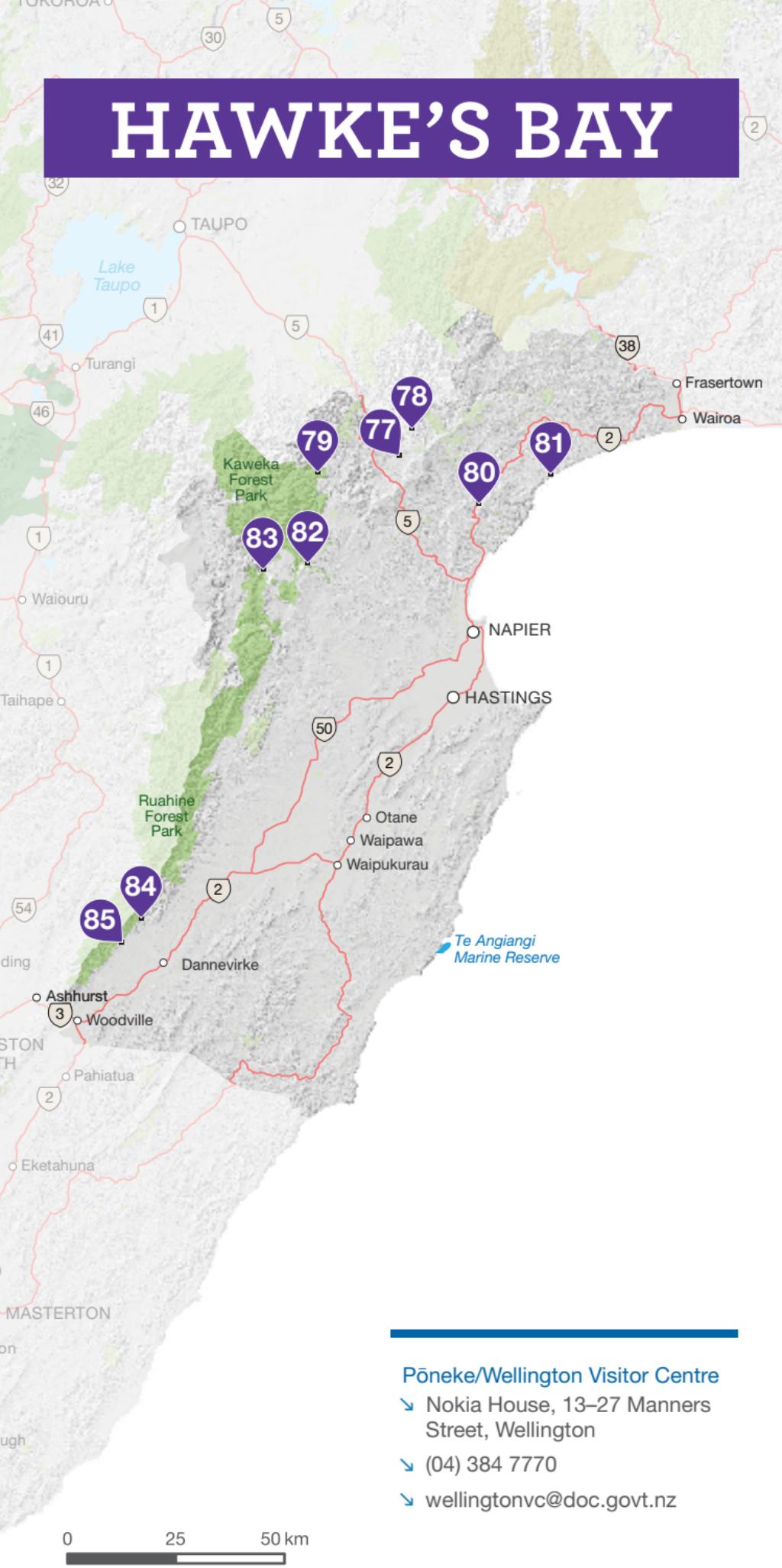
*Camp in the forest on the flanks of Mt Ruapehu; a good base for exploring the park.*

**Directions:** Ohakune Mountain Rd, 2 km from Ohakune. **Access:** Some gravel.

LATITUDE: -39.39168 LONGITUDE: 175.43079

**SCENIC**

# HAWKE'S BAY



Pōneke/Wellington Visitor Centre

- ↳ Nokia House, 13–27 Manners Street, Wellington
- ↳ (04) 384 7770
- ↳ [wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz)

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**77 Waitara/Glenfalls****▲ 20***Fish, swim, canoe or raft in the river.*

**Directions:** From SH5 turn into Waitara Rd (sealed), 2.1 km south of the Mohaka River bridge. Follow for 8 km.

**Access:** Gravel road at campsite.

LATITUDE: -39.14135 LONGITUDE: 176.67343

**BASIC****78 Everettts****▲ 20***Camp in a big grassy area beside the Mohaka River. Fish, swim, canoe or try white water rafting.*

**Directions:** From SH5 turn into Waitara Rd, 2.1 km south of the Mohaka River bridge. Follow for 16 km then turn into Aurora Rd and travel 5 km to sign.

