

# Hawke's Bay Regional parks & rivers

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and rivers are great  
outdoor places.

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**KEY**  
 State Highway  
 Main Road  
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## Before you go:

### Open hours & seasonal closures:

Parks are open sunrise to sunset. Some access points will be closed at night or during the day to reduce vandalism, during flooding, or when we're doing maintenance work. Please note any information signs or restricted areas in parks so you can be safe.

**Getting there:** Check our interactive map to get directions for access points at [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz) and search #parks.

**Be a tidy kiwi:** Take your waste with you or leave it in a provided rubbish bin. We want our parks to be clean and tidy, and leaving rubbish attracts pests like rats which can attack young bird life.

## Facilities & attractions - key:

- Picnic facilities
- Walking trails
- Public toilets
- Watersports
- Drinking water
- Bike trails
- Campsites
- Fishing
- Rare wildlife
- Historical site
- Dog walking

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# Tūtira

REGIONAL PARK



**Nestled under steep, dramatic hills 41km north of Napier and 77km south of Wairoa, Tūtira park borders twin lakes.**

The park is an example of sustainable land use, with many of the trees being planted by locals with a connection to the land. An ongoing water quality programme aims to improve water quality in both lakes.

The park is a handy camping base for exploring Tūtira-Maungaharuru district from Boundary Stream Mainland Island and Shine Falls, to Lake Opouahi scenic reserve and kiwi crèche. The historic Guthrie-Smith Trust education centre across from the lake is open from October to May, and boasts an arboretum of 30,000 trees.

## ◆ Access

The nearest place to get supplies is Tūtira store, 4km north of the SH2 entrance. Walking tracks are closed during July, August, and September for the lambing season. There is limited mobile phone coverage.



## ◆ Facilities & attractions



There are sheltered picnic areas, composting toilets, and drinking water. Tracks provide easy strolls around the lakes and wetlands, and if you're game for a challenge head up the hill for great views. There is a fenced, shady, and flat camping area for a koha of \$5 a day. No fires are permitted.



# Waitangi

REGIONAL PARK



## Along the coast between Awatoto and Haumoana, Waitangi links rivers and coastal reserves.

The lower parts of the rivers are popular for fishing, whitebaiting, rowing, waka ama, kayaking, jet boating, jet skiing, and kite surfing.

Birds you might spot include white heron, royal spoonbill, godwits, and gannets, and you might smell or spot a seal or two as they often come inshore.

The Waitangi Estuary area was an early arrival site for both Māori and pākehā. The Star Compass, Ātea a Rangī, symbolises the navigational skills of early settlers. On Waitangi Day, 6 February, a popular festival on the Clive River features a re-enactment of the arrival of the first European settlers.

## ◆ Facilities & attractions



Wildlife spotting, watersports, cycling trail and BMX track at Clive, fishing, Ātea a Rangī Star Compass and historic site, heritage walking trails, and horse-riding trails.

## ◆ Access

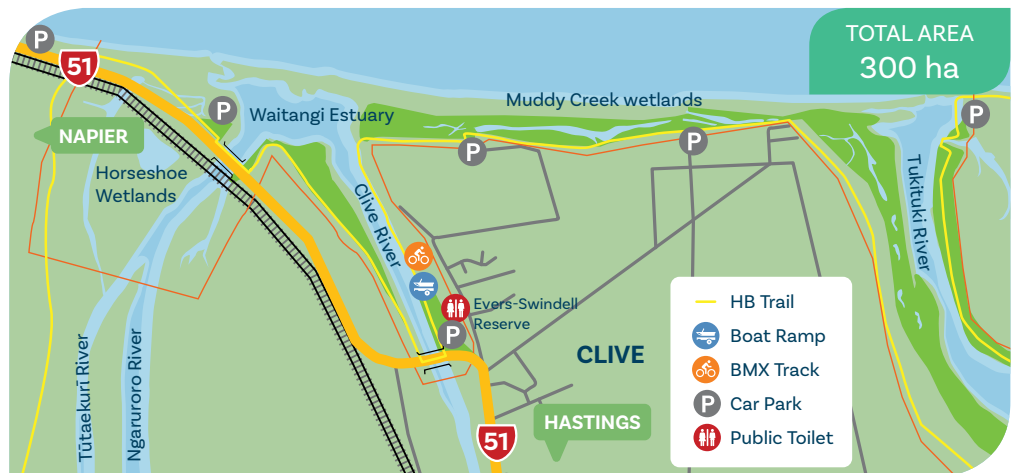
No vehicles are allowed on the coastal gravel bank between Waitangi and Tukituki Estuaries to protect the fragile bank and nesting sites.

**Waitangi:** Vehicle access to the main entrance and a carpark area is off SH51 north of Clive. Only walking access along the beach.

**Clive:** Access for vehicles, boats, cyclists, and horses is through the Evers-Swindell Reserve on the seaward side of the bridge. Self-contained campervans are permitted a short term stay in the reserve. There are toilets in the Evers-Swindell Reserve.

