

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to Rangitikei.

Discover our serene landscapes and our biodiverse flora and fauna.

From 10 minute ambles to overnight tramps, Rangitikei offers a wide range of reserves and parks for you to explore.



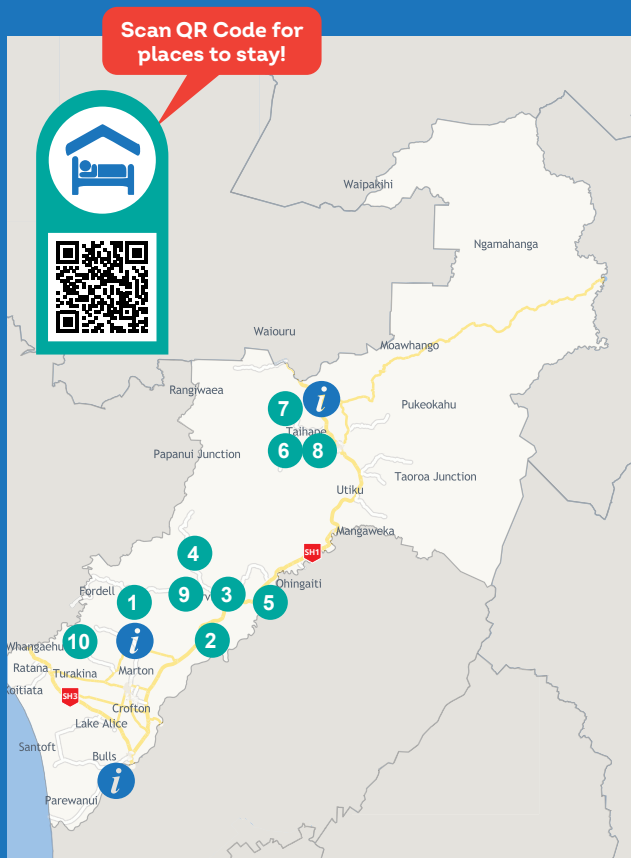
1 Tūtaenui Reservoir

Walk, bike or run – you pick! Generally considered an easy route, it takes an average of 40 minutes to walk the bottom dam (4 kilometres) or an hour to walk both dams (6 kilometres). This trail is great for bird watching, hiking and running – it's pram friendly too. Dogs are welcome and may be off-leash in some areas. Mountain bike trails have been developed on the outer edge of the reserve and continue to be worked on to complete the full loop. These are grade 2-3 mountain bike trails. There is also a permanent orienteering course with easy, moderate or hard options.

Location: Intersection of Tūtaenui and Galpins Roads. Take Tūtaenui Road north from Marton for 10 minutes. Plenty of parking is available at the entrance.

	Walking Track		Scenic Highlights
	Tramping Track		Botanic Highlights
	Wheelchair Access		Birdwatching
	Picnic Table		Bats recorded
	Toilet		Safe swimming
	Camping		Dogs OK on leash
	Hut		Hunting Area