**Access:** 24 km of gravel road. Stream ford and steep road, suitable for 4WD vehicles only. No campervans. Subject to slips—check doc.govt.nz for alerts.

LATITUDE: -39.08391 LONGITUDE: 176.70598

**BASIC****79 Mangatutu Hot Springs****▲ 45***Relax at the nearby thermal springs or go tramping, fishing, hunting, swimming or rafting.*

**Directions:** From Napier, take Puketitiri Rd then Pakatutu Rd for 9 km. Turn into Makahu Rd and follow to road end. **Access:** Gravel road. Stream ford (caution required) on Makahu Rd, 7.5 km from road end. No caravans or campervans.

LATITUDE: -39.18229 LONGITUDE: 176.45897

**BASIC**

Photo: Shellie Evans

**80 Lake Tūtira****▲ 30***Camp by the lake and walk to Table Mountain Trig for views from the inland ranges to the coast.*

**Directions:** Off SH2 at Tutira, 50 min north of Napier. **Access:** Sealed. **Note:** The lake may be subject to toxic algal blooms.

LATITUDE: -39.23329 LONGITUDE: 176.89277

**STANDARD**

**81 Waikare River Mouth****▲ 10**

Beside the Waikare River, a 10 minute walk to the beach for swimming, fishing and boating.

**Directions:** From SH2 at Putorino, turn into Waikare Rd and travel 13 km to road end. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -39.16637 LONGITUDE: 177.08014

**BASIC****82 Lawrence****▲ 5**

Access day and overnight walks from this site; fish, hunt, or canoe the Tutaekuri River.

**Directions:** From the Napier-Taihape road turn into Lawrence Rd near Kuripapango and travel 7 km to road end. **Access:** Gravel road, no campervans. Last 500 m only suitable for 4WD. **Note:** Logging trucks on road—take great care.

LATITUDE: -39.37122 LONGITUDE: 176.44171

**BASIC****83 Kuripapango****▲ 50**

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

**Directions:** On the Napier-Taihape road at Kuripapango. **Access:** 1 km gravel road off main road towards river.

LATITUDE: -39.38822 LONGITUDE: 176.32406

**BASIC****84 Tamaki West****▲ 10**

Camp in a clearing near Tamaki West River. Day and multi-day walks accessible from here.

**Directions:** From SH2 south of Dannevirke, turn into Laws Rd, right into Top Grass Rd, then left into Tamaki West Rd and follow to end. **Access:** 200 m walk from road end. **Note:** There is a creek crossing that may become impassable after heavy rain.

