

**EXPLORE**

**UPPER  
HUTT**



# MUST DO

# WELCOME

- 1 Grab a coffee and delicious brunch from one of the many cafés in our city centre. Experience the famous **Wellington café culture** at its best. Wind down with dinner at one of our gourmet eateries for a relaxed environment and exquisite food.
- 2 Take a journey to Middle-earth in Kaitoke Regional Park and relive the magic of ***The Lord of the Rings*** trilogy. Visit the set locations of *Rivendell*, *Helm's Deep*, *Isengard*, and *The Great River Anduin*.
- 3 Head to **Expressions Whirinaki Arts and Entertainment Centre** for a taste of world-class visual arts and some of New Zealand's most notable theatre talent.

- 4 Quench your thirst at **Brewtown**, home to five craft breweries serving up award-winning locally crafted beer and food matches—five minutes walk from Upper Hutt train station.
- 5 Enter another world in the Akatarawa Valley, where **Staglands Wildlife Reserve** sits nestled in its centre—an interactive wildlife park for all ages. With no barriers between you and the animals, this is a truly unique destination.
- 6 Let the kids loose in Upper Hutt's premier parks like **Maidstone Max** and **Harcourt Park**—full of BBQ areas, splash pools, flying foxes, skate parks, adventure playgrounds, disc golf, and more.

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# BEFORE YOU GO

The boundaries of Upper Hutt extend from Silverstream Bridge in the south-west to the summits of the Remutaka Range in the east and Akatarawa Range in the north. We have over 80 attractive parks and gardens, with majestic trees, and picnic and play areas throughout the city.

This selection of walkways are classified according to the following scale **EASY**: walking path, **INTERMEDIATE**: some fitness required, and **ADVANCED**: tramping experience required.

Times stated are estimates for family groups.



Toilet facilities



Dog Friendly



Food for sale



Dogs prohibited



Picnicking



Shared with other users



Camping



Parking available



Lookout



Point of interest

Difficulty levels

EASY

INTERMEDIATE

ADVANCED

## PLEASE REMEMBER

If you're going on any walk or tramp which will lead you to isolated areas, take time to plan your trip. Not all areas have cellular coverage.



Go with one or more friends.



Tell someone where you plan to walk and approximately how long it will take.



Wear suitable warm clothing and strong footwear.



Be particularly careful regarding fires, cigarettes, and dogs. Many of the tracks are in forestry areas.



Remove any litter and dog droppings.



Check for weather updates at [metservice.com](http://metservice.com)



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## KEITH GEORGE MEMORIAL PARK

Keith George Memorial Park is situated on State Highway 2, close to Silverstream Bridge. The tracks lead up through a mixture of the Hutt Valley's original beech and tawa forest. There is an information board with a full map at the carpark.

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### LOOPTRACK

ADVANCED



| < 1 HOUR

The lower loop track is a benched walk through the lower parts of the park. Travelling south, from the car park, to the original entrance to the park, the track then steps uphill, before looping back onto itself.

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### TRIG AND NORTH RIDGE LOOP

ADVANCED



| 2.5 HOURS

Walkers can walk up either of these tracks across the pylon track and back down the other track.