The way life should be



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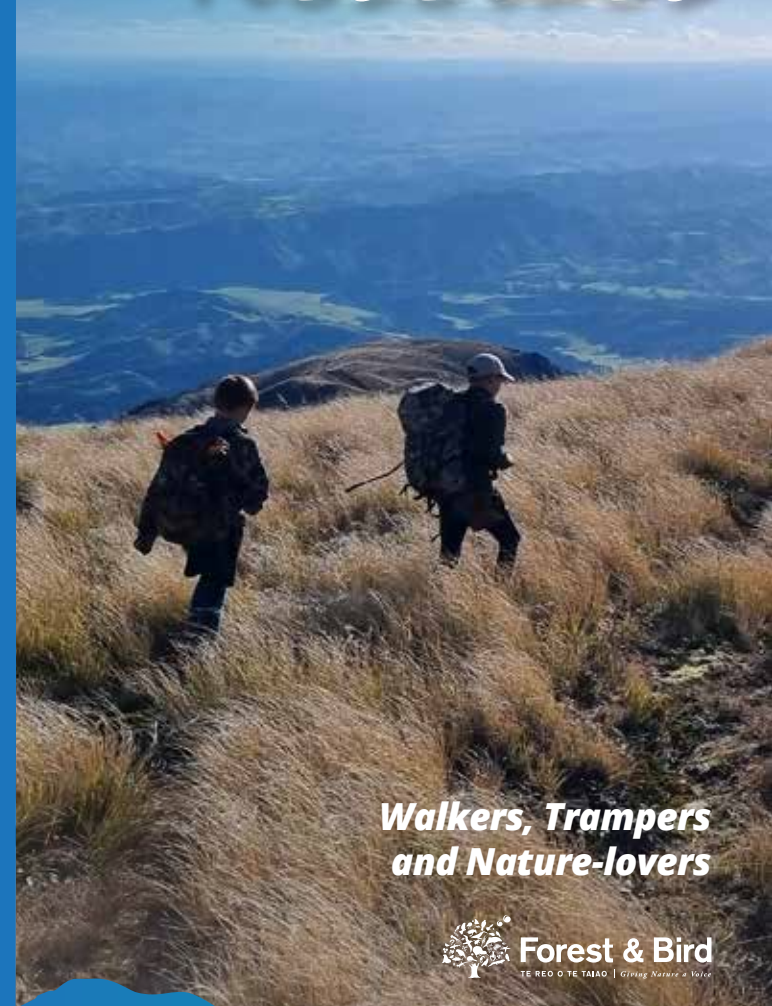


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Reserves



**Walkers, Trampers
and Nature-lovers**





2 Pryce's Rahui Reserve

Three loop trails (mostly flat) range from 30 to 60 minutes; walking all would take around 1.5 hours. The tracks are muddy in parts, though boardwalks cover the wettest areas. The reserve is child-friendly but can be dangerous in wet and/or windy conditions. Sited on a river terrace, this wetland reserve offers a variety of flora and fauna - Kānuka, Tōtara and Titoki are common on stony ground, Kahikatea and Pukatea on swampy sites. There is extensive native bird activity and Pekapeka (native bats) have been sighted here.

Location: 889 Pūtorino Road. Take Pūtorino Road east of SH1 at Rātā. Parking is across the road from the entrance.

3 Bruce Park Scenic Reserve

Walk in through scrub and restoration plantings and up a set of stairs to a 30 minute figure eight track through forest on gentle hill slopes. The most common podocarps are Kahikatea and Rimu, with abundant vines and fungi. Pekapeka (native bats) have been sighted here. This track is child-friendly but can get muddy in wet conditions.

Location: Intersection of SH1 and Aldworth Road, 5 minutes south of Hunterville.

Parking is available at the entrance.



4 Sutherland Puriri Reserve

A network of trails (mostly flat, with some steep inclines) ranges from a 20 minute loop to a 2 hour circuit around the 60 hectare reserve. In places, this trail skirts a steep unfenced bank, so small children need supervision. Native wildlife activity has increased, including Kārearea (NZ Falcon) and Pekapeka (native bat) nesting and feeding here. There have also been traditional Māori storage pits found within the reserve. Forest species include over 100-year-old Kānuka.

Location: Turakina Valley Road. Take Ongo Rd north-west from Hunterville, then Mangahoe Rd to the junction with Turakina Valley Rd. Access is over a stile next to the road. There is good parking available.



5 Mangaweka Scenic Reserve

A 35 minute loop leads through scrub and restoration plantings, before climbing (steeply at times) to an old growth forest with podocarps emergent from a Tawa and Titoki canopy. Hīnau and White Maire are common on the ridge. In good conditions the track is easy, otherwise it can be a bit more difficult - flat parts of the track are boggy; steeper parts are often slippery. Enjoy views of the massive papa cliffs carved by the Rangitikei River.

Location: 600 metres down Te Kapua Road from SH1 south of Mangaweka.

From Mangaweka, drive south and turn right onto Te Kapua Road.