LATITUDE: -40.12026 LONGITUDE: 176.02904

**BASIC****85 Kumeti****▲ 15**

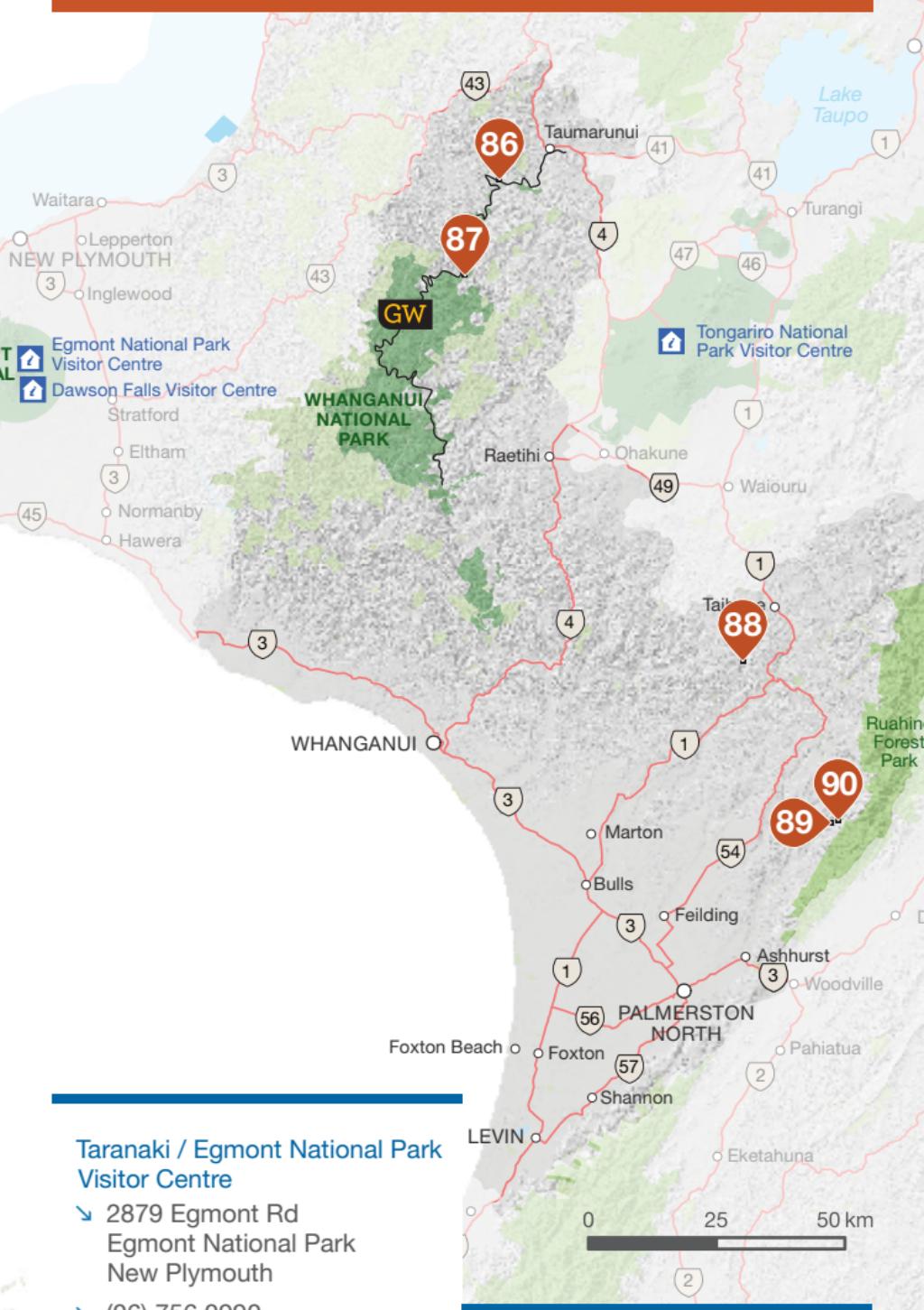
Camp in a clearing on the edge of the forest near a stream. Day walk (if you plan ahead and are well prepared) over the Ruahine Range.

**Directions:** From SH2 west of Dannevirke follow Maharahara Rd, then turn into Kumeti Rd and follow to end. **Access:** Gravel road for last 1.3 km. **Note:** Please take your own wood for the BBQ.

LATITUDE: -40.17100 LONGITUDE: 175.97931

**BASIC**

# MANAWATU/ WHANGANUI



## Taranaki / Egmont National Park Visitor Centre

- 2879 Egmont Rd  
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New Plymouth
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- egmontvc@doc.govt.nz

## Dawson Falls Visitor Centre

- Manaia Rd, Kaponga
- (027) 443 0248
- egmontvc@doc.govt.nz

## Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre

- Whakapapa Village  
SH48, Mount Ruapehu
- (07) 892 3729
- tongarirovc@doc.govt.nz

**86 Ohinepane****▲ 36**

*Camp in a remote setting—one of four road access points to the Whanganui Journey. Look and listen for brown kiwi at night.*

**Directions:** Whanganui River Road, on SH43, 21 km southwest from Taumarunui. **Access:** Road or by river. Take care when turning into the reserve. A large vehicle turning area is located 2 km west of the entrance. **Booking:** Only required if staying as part of the Whanganui Journey Great Walk (book online).

LATITUDE: -38.94152 LONGITUDE: 175.14618

**STANDARD***Photo: Matti Vuorre***87 Whakahoro****▲ 36**

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

**Directions:** 44 km west of Owhango, off SH4 at the end of Oio Road. **Access:** Road or by river.

**Booking:** Only required if staying as part of the Whanganui Journey Great Walk (book online).

LATITUDE: -39.10924 LONGITUDE: 175.07087

**STANDARD***Whakahoro. Photo: Daniel Deans*

**88 Simpsons Domain**

20

*A very basic campsite set in a spectacular forest just 5 mins off State Highway 1.*



**Directions:** From SH1, just north of Hunterville turn west into Murimoto Road. Continue down Murimoto Road until you reach the domain. **Access:** Sealed road. **Note:** No water provided, bring your own.

