



LATHAM'S HILL TRACK



Latham's Hill Track starts in farmland and takes in scrub, native bush and several old Maori pa sites. Quiet observation in the bush will often reveal bird species including tui, bellbirds, kereru (native pigeons) and fantails. The track ends at a trig station with views of the ranges and Rangitaiki Plains.

The Awakeri Hot Springs' thermally heated pools are about 500m from the track entrance, for a swim to end the walk.

How to Get There

The track begins at the Latham property 17km south of Whakatane on State Highway 30.

Attractions and Facilities

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(Moderate walking, 1.5-2hrs)

A gentle climb over rolling farmland leads into manuka and fern scrub, then regenerating bush, before dipping into an attractive valley. Cross the stream and follow the path to the top of the hill, which is one of half a dozen pa sites in the vicinity. The track leads south along a ridge through lush native bush, then rises to a trig station. Return the same way, or there is an unauthorised route from here down to the back of the Awakeri Hot Springs complex.

There is a small carpark at the start of the track, or the Springs carpark is 500m further on.

Thermally heated swimming pools are at Awakeri Hot Springs nearby.

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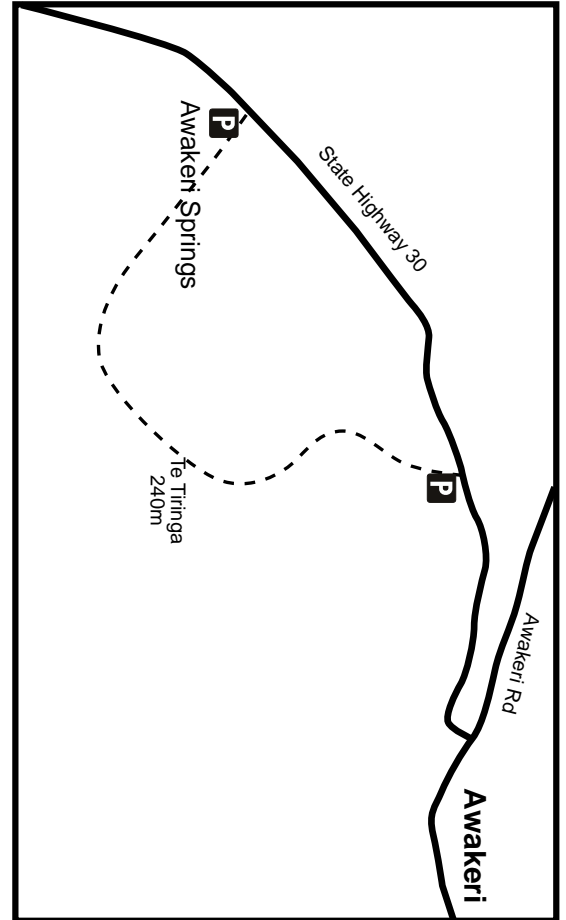
Dogs, horses, vehicles (including bicycles and motorbikes), fires, removal of plants or animals, camping or hunting are not permitted.

More information

www.destinationoutdoors.co.nz

or contact

Department of Conservation
Whakatane Field Centre
21 Gateway Drive West
Whakatane
Ph 07 366 1080



Protect plants and animals.

Remove rubbish.

Bury toilet waste.

Keep streams and lakes clean.

Take care with fires.

Camp carefully.

Keep to the track.

Consider others.

Respect our cultural heritage.

Enjoy your visit.

Toitu te Whenua (Leave the land undisturbed)