Parking is off-road on the right, cross the road to enter the track.



6 Paengaroa Scenic Reserve

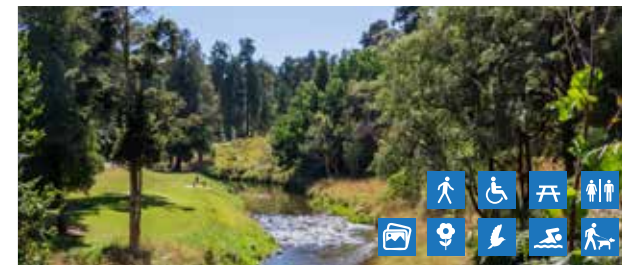
Here you will find a mainland 'island' which has the highest recorded number of rare plant species than any other area its size in New Zealand. It is a unique remnant of cool-dry podocarp forest (Kahikatea, Matai, Tōtara), at its best in spring when the many Kōwhai are in bloom. The understory is exceptionally rich in small-leaved divaricating plant species including Korokio, Poataniwha and Weeping Māpou/Matipo. The track includes a swing bridge crossing the Hautapu River and boardwalks along the swampy areas. Over the swing bridge, a five minute track leads upstream to a picnic area, and a 10 minute track leads downstream.

Location: Tatu Street, Taihape. Take Mataroa Road west from SH1 just north of Taihape for 4 kilometres. Turn right onto Ruanui Road, then right onto Tihoi Street and immediately turn left onto Tatu Street. Parking is available by the sign.

7 Hihitahi Forest Sanctuary

NZ's most extensive remaining stands of Kaikawaka (mountain cedar) grow on Hihitahi plateau. A 3 hour advanced-level track to Zeke's Hut (4 beds) climbs steeply through mid-altitude forest dominated by thin-bark Tōtara and Maire. Higher up, Kaikawaka tower over a low canopy broad leaf, Horopito and Makomako. There are fine views of the landscape and Ruapehu. A good place to see Titipounamu (Rifleman, NZ's smallest bird), the track can be slippery and boggy in winter/after rain.

Location: SH1, 15 minutes north of Taihape. Follow DoC sign at the access point across farmland to begin Zeke's Track. Limited parking is available near the start of the track.



8 Hautapu River Parks (Papakai Park)

This park has recently been restored through joint community efforts and now has five swing bridges which connect a total of 12 kilometres of walking tracks. The tracks are child-friendly and some portions are pram-friendly and wheelchair-accessible. Tracking the Hautapu River, there are stunning giant papa cliffs and native critically endangered podocarp forests including Tōtara, Mātai and Kahikatea.

Location: 157A Hautapu Street. From SH1 in Taihape, take Hautapu Street north-east for one minute, then turn right onto Papakai Road. The main entrance to the park is to your right, with ample parking space, picnic tables and a toilet.

9 Lairds Reserve

Laird's Reserve is home to a complex natural environment, including many species of Aotearoa native birds and plants such as Tūi, Piwakawaka, Kererū, Mātai, Miro, Pokaka, Tōtara, Rimu and Kahikatea. Pekapeka (native bats) have also been sighted here. There is a moderate-difficulty loop track through the reserve which takes around an hour to complete.

Location: 556 Mangahoe Road, Hunterville. From SH1 in Hunterville, take Ongo Road north-west for 6 kilometres, then turn left onto Mangahoe Road and continue for around 5 kilometres.

There is a large parking spot 200m down from the reserve entrance and across the road.



10 McPherson's Reserve

McPhersons Reserve is home to native forest and wetland areas; species include Tawa and Kahikatea. There are numerous bird species as well, including natives such as Tūi, Piwakawaka, Kererū and more. The reserve offers three different easy walking tracks, varying between 10 minutes, 30 minutes and 1 hour.

Location: 1807 Turakina Valley Road. Take Turakina Valley Road off SH3 just north-east of Turakina for around 15 minutes. The reserve is to your right with limited roadside parking available.