LATITUDE: -39.90055 LONGITUDE: 175.59753

BASIC



**GREAT WALKS**

*Photo: Janette Asche*

**Whanganui Journey**

**Book today or visit [greatwalks.co.nz](http://greatwalks.co.nz)**

**89 Piripiri**

4

*The campsite is in a small clearing next to the Pohangina River, with good trout fishing and hunting upstream of the campsite.*



**Directions:** From Ashhurst, drive north along Cambridge Ave/Pohangina Road, then right into Pohangina Valley East Road. Follow for approx 25 km. Camp is just past the Takapari Road turnoff by the Piripiri Bridge. **Access:** Access for campervans only in dry weather. Sealed road. Short, steep access track may be slippery when wet.

LATITUDE: -40.05241 LONGITUDE: 175.93741

BASIC

**90 Pohangina Base**

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*Campsite overlooks the Pohangina River to the west of the Ruahine Forest Park.*



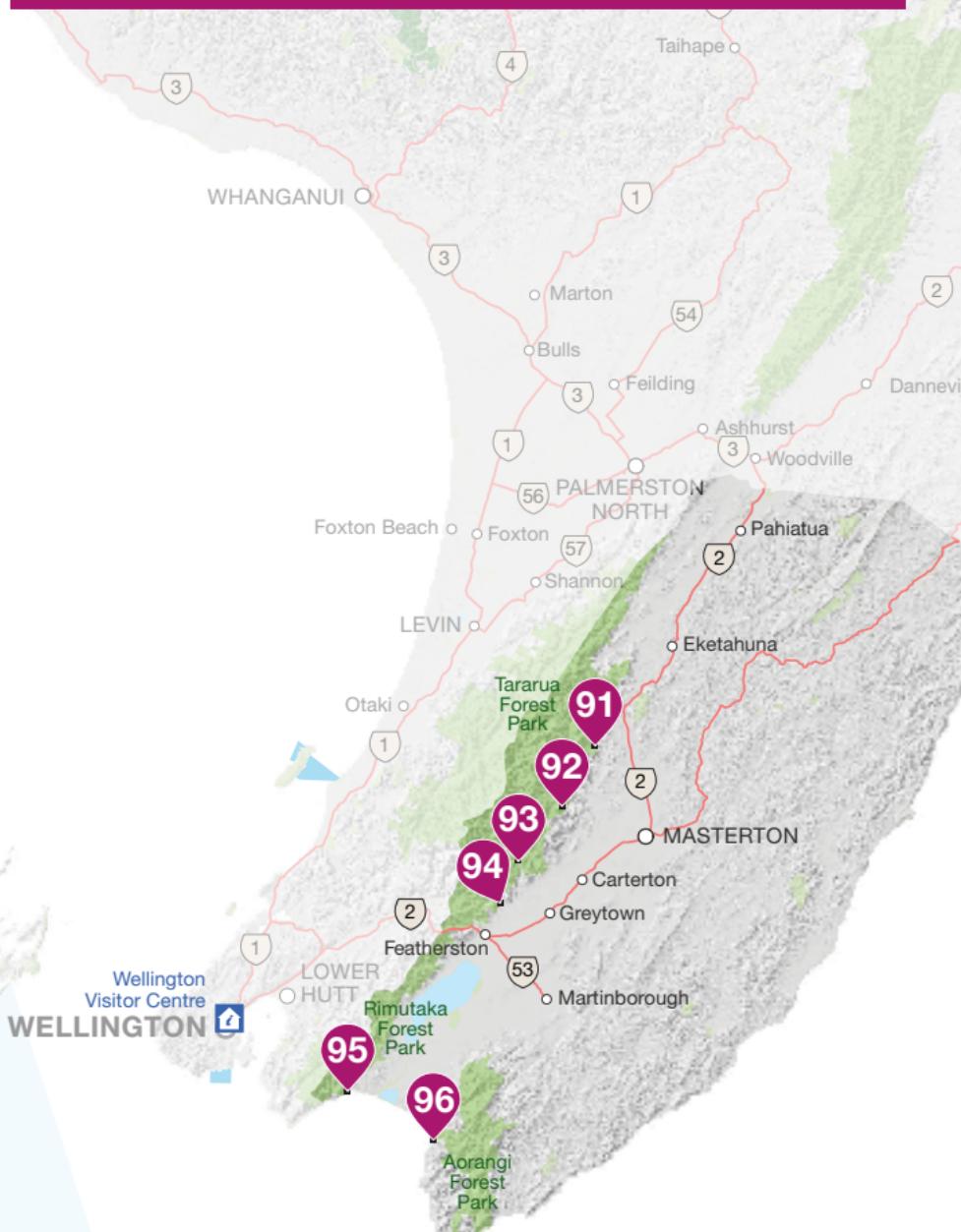
**Directions:** From Ashhurst, drive north along Cambridge Ave/Pohangina Road, then right into Pohangina Valley East Road. Follow for approx 25 km. Camp is approx 1 km past the Takapari Road turnoff. **Access:** Sealed, then mown grass.

