

Otanewainuku Walking Tracks



The Otanewainuku Conservation Area is located approx 20 kms south of Tauranga. From Tauranga take Oropi Rd then turn left at Mountain Rd; from Te Puke take No 2 Road then turn right at Mountain Road.

Otanewainuku forest has never been logged, giving visitors the chance to enjoy some splendid examples of native flora including giant rimu. The forest is home to a variety of native birds and the inquisitive North Island robins are generally quick to check out walkers.

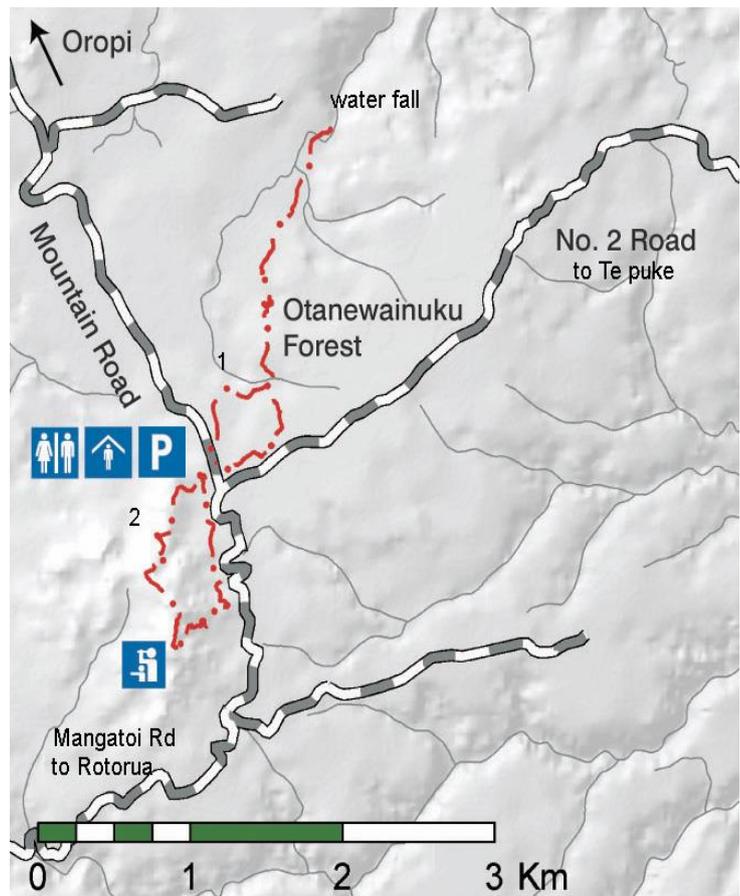
There is a shelter, picnic area, information panels and toilets opposite the car park. Two walking tracks start from the picnic area and the tracks are well maintained.

Dogs are **not permitted** in the reserve due to the danger they pose to kiwi.

Rimu Loop 45 min round trip - 2km
This is a lovely walk on an easy grade though native forest and passes some giant rimu trees. Information panels are placed along the track to help identify native species.

Whataroa Waterfall 2 hr round trip - 4km
Half way around the Rimu Loop a track branches off to the Waterfall. This track is a moderate grade. Take your togs and enjoy a refreshing dip in the swimming hole.

Otanewainuku Summit Lookout Loop
2 hour round trip - 2.5km
Otanewainuku is an extinct volcano, the walk to the summit is steep in parts and at 645 metres rises above the surrounding forest; on a clear day you are rewarded with panoramic views from East Cape to Mount Tarawera and across the Mamaku plateau to Mount Ruapehu. Return from lookout via a loop track.



Map courtesy DOC



Shelter and picnic area

Plan Ahead How long will it take? Gets dark - when?

Tell Someone Which track? Due back by?

Check the Weather NZ weather changes hour by hour

Stick to Tracks Keep off pest control lines

Supplies BYO food and drink. Cell phones may not work

Know Your Limits - Enjoy yourself!