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 Rangi Woods sits within Tōtara Reserve, it is managed by a separate Trust. Should you wish to make a booking or enquiry about Camp Rangi Woods please visit www.camprangiwoods.com.

The Bush Chapel can be booked for weddings and events through the Campground Manager 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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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 40 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.

Tōtara, mataī, rimu and kahikatea are common within Tōtara Reserve. There are also black beech trees and several species of tree ferns. The Reserve is home to many native birds including tūī, ruru, kārearea (NZ falcon), korimako (bellbird), kererū, miromiro (tomtit) and popokatea (whitehead).

FACILITIES INCLUDE

- Walking tracks
- · Powered and non-powered camping sites
- Electric BBOs
- · 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

Bookings are essential and can be made through the website:

www.totarareserveregionalpark.co.nz or by calling the Campground Manager on (06) 329 4708.

PRICES

POWERED - \$37

per night for two people (\$6 per additional person)

NON-POWERED - \$16

per night for two people (\$6 per additional person)

Under-fives stay free. Payment is taken at the time of booking online or when you check in. 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 totara in the Reserve located alongside Churchill Drive.