**Note:** Campsites **must** be booked online or through the Palmerston North Office (06) 350 9700 to obtain access.

LATITUDE: -40.04734 LONGITUDE: 175.95671

STANDARD

# WAIRARAPA



## Pōneke/Wellington Visitor Centre

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- ↳ (04) 384 7770
- ↳ [wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz)

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**91 Kiriwhakapapa****▲ 15**

*This is a lovely family campsite beside a creek, with an old logging and exotic (redwood) forestry trial area nearby.*

**Directions:** Turn off SH2 15 km north of Masterton onto Kiriwhakapapa Rd, and follow 7 km to road end. **Access:** 5 km of gravel road.

LATITUDE: -40.80798 LONGITUDE: 175.54611

**STANDARD***Photo: DOC***92 Holdsworth****▲ 150**

*Spacious campsite on the eastern edge of the Tararua Forest Park. Holdsworth Lodge (sleeps 28) also available.*

**Directions:** 2 km south of Masterton, turn off SH2 at signpost to Mt Holdsworth, Norfolk Rd. Follow to Mount Holdsworth Rd. Campsite is 15 km from the SH turnoff. **Access:** Sealed.

LATITUDE: -40.90666 LONGITUDE: 175.48016

**STANDARD****93 Waiohine Gorge****▲ 50**

*This secluded campsite is at the head of two spectacular gorges above the Waiohine River; popular for rafting, canoeing and outdoor ed.*

**Directions:** From Carterton turn off SH2 onto Dalefield Rd, Jervois Rd, Moffats Rd. Turn onto Waiohine Gorge Rd and follow to end, approx. 15 km from SH2. **Access:** Gravel road for final 9 km, 1 stream ford.

LATITUDE: -40.99602 LONGITUDE: 175.39027

**STANDARD**

**94 Bucks Road****▲ 25**

*Picturesque campsite above the Tauherenikau River. Walk the Tauherenikau Gorge track or cool off with a swim in the river.*

**Directions:** 15 minutes from Featherston, via Wakefield St, Underhill Rd then Bucks Rd to the end. **Access:** 5 km of gravel with steep sections.

**Note:** The site can get extremely windy.

LATITUDE: -41.06512

LONGITUDE: 175.3532

**BASIC**

Photo: Craig Harrison

**95 Corner Creek****▲ 12**

*Just a 5 min walk from Palliser Bay; go fishing, surfing, walking, hunting and mountain biking.*

**Directions:** 38 km south of Featherston, along Western Lake Rd to Wharekauhau Rd. **Access:** Gravel road last 5 km, two stream fords. Accessible only from the eastern side of the Rimutaka range.

LATITUDE: -41.37365

LONGITUDE: 175.03884

**STANDARD**

Photo: DOC

**96 Putangirua Pinnacles****▲ 50**

*Sited beside the Putangirua Stream; walk to the impressive Putangirua Pinnacles or drive to the seal colony near Cape Palliser.*

