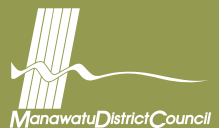




Totara Reserve REGIONAL PARK

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**Guide to Tracks, Trails
and Walks**



Welcome to Totara Reserve REGIONAL PARK

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Fern Walk

The Fern Walk, opened in 2000, leads you through the most intact part of the Reserve. You will enjoy kahikatea stands, nikau palm groves, and stunning examples of ancient totara, rimu and rata.

Required fitness level – Moderate

Walk duration – 3-4 hours

Pettifar & Gilchrist Loop Tracks

The Pettifar and Gilchrist Loop Tracks lead you down a series of terraces to the Pohangina River. You will pass through kahikatea-dominated forest in the wetter areas, and totara-dominated forest in drier areas. Both walks make use of the Old Coach Road, a section of the original horse and cart track along the Pohangina Valley. An abandoned tree nursery on the Gilchrist Loop Track was the source of most of the large poplars now visible throughout the Pohangina Valley.

Required fitness level – Low-Moderate

Walk duration – 1-2 hours for each loop track

Nature Trails

A network of trails behind the camping areas winds through the most varied vegetation in the Reserve. Special features include the ancient totara and matai, and one of the largest trees in the Reserve, located right alongside Churchill Drive!

Required fitness level – Low

Walk duration – 10 minutes - 1 hour

At 350 hectares Totara Reserve is one of the last and largest remaining stands of the extensive forest that once covered much of the Manawatu Plains.

A network of tracks takes you on a journey through the mixed podocarp forest with its tall canopy trees, shrub and forest floor communities, wide variety of birds and animals, and wonderful views of the Ruahine Ranges and Pohangina Valley.

How to get there?

For your enjoyment, major track entrances are marked with signs. Thank you for not lighting fires, shooting, or taking dogs on tracks. Please enjoy your visit.

