

Totara Reserve Regional Park

A little beauty



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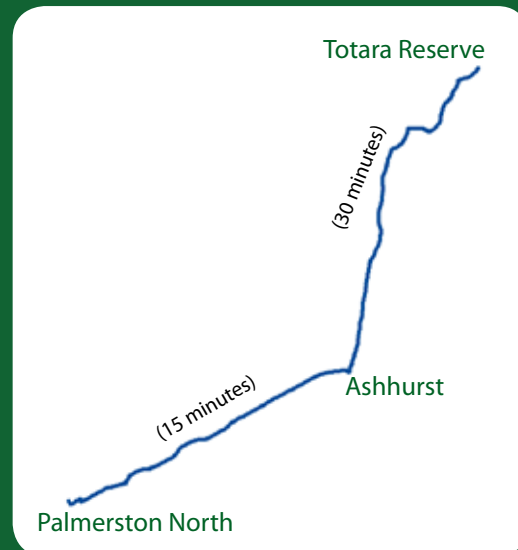
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How to get to Totara Reserve



Welcome to Totara Reserve Regional Park

Totara Reserve is a 400 ha bush area nestled in the Pohangina Valley, about 50 minutes drive from Palmerston North. It is one of the best and most accessible remaining examples of the ancient forest that once covered much of the Horizons' Region.

In 2006, the Reserve became the Manawatu-Wanganui Region's first regional park, with management shared between Horizons Regional Council and Manawatu District Council.

Visitors will experience a gentle introduction to nature, and a safe way of experiencing 'wild' New Zealand. All the while enjoying the sort of camping experience many of us remember from our childhoods.

What can I do at Totara Reserve Regional Park?

Visitors to Totara Reserve can enjoy a range of activities, including:

Camping

The park offers powered sites for caravans and campervans, plenty of open space for pitching a tent, and toilet and showering facilities. Highland Home Christian Camp, Camp Rangī Woods, and nearby private accommodation offer alternatives to 'roughing it'.



Camping at Totara Reserve

Water activities

The clean, clear waters of the Pohangina River are ideal for a swim, paddling a kayak or fishing.



Walking

An extensive track network caters to all levels of fitness and time constraints. Track entrances are well sign posted.



Nature Trail

Picnic

Picnic tables, shelters and barbeques are provided so visitors can enjoy a leisurely lunch or an informal dinner while taking in the sights and sounds.



Totara Reserve camping area

Special features

Totara Reserve has much to offer in the way of special features, including:

Landscapes

The Pohangina Valley is famous for stunning views of the river, cliffs and Ruahine Ranges.



Pohangina Valley

Plants

Of particular note are the stands of mighty totara, towering kahikatea, rata and black beech. Some trees may be up to 1000 years old.



Totara Trees

Animals

Koura (freshwater crayfish), eel and native fish live in the Pohangina River and small streams, and weta can be seen on the forest floor. On warm summer evenings look out for puriri moth, glow worms, and short-tail bats.



Eel



Weta

Birds

Tui, kereru (wood pigeon) and fantail are almost always on display while kingfisher and white-faced heron make seasonal visits. Sharp-eyed visitors may also catch a glimpse of the New Zealand falcon or kaka.



Fantail



Bellbird