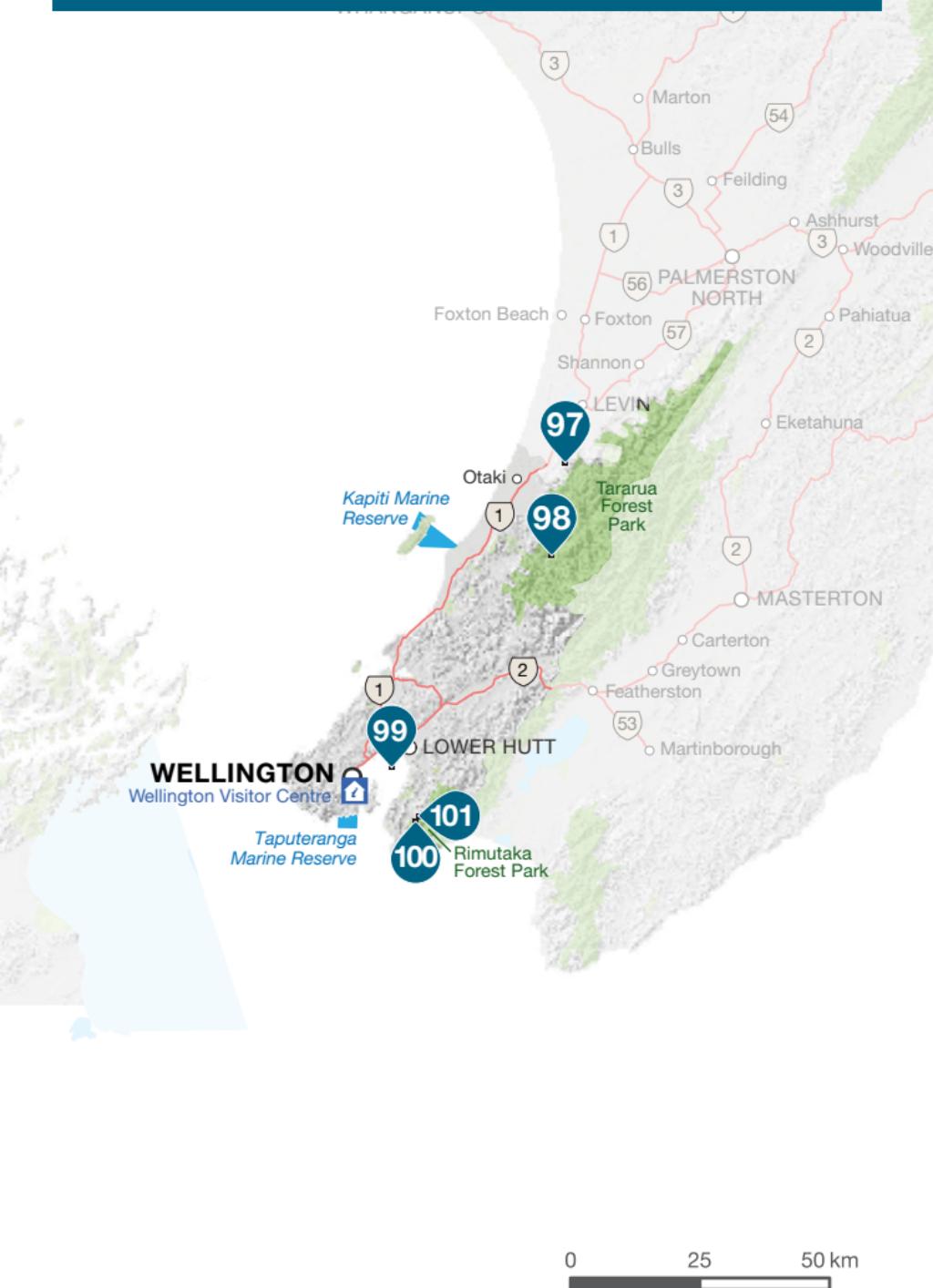
**Directions:** 58 km south of Martinborough, via Lake Ferry Road, then turn into Cape Palliser Road and follow this for 13 km. **Access:** Sealed. **Note:** Water is from stream through tap; boil before drinking.

LATITUDE: -41.45015

LONGITUDE: 175.22403

**STANDARD**

# WELLINGTON/ KAPITI



## Pōneke/Wellington Visitor Centre

- ↳ Nokia House, 13–27 Manners Street, Wellington
- ↳ (04) 384 7770
- ↳ [wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz)

## ! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE

Matiu/Somes is a pest-free island. Check your gear and clothing for seeds and pests before you travel—see page 4.

**97 Waikawa****▲ 15**

*Watch for fantails, tūī and bellbirds. Short walks, day trips and tramps nearby.*

**Directions:** Turn east into North Manakau Rd, 9 km north of Otaki on SH1. **Access:** Gravel road.

LATITUDE: -40.72079 LONGITUDE: 175.24682

**BASIC****98 Otaki Forks****▲ 150**

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

**Directions:** 1 km south of Otaki, turn into Otaki Gorge Rd. Campsite is 19 km east of Otaki township. **Access:** Gravel and narrow, with one stream ford. **Note:** Campground warden on site.

LATITUDE: -40.88273 LONGITUDE: 175.22165

**STANDARD**

Photo: Matt Barnett

**99 Matiu/Somes Island****! CHECK YOU ARE PEST FREE****▲ 12**

*Visit this historic predator-free island, and camp among the remnants of the quarantine station and wartime internment camp.*

**Access:** Ferry from Wellington or Days Bay. Also by kayak or private vessel. There are strict landing and mooring requirements on the island; please check with the Visitor Centre before you go. **Bookings:** Required; book online or at the Wellington Visitor Centre, ph (04) 384 7770. **Note:** Campers must meet biosecurity requirements. The island can be closed because of extreme fire risk in summer.

