



WHITE PINE BUSH



The 4.5ha reserve contains a remnant of superb kahikatea (white pine) forest that once occupied the fringes of the extensive wetland in the area. The reserve has huge kahikatea, dwarfing the tawa and pukatea that provide most of the remaining tree cover. Nikau palms are also an attraction. Hanging vines, shrubs and ferns proliferate under the tree canopy, providing habitat for native birds including tui, kereru (native pigeons), fantails, bellbirds, silver-eyes, grey warblers and ruru (morepork). The Crown bought White Pine Bush in 1925. Other fine stands of kahikatea in the area were felled for timber till the supply ran out in 1937. Kahikatea was in demand for such uses as butter boxes for the export trade, because it did not splinter and had no smell, so butter remained untainted.

How to Get There

White Pine Bush Scenic Reserve is on White Pine Bush Road (State Highway 2), between Awakeri and Taneatua, 20km south of Whakatane.

Attractions and Facilities

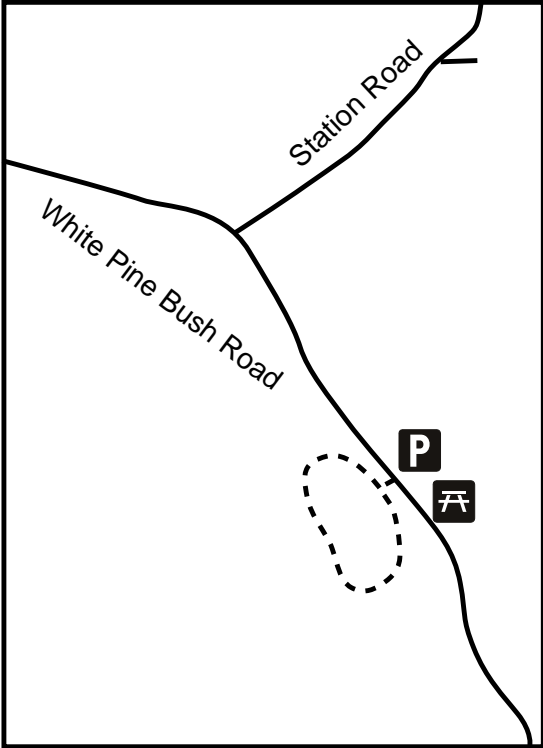
White Pine Bush walkway
(Easy walking, wheelchair access, 30mins return)
A 250m wheelchair walkway has been built into the heart of the reserve to allow people with disabilities to enjoy the forest. The walkway incorporates a nature trail, where the many tree and plant species present are identified.

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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- 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.)