



WHIRINAKI FOREST PARK



Whirinaki Forest Park has something for everyone, with terrain ranging from flats to steep uplands. The park, known as a 'dinosaur' forest, has many tall trees that are centuries old. Sights include giant podocarps, views of the river cutting through an ancient lava flow, and caves with pumice deposits and remnants of the Taupo eruption nearly 2000 years ago.

How to Get There

Whirinaki Forest Park is 90km south-east of Rotorua, off Ruatahuna Rd, via SH 38. The most popular entrance to the park is the Minginui village and up River Road to the River Road carpark, the starting point for many walks.

Attractions and Facilities

Walks suit a range of fitness levels and experience. They include various walks and multi-day tramps.

There are numerous camping areas and accommodation huts, which have log burner fires for cooking and bunks with mattresses. Dry firewood can be scarce, so gas cookers should be carried. A small fee is charged for using the huts.

Hunting with a permit is allowed. A permit is obtainable from Department of Conservation.

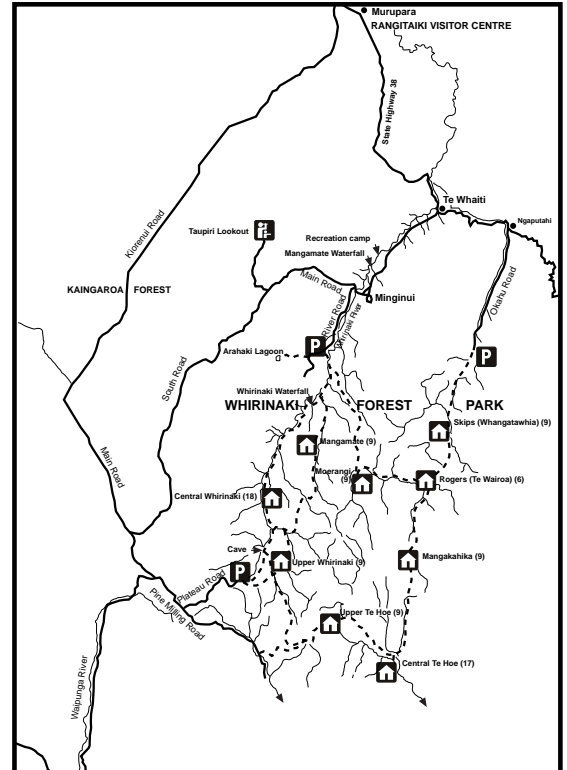
Please contact the Department of Conservation for more information before entering the Whirinaki Forest Park.

Please Remember

Vehicles (including bicycles and motorbikes), fires, removal of plants or animals, and hunting without a permit are not permitted. No dogs are permitted except for hunting, with a current permit. Camp only at designated sites or beside the huts.

More information

www.destinationoutdoors.co.nz
or contact
Department of Conservation
Rangitaiki Area Office
RDI
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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.)