LATITUDE: -41.25784 LONGITUDE: 174.86574

**SCENIC**



Photo: DOC

**100 Catchpool Valley****▲ 150**

*Camp beside Catchpool Stream close to walks in the Orongorongo Valley.*

**Directions:** South of Wainuiomata follow the Coast Rd for 10 km and turn into the main Rimutaka Forest Park entrance. The campsite is clearly signposted 2.5 km past the park entrance. **Access:** Short section of gravel road and stream ford. **Note:** Gates open in summer from 6 am–8 pm and in winter from 6 am–6 pm. A 24-hr emergency phone is at the Catchpool Education/Conference Centre. Campground warden on site.

LATITUDE: -41.35195    LONGITUDE: 174.92309

**SCENIC**

Photo: Pete Blaxter

**101 Graces Stream****▲ 10**

*Camp beside Graces Stream, close to walks in the Orongorongo Valley.*

**Directions:** South of Wainuiomata follow the Coast Rd for 10 km to the main Rimutaka Forest Park entrance. Drive 2.5 km to the top car park (800 m past the Catchpool car park). **Access:** Short section of gravel and stream ford. Campsite is a 15 min walk from the top car park along the Five Mile Track. **Note:** Gates open in summer from 6 am–8 pm and in winter from 6 am–6 pm. A 24-hr emergency phone is at the Catchpool Education/Conference Centre.

LATITUDE: -41.34253    LONGITUDE: 174.93262

**BACKCOUNTRY**

# MAP KEY

## Public Conservation Land

- National park
- Conservation park
- Other public conservation land

## Marine Protected areas

- Marine reserve
- Marine mammal sanctuary



Campsites



DOC Visitor Centre



Town/city



Great Walk



State/provincial highway



Te Urewera

## Abbreviations

SH = State Highway; VC = Visitor Centre; NP = National Park

## GPS coordinates

The GPS coordinates in this guide can be entered into your GPS unit or smartphone to find a campsite. For example, to find the Fantail Bay campsite, enter -36.52479, 175.32816. Remember to enter the negative symbol and separate the numbers by a comma.

### Water

- Water from tap
- Water from stream
- No water, bring your own

### Access

- Wheelchair accessible<sup>†</sup>
- Wheelchair accessible with assistance<sup>†</sup>
- Campervan accessible
- No campervans

### Facilities

- BBQ (wood or gas)
- Cookers/electric stove
- Cooking shelter
- Cold shower
- Hot shower
- Dump station\*
- Shop
- Café
- Petrol available
- Boat launching

### Animals

- Dogs allowed. Keep your dog under control at all times
- Dogs on a leash only
- No dogs
- No horses

### Booking

- Able to be booked online at [booking.doc.govt.nz](http://booking.doc.govt.nz)

### Campfires

- Permitted
- Fires not permitted at any time

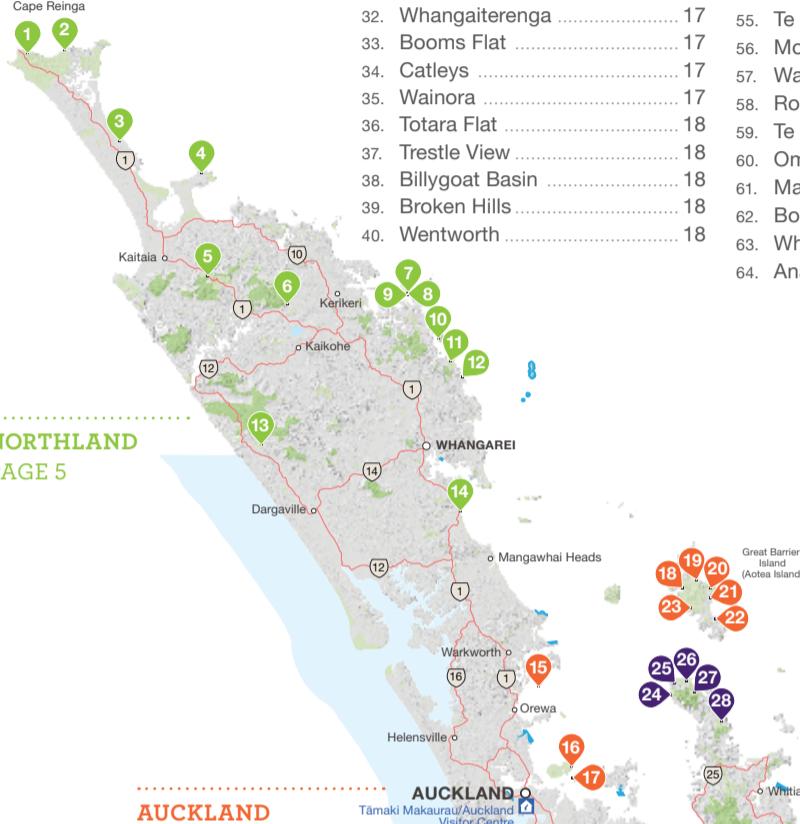
Number of campsites

Number of powered sites

\* A full list of dump stations is available from Visitor Centres or at [www.tourism.govt.nz](http://www.tourism.govt.nz)

† Wheelchair accessible facilities may include toilets, water supply, showers, picnic tables, kitchens and pathways.