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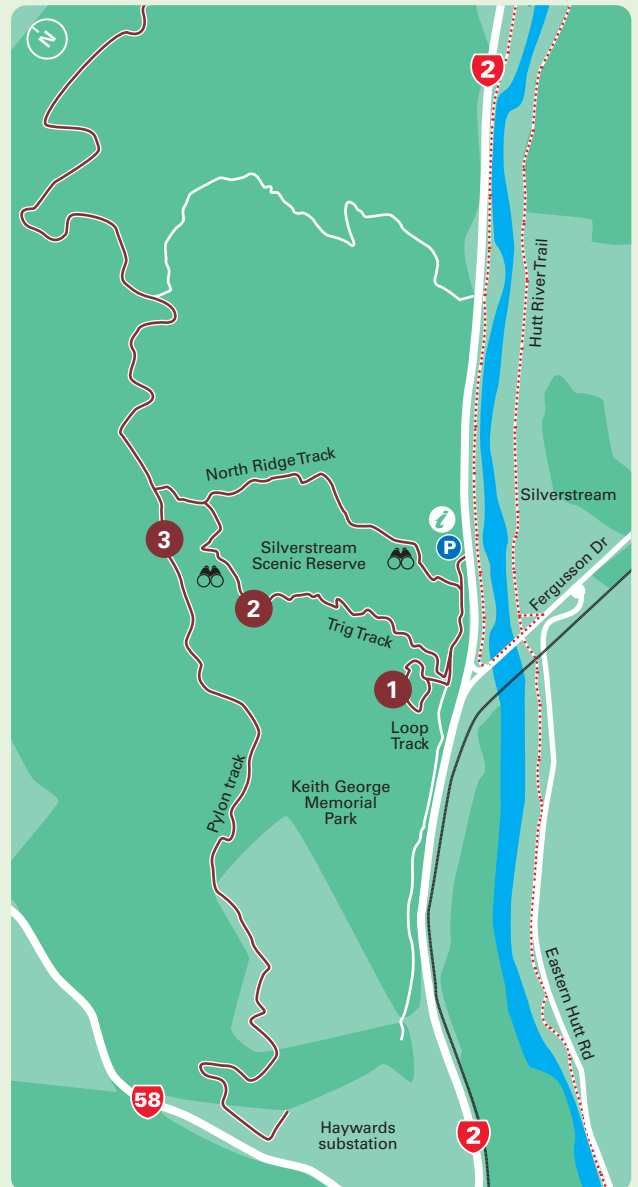
### MOONSHINE – STATE HIGHWAY 58 WALK

ADVANCED



| 4 HOURS

Once reached, via either the Trig or North Ridge Track the Pylon Track can be walked either through to State Highway 58 or Moonshine Road.



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## ECCLESFIELD RESERVE

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MULTIPLE TRACKS | 40 MINUTES

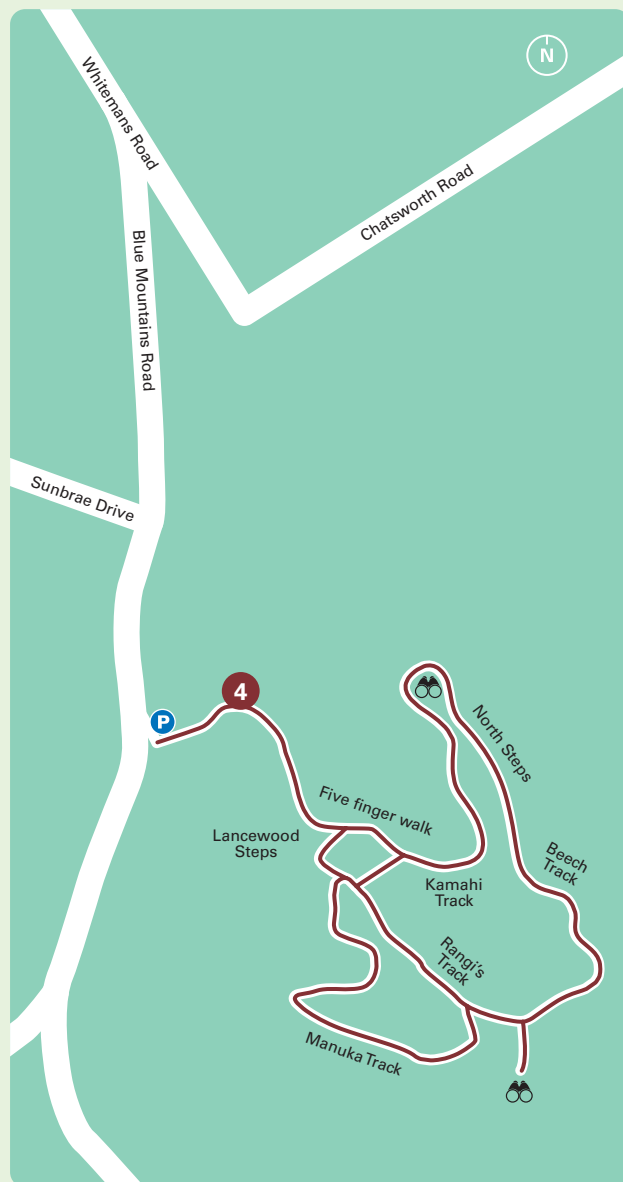
INTERMEDIATE



Ecclesfield reserve is on Blue Mountains Road next to number 31. There is limited car parking available. Ecclesfield Reserve was donated to the Royal Forest and Bird Society in 1965 by Miss E M North.

