

FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

the best day-walks in the **CAPITAL and KAPITI**

(WELLINGTON-HOROWHENUA-WHANGANUI-MANAWATU)

HIGHLIGHTS

- The wild seascapes, seals and geology of Cook Strait
- “Lord of the Rings” locations along the river in the Hutt Valley
- The glorious cityscapes, harbour views and regional parks of Wellington
- Steep escarpments as mountains hug beaches along the Kapiti coastal strip
- The Zealandia, Kapiti Island and Bushy Park eco-sanctuaries, with their bevy of rare native birds
- A river that cuts through a mountain chain, carving an impressive gorge (Manawatu)

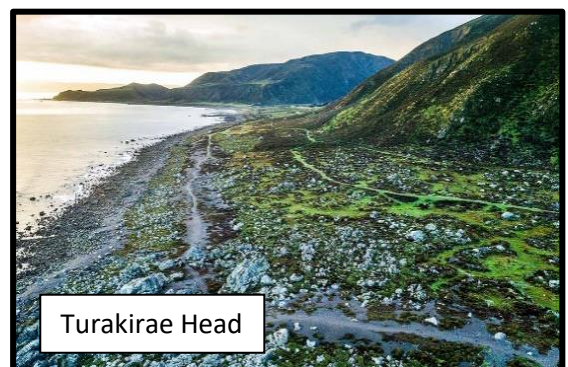
DATES		8-14 February 2026 / February 2030	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		8 December 2025 / December 2029	
STARTING POINT		Wellington	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Palmerston North	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1500, 5pax\$1600, 4pax\$1700	
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS		OVERNIGHT
Participants should reach Wellington by Saturday evening 7 February. Accommodation (at additional cost) can be arranged for you. Walks that are highly recommended are printed in red. All times given are for a return (out and back) walk, a loop walk, or a linear walk with transport to/from each end.			
Day 1 Sunday 15 February	Meet and greet. Initial briefing. City Highlights Walks selected from: Wellington Waterfront (1h) Southern Walkway (Oriental Bay to Island Bay) with Mount Victoria (4-5h) (or part thereof) Oriental Bay to Mount Victoria (1-2h) Paiwhero (Red Rocks) Walkway (to Sinclair Head) (1h30m) Zealandia Ecosanctuary (1h30m– own expense) Otari-Wilton’s Bush Native Botanic Garden (1h) Kaukau and Skyline Walkway (3h30m-4h one way)		Petone
Day 2 Monday 16 February	Harbour Highlights Longer Option: Pencarrow Head (4-5h) or part thereof Shorter Options: Turakirae Head (2h), Baring Head (30min) East Harbour Regional Park: Butterfly Creek Track (2h) Matiu/Somes Island Loop Track (2h – ferry own expense) Makara Walkway (1h30m to Fort Opau, or 3h complete - add 1h for coastal loop) Eastern Walkway (Breaker Bay to Gallipoli 2-3h)		Petone

Day 3 Tuesday 17 February	Ridgelines and Rivers <i>Remutaka (was Rimutaka) Forest Park: Catchpool Valley Orongorongo Track (3h)</i> with possible additions Cattle Ridge Track (2h) and Butcher Track (45m) <i>Belmont Regional Park: Trig Walk (2h)</i> <i>Hutt River Walkway: Birchville to Silverstream (3h15m)</i> Possible extensions: to Avalon (2h), Melling (45m), Ava (45m), Petone (45m), "Lord of the Rings" locations in Kaitoke Regional Park.	Paraparaumu or Otaki
Day 4 Wednesday 18 February	Tasman Coast Treats <i>Kapiti Island</i> (subject to availability, water taxi own expense): Summit via Trig Track & Wilkinson's Track (3-4h) <i>Alternatives:</i> Paekakariki Escarpment Track (3-4h) Mataihuka Walkway (1h30m) Mangaone Walkway (Waikanae) (2h) Waikanae River Walkway (1h30m) Waikanae River Estuary and Beach Walk (1h) Hemi Matenga Scenic Reserve (30-1h30m) Colonial Knob Walkway (Porirua) (2-3h)	Paraparaumu or Otaki
Day 5 Thursday 19 February	Here's To Horowhenua! <i>Walks selected from:</i> <i>Tararua Forest Park: Otaki Forks:</i> Otaki Forks Walk (20m), Arcus Loop (1h15m), Waitewaewae Track (3h), Fenceline Loop (1h), Waiotauru Track (40m). The Trig (1h45m), Six Discs Track (3h15m), Waikanae Walks as above (Mangaone River), Manawatu Estuary and Foxton Beach (1h30m), Foxton River Mouth Trail (1h10m), Sunset Walk (1h), Piriharakeke Walkway (1h), Hyderabad Wreck (30m), Lake Papaitonga (40m), Tangimoana Walkway (2h30m).	Whanganui
Day 6 Friday 20 February	Whanganui and Environs <i>Walks selected from:</i> Whanganui River Walk: 3 Bridges (2-3h), Castlecliff to Mowhanau (2h), <i>Bushy Park (2h)</i> , Ototoka Beach (1h30m), Lake Rotorangi (40m), Durie Hill Tower (20m), Waitaha Pa (30m), Atene Viewpoint (1-2h), Lake Rotokare Walkway (1h30m).	Feilding
Day 7 Saturday 21 February	Palmerston North/Manawatu Gorge Scenic Reserve <i>Walks selected from:</i> Manawatu River Pathway (2-4h), Turitea Walkway (1h), Tawa Loop (2h), Upper Gorge Bridge Track (2-3h30m). Manawatu Gorge Track (3h) Travel to Palmerston North. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.	

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Booking Conditions for excursions within New Zealand

1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. Phillip Donnell and *Footsteps Walking and Travel Club* are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip. Everyone participates entirely at their own risk. The separate waiver form must be completed.
3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be refunded. The minimum number for any given trip is four participants.
4. *Footsteps* reserves the right to make any modifications to the trip that may be necessary. The walks undertaken each day are determined by group consensus, but as far as possible we endeavour to meet your personal preferences.
5. Registrations should be made *as early as possible* in order to obtain optimal outcomes. Once we reach "critical mass" the trip moves from "orange light" status to "green light" status and the earlier that happens the better because people can then book flights and make arrangements with confidence.
6. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration Form. A deposit of \$250 per person is paid at the time of registration. The balance is paid *one month* prior to the trip's commencement date.
7. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Footsteps, Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03. Please write your surname and the name of the trip (=geographical area) in the reference box.
8. The final decision on whether a trip will proceed is made *two months* prior to its projected commencement date, or *earlier if the minimum number is met*. If booking transport/flights to and from the trip, it is recommended that you wait until after the trip is confirmed to proceed, or have travel insurance cover, or are able to change flight bookings to another timeframe. All participants will be informed *immediately* if a trip becomes viable *ahead of time*.
9. Cancellations. If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise *Footsteps* in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not.
It will be appreciated that any trip requires bookings to be made on behalf of each participant, and the closer we get to a trip's commencement, the more difficult it becomes to alter these and thereby recover costs, usually because the availability of alternatives shrinks, or because of the policies imposed by our suppliers. That is why we need a buffer, but we endeavour to keep cancellation fees to a bare minimum. Under "normal" conditions, cancellations up to 60 days prior incur a \$50 cancellation fee. For 59-30 days prior, \$100 is deducted. For 29-15 days prior, \$150 is deducted. After 14 days prior, you lose your deposit of \$250. However, every case is determined on its merits and these fees may be modified or waived. If you find a suitable replacement person, the cancellation fees will be waived.
10. Personal travel insurance is highly recommended.

Registration and waiver forms are below...



FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND
Trip Registration Form (for excursions within New Zealand)

Complete and send this (and the Waiver form) to our postal address (see base of page) or scan and email. The deposit required is \$250 per person. Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (with covering email please, or your surname/name of trip in reference column).

Trip(s) for which you are registering:

Trip Dates:

Your full name(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s)

Postal address

Day phone

Night phone

Mobile

Email

Date(s) of birth

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the trip information and booking conditions. I / We enclose the deposit of \$250pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due date (one month before the trip commences).

Signed and dated by each person registering:

Send to : Footsteps Walking and Travel Club, 3/B Te Arawa Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga 3112.
Email: footstepsanz@gmail.com (scanned forms are acceptable)

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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

PROVIDER: Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)("Footsteps")

PARTICIPANT:

("the Participant")

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant:

Date:
