

OTANEWAINUKU



Mount Otanewainuku (640m) is covered in virgin forest. Emergent podocarps, especially rimu, are common. Tawa, kamahi and rewarewa form the canopy and bird life is prolific. Geologically, Otanewainuku is a rhyolitic dome rising above the ignimbrite Mamaku plateau. The summit gives panoramic views from East Cape to Mt Tarawera, across the Mamaku Plateau

Maori legend says Tutanekai, lover of Hinemoa, leapt off Otanewainuku to escape his Rotorua enemies.

Walks in the area range from a 30-minute stroll to demanding and lengthy tramping.

How to Get There

Otanewainuku is 15km from Tauranga. It is reached from State Highway 29 via Oropi Road and then Mountain Road.

Attractions and Facilities

Rimu Loop Walk

(Easy walking, 30mins return)

This gently graded walk starts across Mountain Road from the carpark and takes in some impressive rimu trees before finishing back at the road.

Whataroa Waterfall Track

(Moderate walking, 2hrs return)

For the slightly more agile, a well marked route branches off the Rimu Loop after 15 minutes and undulates through the forest to the Whataroa Falls. Return the same way, or beyond the waterfall the track leads north to the main ridge track to Ottawa Scenic Reserve (9hrs to Upper Papamoa Road).

Summit Track

(Steep in parts, 1.5hrs return)

A low track climbs to the summit of Otanewainuku, starting from behind the shelter.

Please Remember

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

More information

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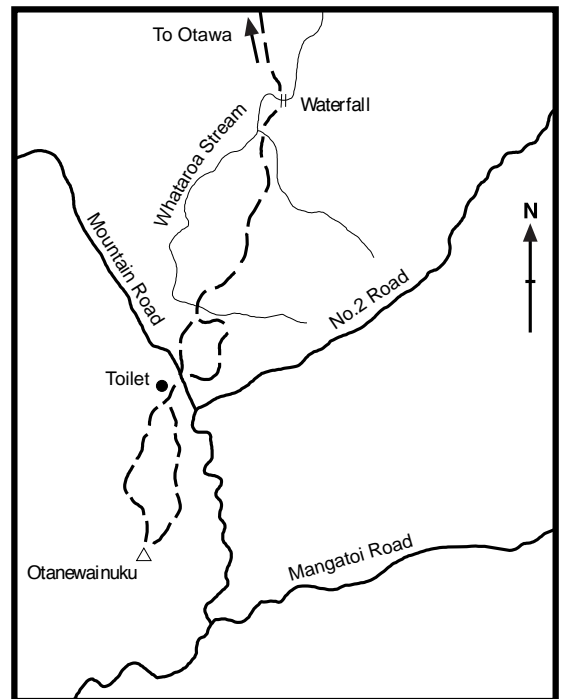
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CARE CODE



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.)