The reserve has easy walking tracks through tawa and beech forest. Many other native trees and plants can be found. The tracks are well marked with a look out situated at the western corner of the reserve on the Te Kouka Knob. Views of the surrounding area can also be obtained from other vantage points.

For more information on the Royal Forest and Bird Society, go to [www.forestandbird.org.nz/branches/upper-hutt](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/branches/upper-hutt)



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## PINEHAVEN RESERVE



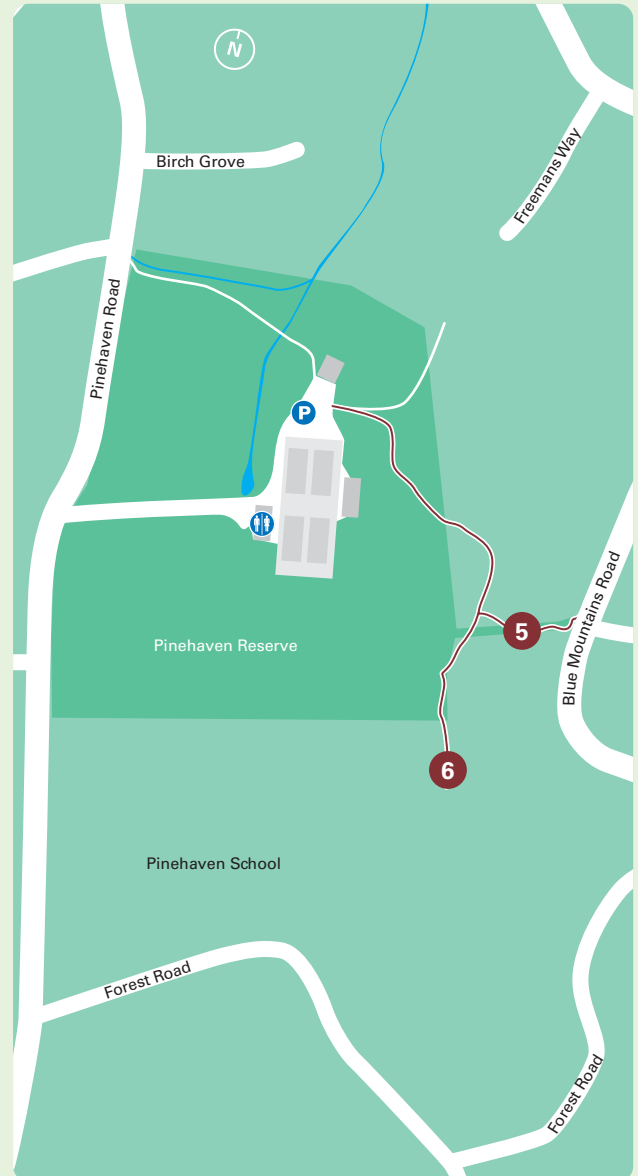
Starting by the Pinehaven Scouts building at the Pinehaven Reserve, a fork of two short tracks moves through a mixture of beech and tawa forest. Enter Pinehaven Reserve from Pinehaven Road. Car parking is available. The reserve is also on the local bus route.

**5** **BLUE MOUNTAINS ROAD TRACK**  
INTERMEDIATE     | 15 MINUTES

This part of the fork graduates to steps reaching to Blue Mountains Road.

**6** **PINEHAVEN SCHOOL TRACK**  
EASY     | 15 MINUTES

A short easy-walking track which ends at Pinehaven School.



