


FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

the best day-walks in **TANTALISING TARANAKI**

HIGHLIGHTS

- The astounding volcanic vistas of New Zealand's very own "Mount Fuji" (Taranaki)
- The highest waterfall in the North Island (Damper Falls)
- The wild west coast at Tongaporutu: rolling surf, black sand, white cliffs
- Taranaki – voted by "Lonely Planet" (in 2017) as the 2nd best region in the world to visit
- New Plymouth's spectacular coastal walkway and Rewarewa Bridge

DATES		22-28 February 2026 / February 2030
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		22 December 2025 / December 2029
STARTING POINT		New Plymouth
FINISHING POINT		New Plymouth
COST		6pax\$1500, 5pax\$1600, 4pax\$1700
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS	OVERNIGHT
<p>Participants should reach New Plymouth by Saturday evening 31 January. Accommodation (at additional cost) can be arranged for you.</p> <p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in red.</p> <p>All times given are for a return (out and back) walk, a loop walk, or a linear walk with transport to/from each end.</p>		
Day 1 Sunday 22 February	The Best of New Plymouth <i>Walks selected from:</i> Paritutu Rock (30m) New Plymouth Coastal Walkway (1h30m-3h) Lake Mangamahoe and Taranaki Lookout (1-2h) Pukekura Park (up to 1h30m), Huatoki Walkway (1h30m), Tupare Walkway (2h), Te Henui Walkway (1h30m).	New Plymouth
Day 2 Monday 23 February	Northern Taranaki <i>Longer Option:</i> The Moki Trail (5-6h) <i>Shorter Options</i> <i>Walks selected from:</i> White Cliffs Walkway (part only, up to 4h – if tides allow) 3 Sisters and an Elephant: Tongaporutu (30m-1h) Mt. Damper Falls (45m) , Mount Messenger (1h). The Rerekapa Trail (3-4h), Awatetake Pa (45m), Awakino Historic Tunnel (30m), Awakino Beach (30m).	New Plymouth
Days 3 and 4 Tuesday 24 February Wednesday 25 February	Mt. Egmont/Taranaki National Park: Northern Section <i>Longer Options:</i> Summit Climb (weather-permitting, 8-9h) North Egmont to Stratford Plateau via Upper Level Tracks (Manganui Skifield) and return via Lower level Tracks (Maketawa Hut) (4-6h) Pouakai Range: up Dover Tk/down Mangorei Tk (5-7h) Kokowai Round Trip (4 tracks, 6h), Pouakai Tarns (6-8h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Ngatoro Loop (1h), Connett Walk (30-40m), Veronica Walk (1h30m-2h) , Tahurangi Translator(3h), Maketawa Hut	New Plymouth

	Round Trip(3h), Tahurangi Translator Round Trip (4h), Holly Hut Track Lookout (1h), Araheke Bush Walk (2h).	
Day 5 Thursday 26 February	Mt. Egmont/Taranaki National Park: Eastern Section <i>Longer Options:</i> Plateau-Enchanted-Waingongoro Loop (4h) Plateau to North Egmont via Upper Level Tracks (Manganui Skifield) and return via Lower level Tracks (Maketawa Hut) (5-6h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Plateau Lookout (5m), Potaema Track (30m), Kamahi Loop (15m), Manganui Gorge/Skifield (1h30m), Patea Loop (1h), Waingongoro Hut (3h), Enchanted Track Round Trip (2h), Curtis Falls (2h), Lake Rotokare (1h30m), York Loop (3h).	Stratford or Eltham
Day 6 Friday 27 February	Mt. Egmont/Taranaki National Park: Southern Section <i>Longer Options:</i> Fantham's Peak and Syme Hut (5-6h) Lake Dive Hut (7-8h) Dawson Falls-Plateau-Enchanted-Waingongoro (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Dawson Falls (10m), Kapuni Loop (1h), Ridge loop (1h), Konini Dell (45m), Wilkies Pool Loop (1h20m), Wilkies Pools and Dawson Falls (2-2h30m), Hooker Shelter (1h), Hasties Hill Loop (1h). Ratapihipihi Reserve (1h), Tawhiti Museum.	Hawera
Day 7 Saturday 28 February	South and Western Taranaki <i>Walks selected from:</i> <i>Longer Options:</i> Ihaia Track to Waiaua Gorge Hut (5-6h) Kahui Track to Kahui Hut (5h) Puniho Track to Kahui Hut (6h) Ihaia Track-Round the Mountain Track-Kahui Track (5-6h) <i>Shorter Options</i> Waihi Beach to Ohawe Beach Coastal Walk (2h) Opunake Walkway (3-4h), Lake Rotorangi (45m). <i>Travel to New Plymouth via the coastal route, pausing at Cape Egmont Lighthouse and Parihaka Pa.</i> Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes  <div data-bbox="517 2018 1090 2078">Lake Mangamahoe with Mount Taranaki</div>	

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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 Footsteps P J Donnell 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:
