



TŌTARA RESERVE



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Welcome to **TŌTARA RESERVE REGIONAL PARK**

Tōtara Reserve Regional Park is one of the best and most accessible examples of native lowland forest that once covered much of the Horizons Region. Nestled in the Pohangina Valley, just 50 minutes drive from Palmerston North and 35km from Feilding, it's the ideal spot for a picnic or a longer stay. Horizons Regional Council manage the Reserve, with pest plant and animal control work programmes in place to protect and enhance the native biodiversity. Predominant trees within Tōtara Reserve include tōtara, mataī, rimu and kahikatea. There are also black beech trees and several species of tree ferns. The Reserve is home to a number of native bird species including tūī, fantail, wax-eye, morepork, bellbird, kingfisher, kererū, miromiro and whitehead.

FACILITIES INCLUDE

- Walking tracks
- Powered and non-powered camping sites
- Electric BBQs
- Toilets and showers
- Wheelchair access
- River swimming spots
- Adventure playground
- Bush chapel



CAMPING

Choose from one of two campgrounds, both with barbeques, powered and non-powered caravan and camping sites, toilets and shower facilities. The older Kahikatea Camp provides a sense of nostalgia and seclusion while the newer Kererū Camp offers easy river access for swimming. Bookings are essential for powered sites, with non-powered sites available on a first-in first-served basis.

Phone the camp caretaker on (06) 329 4708 to book your powered site.

PRICES

POWERED - \$35 per night for two people (\$5 per additional person)

NON-POWERED - \$15 per night for two people (\$5 per additional person)

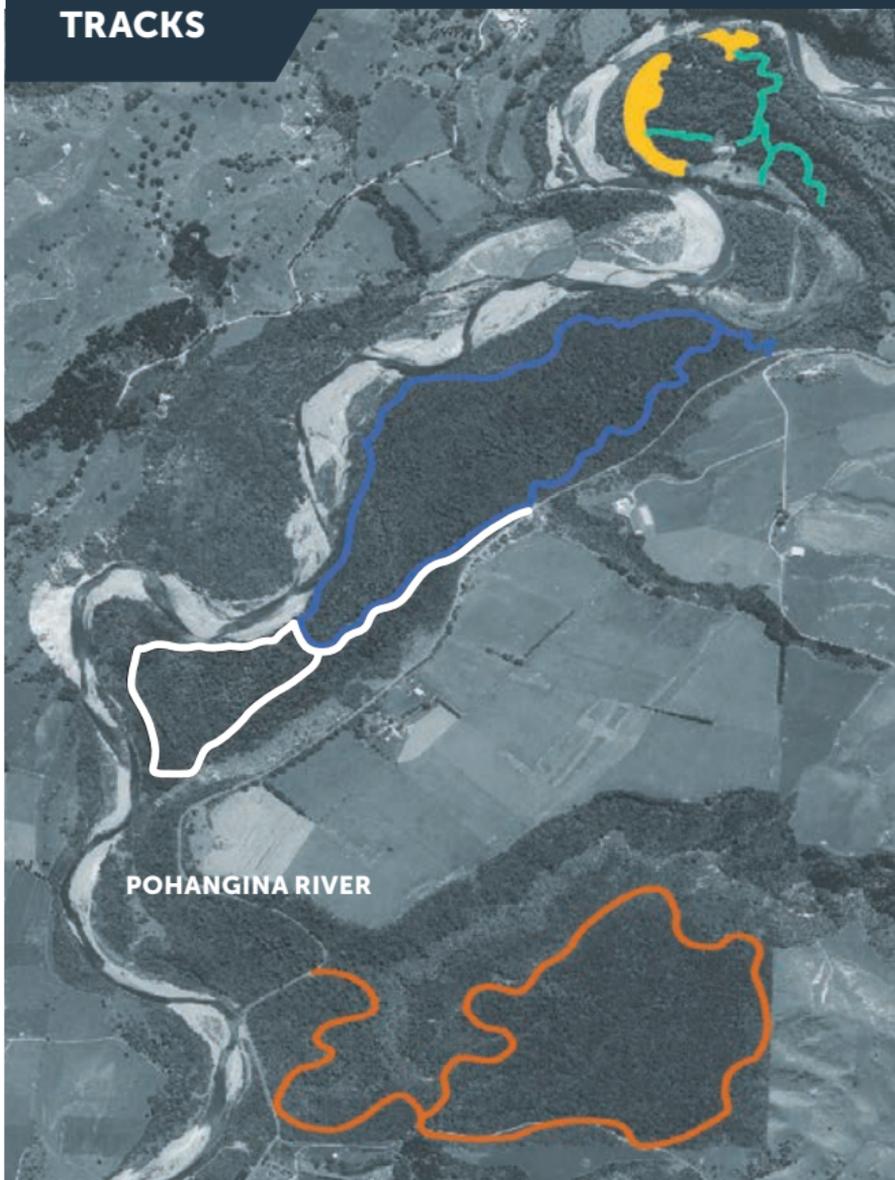
Under-fives stay cash free. The caretaker will be round to collect payment, please have this ready. We ask that you vacate your site before midday on the day of departure.



WALKING

Walking one of the many tracks is a fantastic way to get back to nature while enjoying sweeping views of the Ruahine Ranges and Pohangina Valley. Walking tracks vary in difficulty and length. A number of short **nature trails**, leaving from the **camp sites** wind through the most varied vegetation in the Reserve. **The Fern Walk** leads you through the most intact part of the Reserve and the **Pettifar** and **Gilchrist Loop** Tracks take you down a series of terraces to the Pohangina River. Make sure you take the time to visit one of the largest trees, a tōtara in the Reserve located alongside Churchill Drive.

TRACKS



ENSURING A SAFE STAY



FLOOD WARNINGS

Automated flood warning systems have been installed at both the Kahikatea and Kererū Campgrounds. These systems are designed to let you know when river levels are rising in plenty of time to pack up and evacuate the valley. Should the flood sirens go off during your visit, please remain calm, ensure others are aware of the potential danger, and evacuate the Reserve. Authorities will be out shortly after the sirens sound to check and clear the area.

A radar on the bridge at Piripiri takes continuous measurements of the Pohangina River's height. At two metres it transmits a signal back to the Kahikatea Camp warning system. The Kererū Camp system is set to activate once this height reaches three metres. The difference in activation levels is due to different levels of flood protection.

NO FIRES

To help ensure the safety of yourself and other campers, please do not light fires except in the fire pit provided. Electric barbeques are provided at both the Kahikatea and Kererū Campgrounds for your use.

NO DOGS

Dogs are not permitted within the Reserve. This is partly to protect them from ingesting any baits that may be laid to help preserve our native flora and fauna from pest damage.

NO SHOOTING

Hunting and shooting are not permitted anywhere within the Reserve.

NOISE

As a courtesy to other campers, please keep all noise to a minimum after 10pm.

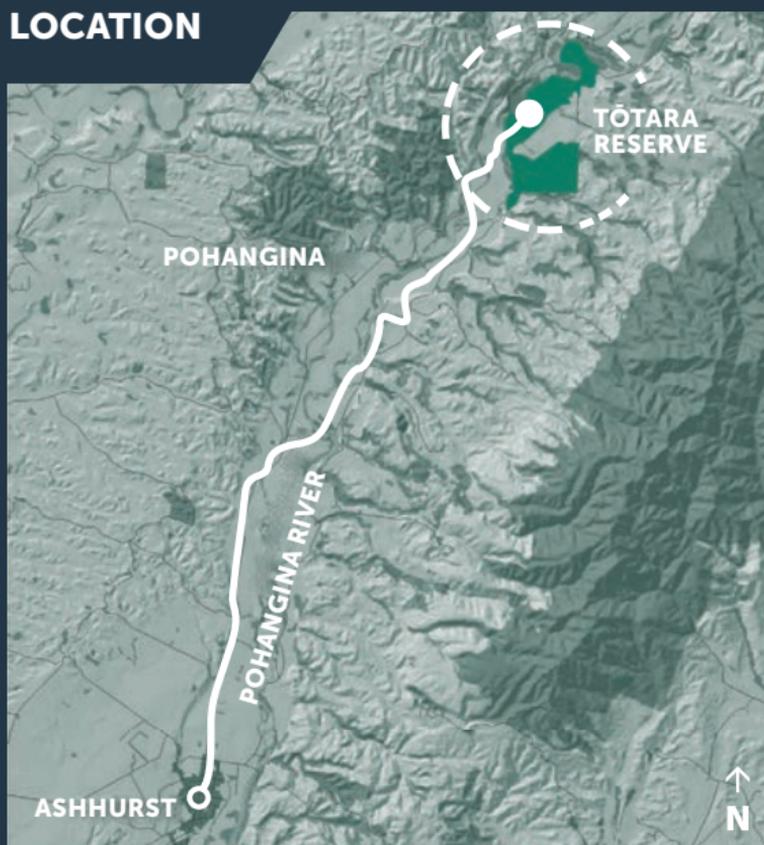
HELPFUL CONTACTS

Although Camp Rangī Woods sits within Tōtara Reserve, it is managed by a separate Trust. Should you wish to make a booking or enquiry about Camp Rangī Woods please call **(06) 329 4753**.

The Bush Chapel can be booked for weddings and events through the camp caretaker on **(06) 329 4708**.

Horizons Regional Council's environmental educator is happy to assist schools or community groups with educational activities at the Reserve. For more information call freephone **0508 800 800** or email **education@horizons.govt.nz**.

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