












Changes you need to know about Wellington Hawke's Bay



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For your safety, every effort has been made to ensure this information is correct at the time of writing. However, you should contact the local DOC Office or Visitor Centre for the latest updates. Always check the latest weather report (www.metservice.co.nz) before you venture out, and be prepared to change your trip according to weather changes and conditions.

<p> WAIOTAUROU TRACK, TARARUA FOREST PARK</p> <p>An 80 m section of track has slipped into the river, approx. 10 min from the Fenceline carpark at Otaki Forks. Attempts are being made to keep a route across the slip, but due to the unstable nature of the slip care needs to be taken when using this area.</p> <p> Kapiti Wellington Area Office Ph 04 296 1112</p>	<p> PUTANGIRUA PINNACLES TOP TRACK, AORANGI FP</p> <p>The top bush walk track to the viewing platform above the Pinnacles formations has been closed for safety reasons. Access to the viewing platform is still available via the track near the base of the Pinnacles.</p> <p> Wairarapa Area Office Ph 06 377 0700</p>
<p>CHARLIE BROWN ROAD, KAWEKA FOREST PARK</p> <p>Charlie Brown Road, behind Robson's Lodge, is closed to walkers and vehicles until April 2011 due to logging operations.</p> <p> Hawke's Bay Area Office Ph 06 834 3111</p>	<p>LAKES ROAD & CARPARK, KAWEKA FOREST PARK</p> <p>Access to Lakes Road and carpark off Kuripapango Road in the southern sector of the Forest Park is closed to the public from 28 February to 18 April 2011 due to forestry operations in the nearby Pan Pac Douglas Fir Block.</p> <p> Hawke's Bay Area Office Ph 06 834 3111</p>
<p> EASTERN RUAHINE FOREST PARK</p> <p>Coppermine Creek Track: The last section of the Coppermine Creek Track is closed as a substantial slip has made it impassible. The Wharite and Loop Tracks are not affected.</p> <p>Rimu Track: The Rimu Track is closed from Takaparū Road.</p> <p> Hawke's Bay Area Office Ph 06 834 3111</p>	<p>MAKAHU ROAD, KAWEKA FOREST PARK</p> <p>Caution is required at the Makahu Road ford which is 7.5km before the roadend and Maungatutu Hot Springs. The Hastings District Council has placed a marker pole in the stream to indicate the safe crossing level. Logging is taking place at Makahu Station on Makahu Road. Expect to encounter delays, rough road conditions and logging trucks.</p> <p> Hawke's Bay Area Office Ph 06 834 3111</p>
<p>Changes to other facilities and services</p> <p>Tararua Forest Park: The concrete bridge at Abbots Creek, at the bottom of the Pylon track in the Tararua Forest Park, has been removed. The adjacent ford is available for track access. Do not cross the ford when the stream is in flood. A re-routed section on the Atiwhakatu track is subsiding. Proceed with caution when walking along this slip section.</p> <p>Aorangi Forest Park: Averills hut has been removed in line with the Recreation Opportunities Review decision (October 2004), and will not be replaced.</p> <p>Lake Tutira: During the summer season the lake can occasionally be subject to algal bloom. Contact the Hawke's Bay Public Health Unit hotline 06 878 1368 for updates on the water quality of Hawke's Bay lakes, rivers and streams.</p>	

Access to some parts of the Forest Parks is across private land. To ensure this privilege continues remember the following:
Keep dogs on a lead. Take bolts out of rifles. Leave gates as you find them.
Any other access conditions can be found on roadend signage.

Your safety is your responsibility.

Make sure you plan, prepare and equip yourself well for any trip into the backcountry. Please report any damage or hazards to your local DOC Office or via the **DOC HOTLINE 0800 362 468**.

Note: This notice only reports on changes that differ to what is stated in brochures and on the website. Other tracks, facilities and services in the Wellington and Hawke's Bay region are operating as normal.