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3. Rarawa	6	17. Motuihe Island	11	43. Kakaho	20	67. Kakapo	30
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6. Puketi	7	20. Harataonga	13	<b>BAY OF PLENTY</b>	<b>21</b>	70. Waikoko	31
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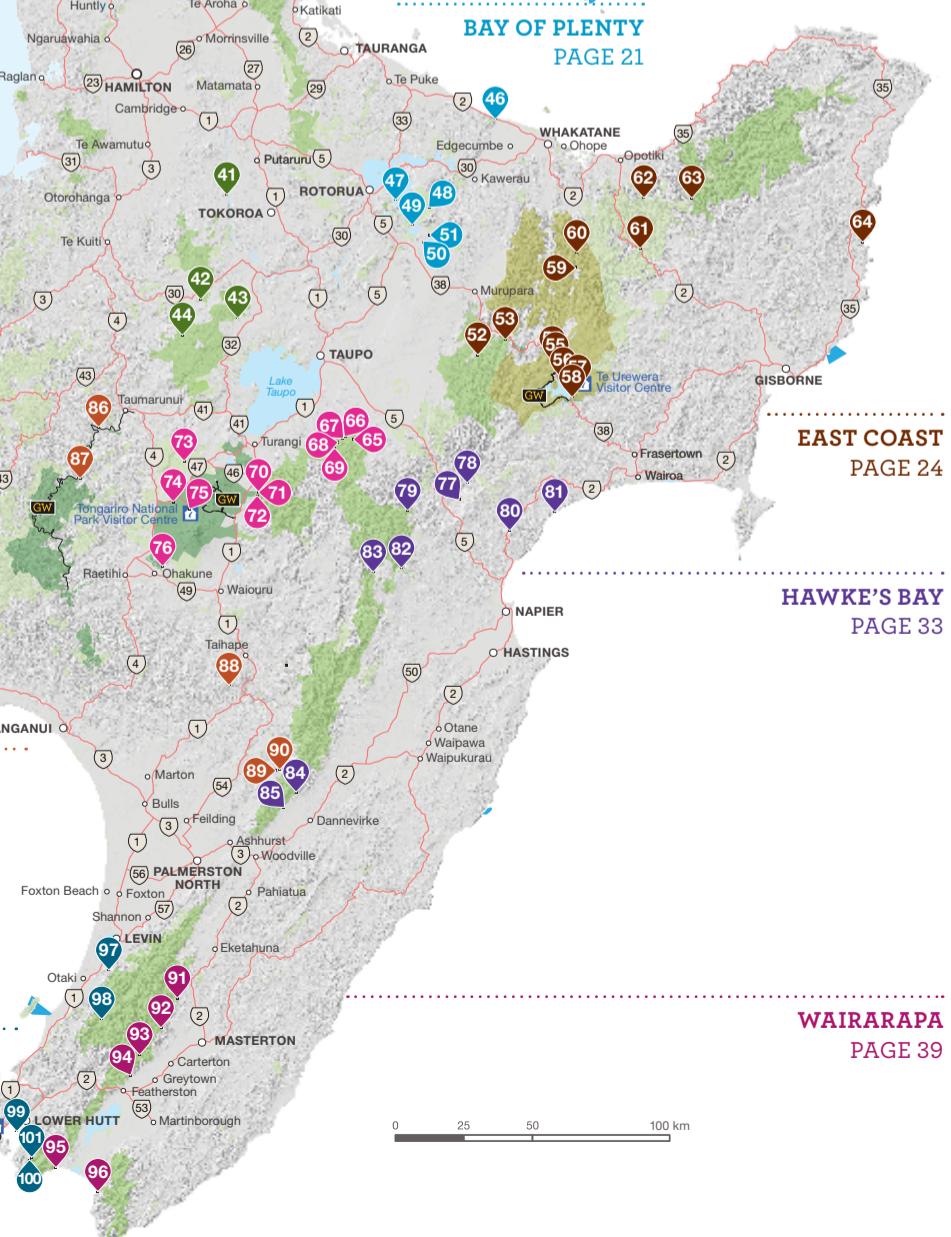
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