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## TRENTHAM MEMORIAL PARK



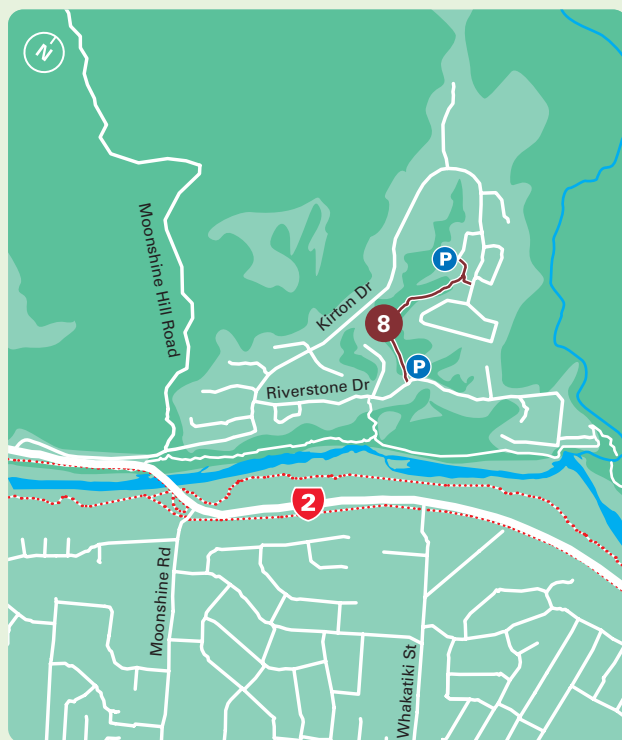
### 7 BARTON'S BUSH | 30 MIN – 1 HR



Flat, easy walking tracks wind through the largest remaining area of lowland mixed podocarp/broadleaf forest in the Hutt Valley. The matai, kahikatea, and totara, over a canopy of tawa is representative of the forest that once clothed the lower terraces of the Hutt River. A great educational resource alongside other recreational activities.

Trentham Memorial Park can be accessed from Barton Road or Brentwood Street. Access to Barton's Bush is also available from Holdsworth Avenue or the Hutt River Trail.

## RIVERSTONE



### 8 RIVERSTONE BUSH | 15 MIN – 1 HR



Riverstone Bush is a regenerating valley of mixed podocarp containing some remnants of the vegetation that used to clad the area. The track links Riverstone Drive with Ronald Scott Grove. Walkers can do a loop walk by walking the walkway and then walking up Ronald Scott Grove, down Kirton Drive and back down Riverstone Drive.

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## HUTT RIVER TRAIL

The Hutt River Trail (HRT) makes up a section of the Rimutaka Cycle Trail and runs the length of the Hutt River, from the Petone Foreshore, as far as Kaitoke Regional Park. As such, it is a shared pathway that both cyclists and walkers enjoy. There are many entry points to the trail between Petone and Upper Hutt, so detours to other walking areas in Upper Hutt are also possible.



This booklet focuses on the Upper Hutt sections of the Hutt River Trail. Refer to the centrefold map for more detail.

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### SILVERSTREAM – MOONSHINE | 1 HOUR

INTERMEDIATE



A gravel service road gives walkers and vehicles access to the west river bank between Silverstream and Moonshine. Vehicles can also use the eastern track through Moonshine Park. Trentham Memorial Park and Barton's Bush are accessible from this section of the River Trail with gates allowing walking and cycle access down to the river. Parts of the trail cross private land (Royal Wellington Golf Club). Please stay on the track and respect private property.

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### MOONSHINE – TOTARA PARK | 1 HOUR

INTERMEDIATE



Upstream from Moonshine Bridge, large trees shade pleasant picnic spots at Poets Park. The Trail is accessed from River Road (SH2) and follows service tracks along the eastern river bank to Totara Park Bridge.



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Remutaka  
CYCLE TRAIL



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GREAT RIDE



### STAGLANDS WILDLIFE RESERVE

Staglands Wildlife Reserve is an ideal treat for the whole family. Interact with the animals and enjoy learning about the history of New Zealand wildlife and the Akatarawa Valley.

2362 Akatarawa Road | [www.staglands.co.nz](http://www.staglands.co.nz)



### H<sub>2</sub>O XTREAM AQUATIC CENTRE

Whatever the weather, H<sub>2</sub>O Xtream is great water fun for the whole family—including waves, river ride, and slides; plus a spa, sauna, and steam room for the adults.

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WHITEMANS VALLEY



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## CANNON POINT AND BIRCHVILLE DAM



**12** CANNON POINT WALKWAY | 1 – 4 HOURS  
 INTERMEDIATE

The Cannon Point walkway can be accessed from Tulsa Grove in Totara Park or Bridge Road, Akatarawa. Car parking is available at both ends of walkway.

The walkway provides a very pleasant walk through areas of regenerating vegetation and mature bush, to the top of a prominent ridge overlooking the Hutt Valley. From Bridge Road car park the walk follows the pipeline from the old Birchville reservoir. Once past the Birchville Dam, the track follows a graded climb out of the valley to the hilltops above Cannon Point. There is a shorter zig-zag track down the southern face of the hill, or a longer descent following the forest access road.

The track passes through private property at the Tulsa Grove end. The owner of the private property has authorised use of their land under the condition that no dogs be taken on it.



**Remutaka CYCLE TRAIL**  
  
 NGA HAERENGA THE NEW ZEALAND CYCLE TRAIL GREAT RIDE

**11** TOTARA PARK – TE MARUA | 2 HOURS  
 INTERMEDIATE

Follow the gravel service road from Totara Park Bridge past Maoribank to Harcourt Park. Here you will find an adventure playground, holiday park and toilets. From Harcourt Park you can cross the footbridge and continue upstream along the west bank to Bridge Road or follow Akatarawa Road to Birchville.

From the Bridge Road/Akatarawa Road intersection the trail follows the river, behind houses on Gemstone Drive, back to SH2. It then follows SH2 to Te Marua, going under the Mangaroa River Bridge.

From Te Marua, walkers can access Tunnel Gully and Kaitoke Regional Park. A new underpass links Tunnel Gully with Kaitoke Regional Park at the top of Kaitoke Hill.

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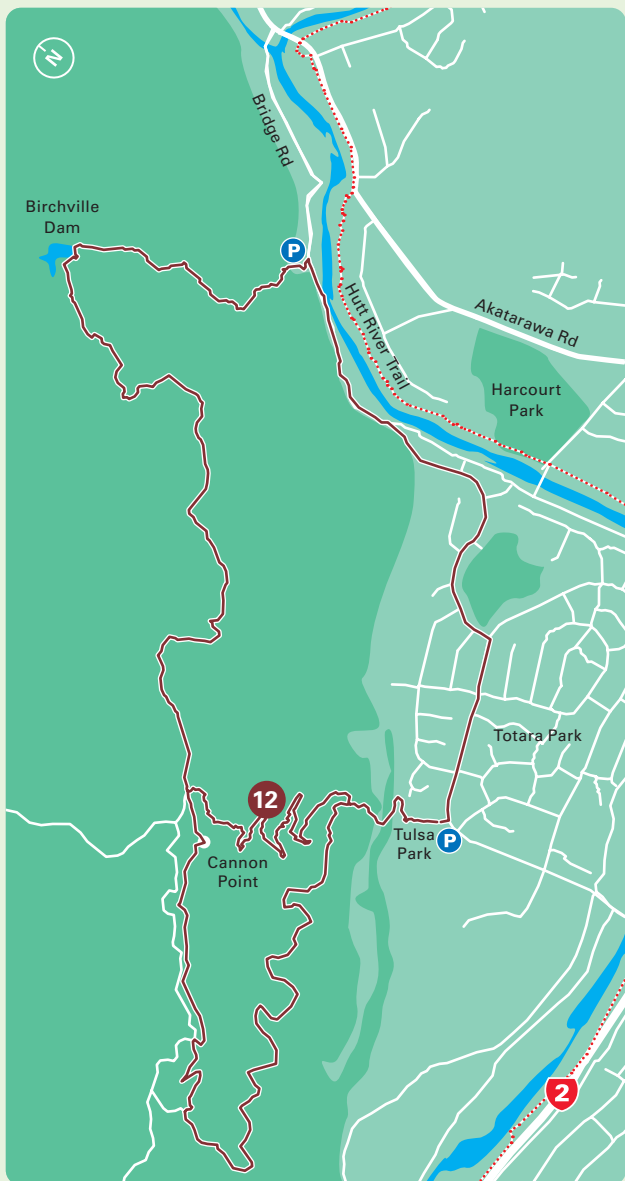
Upper Hutt City is 30 km north-east of Wellington City and is home to a significant portion of the region's parks and reserves. Our borders encompass some 52,000 hectares, most of which is dedicated to forestry and reserve land. This makes us an ideal destination for outdoor exploration, recreation, and fun.

Kaitoke Regional Park has one of the best examples of true temperate rainforest in Wellington. 80% of the plants in the forest are native and only found in New Zealand.

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## MAIDSTONE PARK



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MAIDSTONE PARK | 30 – 45 MINUTES

INTERMEDIATE



Maidstone Park bush walks are accessible from within the park off Park Street, or from Seymour Grove in Kingsley Heights.

Situated on the hills at the rear of Maidstone Park, these walks range from a lower walk passing through native bush and ferns to higher walks reaching to the ridge line giving good views of both Upper Hutt and Mangaroa Valleys.

Maidstone Park is also close to the Upper Hutt Station.



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## KARAPOTI GORGE AND FOREST



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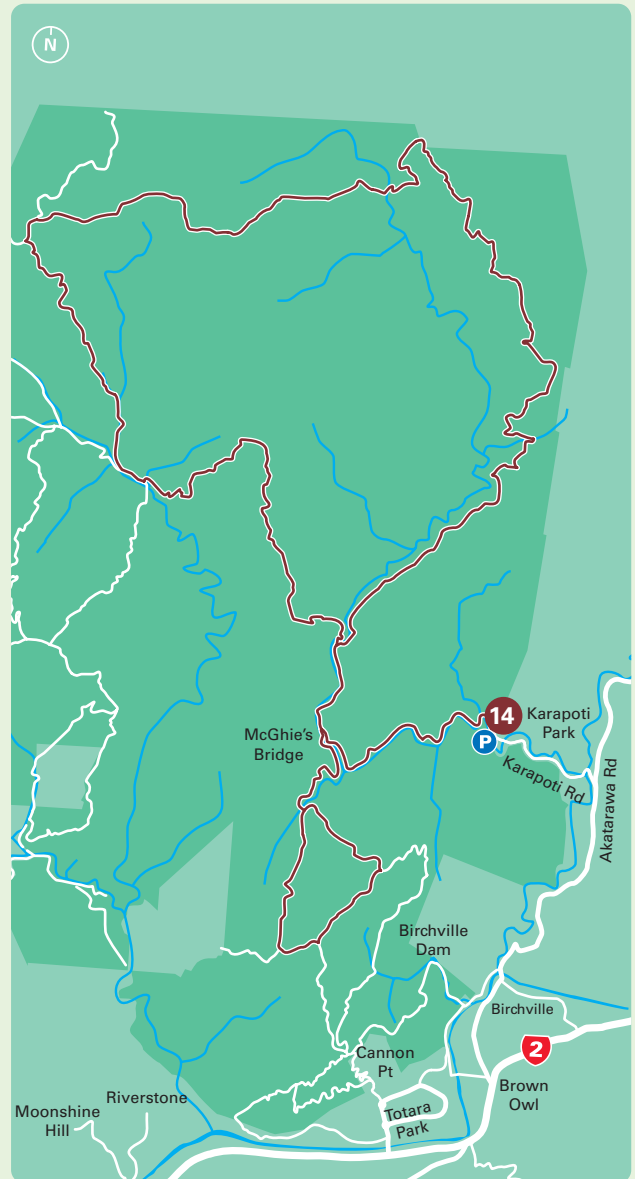
### KARAPOTI TRACKS

ADVANCED



Easy walking along abandoned logging tracks takes you from the car park at the end of Karapoti Road to McGhie's Bridge. From McGhie's Bridge the options open up to a wide range of tracks, destinations, and loops to choose from. Karapoti Forest is home to the famous Karapoti Classic mountain bike race. Please take care as the tracks are also used by mountain bikes and trail bikes.

Karapoti Forest is maintained and managed by Greater Wellington Regional Council. For more information go to [gw.govt.nz/parks](http://gw.govt.nz/parks)



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## MOUNT CLIMIE AND TUNNEL GULLY

Follow State Highway 2 north to Te Marua. Turn right onto Plateau Road (at the dairy). Plateau Road leads into the recreation and lower picnic area. This park is managed by Greater Wellington Regional Council. For more information go to [gw.govt.nz/parks](http://gw.govt.nz/parks)

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### TUNNEL LOOP TRACK | 45 MINUTES

INTERMEDIATE



This recreation area is an attractive setting for picnics, barbecues and easy walks. The Tunnel Loop Track is well marked, through a stand of very old bush which contains ferns, mosses, and large rimus, full of native birds. An interesting historic feature is the Mangaroa Tunnel which is part of the disused Wellington to Wairarapa railway line. A torch is useful for this walk.

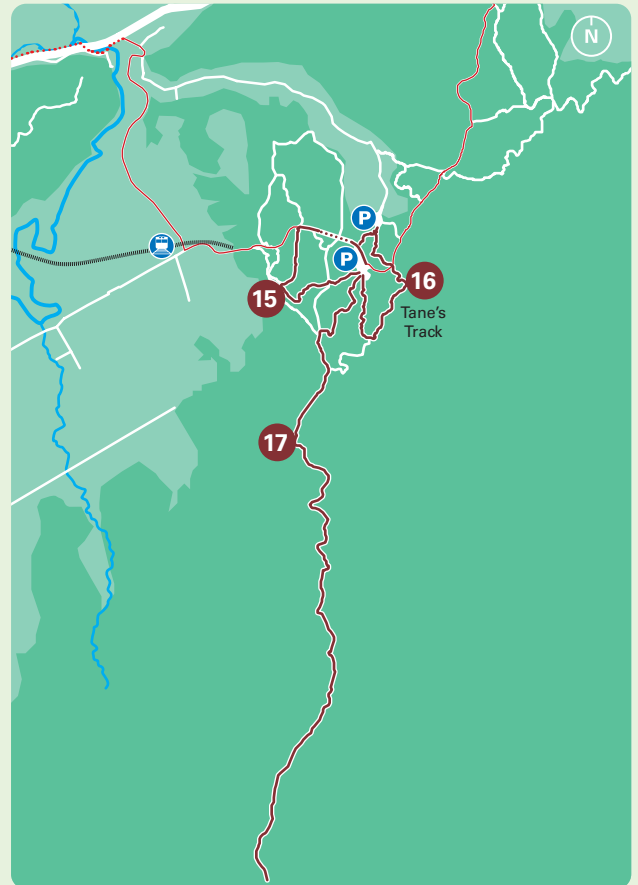
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### TANE'S TRACK | 1 HOUR

INTERMEDIATE



Climbing above Tunnel Gully, you pass through black beech forest to Collins Stream. During the descent to the starting point you cross the Mt Climie access road then pass a grove of eucalyptus trees. From next to the tunnel it is a short walk through podocarp/tawa bush back to the lower picnic area.



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### MOUNT CLIMIE | 5 HOURS

ADVANCED



The 12 km walk, 6 km climb to the summit of Mount Climie follows a steep road. The summit is 860 metres high and gives marvellous panoramic views of the Hutt Valley and Wairarapa on a clear day. Follow the road from the upper picnic area.

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## KAITOKE REGIONAL PARK

Head 9 km north on SH2 to Waterworks Road which leads to the entrance of Kaitoke Regional Park. This award-winning park and campground is managed by Greater Wellington Regional Council. For more information go to [gw.govt.nz/parks](http://gw.govt.nz/parks)

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### THE TERRACE WALK | 30 MINUTES

EASY



The Terrace Walk begins 300 metres after crossing the vehicle bridge. It passes through prime rimu and kahikatea forest. This walk is wheelchair accessible.

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### THE WEIR WALK | 30 MINUTES

INTERMEDIATE



The Weir Walk is tar sealed and leads up stream through bush to the weir which collects water for the supply to the Wellington Region. The clear deep pools on the Hutt and Pakuratahi Rivers are ideal for swimming. This walk is wheelchair accessible.

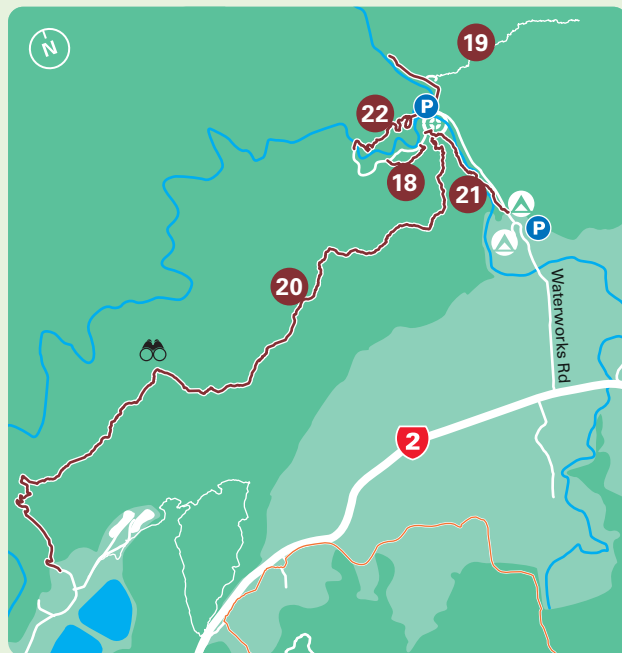
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### THE RIDGE TRACK | 3.5 HOURS

ADVANCED



The ridge track begins 250 m on the left after crossing the vehicle bridge. The start of the track is uphill through beech forest. Splendid views of the Hutt Valley are gained from the ridge top. The highest point on the ridge is 485 m which is near the Kaitoke end of the track. You can also enter this track at the Te Marua pumping station.



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### PAKURATAHI RIVER WALK | 30 MINUTES

INTERMEDIATE



This easy walk links the camp ground to Pakuratahi Forks. Cross the footbridge and follow down the river through mixed podocarp and broad leaf forest. Take in the sights at the film location for *Rivendell*.

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### SWINGBRIDGE TRACK | 1 HOUR

INTERMEDIATE



Cross the swingbridge and follow the track downstream through rimu and rata forest. A walk via the flume bridge and along the service vehicle road returns to the swingbridge car park.

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## REMUTAKA HILL

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REMUTAKA TRIG | 30 MINUTES

INTERMEDIATE



This track takes you to the Remutaka Trig at the summit of Remutaka Hill through sub alpine plants. It is often very windy on this walk so warm clothing is desirable. Grand views of Upper Hutt Valley and Wairarapa. When travelling from Upper Hutt, use the road summit resting area to safely change direction and then access the car park.



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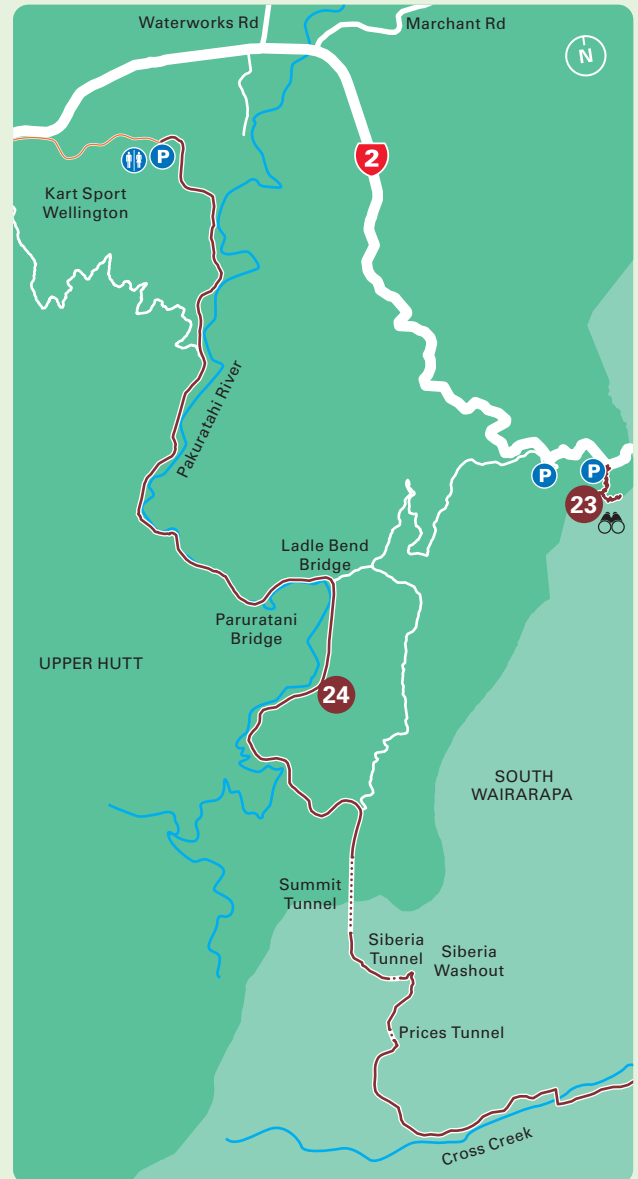
REMUTAKA RAIL TRAIL | 5 HOURS

INTERMEDIATE



Part of the Remutaka Cycle Trail, this track traverses the original Railway from Kaitoke to Cross Creek, a distance of 17 km. The easy grade walking track winds through bush, slides round hillsides and passes through tunnels the Summit Tunnel is 600 m long.

Remember a torch. Once at the summit the walk down to Cross Creek is steeper with the Siberia Washout more difficult under foot. This walk offers numerous opportunities for swimming in the Pakuratahi River.





# INFORMATION



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Experience a show or browse the galleries at Expressions Whirinaki Arts and Entertainment Centre.

Find more information on what to see and do in Upper Hutt and the Wellington Region. Book accommodation and travel or have a bite to eat at Limelight Café and Bar.

**Upper Hutt i-SITE Visitor Information Centre**  
Expressions Whirinaki Arts and Entertainment Centre  
836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

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