**East Clive:** Vehicle access from Richmond Rd to the parking area. Only walking access along the beach.

**Tukituki at Haumoana:** Vehicle access through Haumoana to the river mouth.



# Pākōwhai

## REGIONAL PARK



### ◆ Facilities & attractions



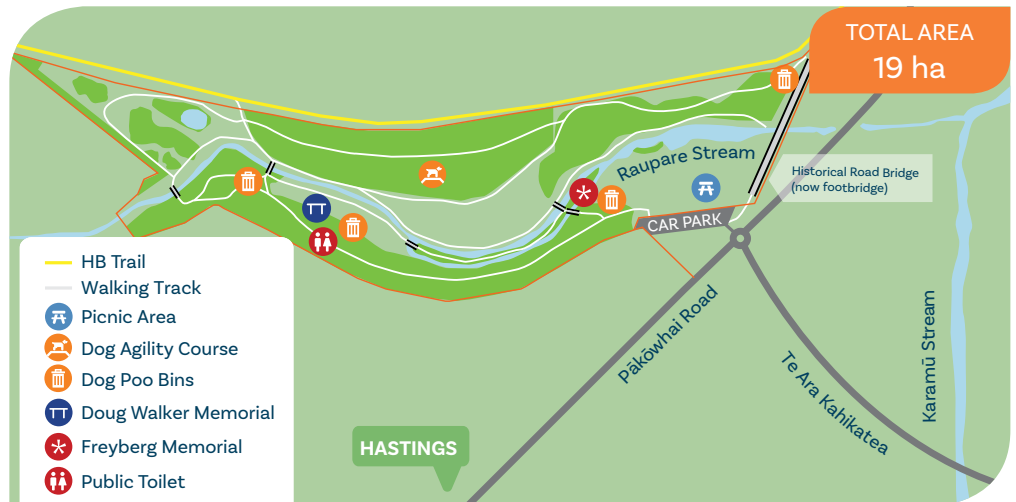
### ◆ Access

Access by car is off Pākōwhai Rd 5km north of Hastings and 12km south of Napier. If you're using the cycle trails you can get to the park from the stopbank trail.

**Pākōwhai Regional Park is a dog-friendly park with an agility course close to Hastings and an easy drive from Napier.**

Dogs are allowed off their lead under the control of their owners. There are free bags and bins in the park to help owners clean up after their dogs.

The Raupare Stream flows through the park, with bridges connecting the two kilometres of easy paths.



# Pekapeka

## REGIONAL PARK



**Pekapeka is a great place to explore and learn about wetlands and why they are essential to our environment.**



An ongoing community biodiversity enhancement programme has included planting the wetland by the local community. The park is a great space for educating tamariki outside the classroom.

### ◆ Access

Public access is to a small central area of the wetland where you can explore pathways and boardwalks, and get a panoramic view of the valley from the lookout.

The car park is directly off SH2, 12km south of Hastings and 30km north of Waipawa. The entire park and wetland is closed to the public in the first weekend of May each year for game bird shooting – in return for the assistance the shooters provide with enhancement work and predator control.



### ◆ Facilities & attractions



There are picnic areas, a special CanTeen reflection area, boardwalks, viewing platforms, bird watching, and historical sites.

Note: There can be an unpleasant sulphur smell from the wetland in the middle of summer, but this is a good sign that nutrients are being released and the wetland is doing what it's meant to.





Photo Credit: Hastings District Council

## Te Mata PARK

**Te Mata Park is a cultural and scenic landmark and one of the most visited places in Hawke's Bay.**

From the top of the peak you can enjoy 360 degree views across the Heretaunga Plains, south over rolling hills, out to the coast, and as far as Mt Ruapehu on a clear day.

There are a number of walking and mountain bike trails to explore, ancient marine fossils to find, and tōtara and redwood groves to wonder at.

### ◆ Facilities & attractions



The park is privately owned and managed by a board of trustees. The Regional Council supports the park and assists with pest control and park enhancement. Head to [tematapark.co.nz](http://tematapark.co.nz) for more information.



### ◆ Access:

The park is east of Hastings and can be accessed through Havelock North either by Te Mata Peak Rd or Tauroa Rd.





## Waipātiki

BEACH HOLIDAY PARK

**This popular holiday park is in a valley north of Napier overlooking a sandy beach and the Pacific Ocean.**

Cabin and tent sites are available on terraced sites to make the most of the views. Swimming, surfing, fishing, and coastal and bush walks make this a popular spot for families.

Head to [waipatikibeach.co.nz](http://waipatikibeach.co.nz) for bookings.

### ◆ Facilities & attractions



The Regional, Hastings District, and Napier City councils jointly own the park.

### ◆ Access:

The park is 30 minutes drives north of Napier. Take the Tangoio Settlement Rd turnoff from SH2.







## Our rivers

**River areas in Hawke's Bay are great places for water sports, picnics, horse-riding, biking, whitebaiting, and fishing. In a hot Hawke's Bay summer, locals seek out the shady places under the flood protection willows alongside the rivers.**

The riverside areas on the Heretaunga and Ruitaniwha Plains are managed for flood control and public use. We maintain access, parking, trails, and some picnic facilities. Please respect fences to private land and leave gates as you find them.

### ◆ Seasonal Activities

**Trout fishing:** 1 October to 30 April.

Permits from Fish & Game.

**Game bird and duck shooting:** May to July.

Permits from Fish & Game.

**Whitebaiting:** 15 August to 30 November.

Permits from Department of Conservation.

*Note: Rivers can flood in all seasons.*

### ◆ Facilities & attractions



For information on access and activities such as horse-riding or motorcycling, head to [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz) and search #riveraccess.

### ◆ Access points

**Tukituki River:** Walker Rd, Ford Rd, Lindsay Rd, Waipukurau Township, Pukeora, Ongaonga Rd, Burnside Rd (Lower Tukituki access points are located on the Heretaunga Plains).

**Waipawa River:** Walker Rd, Waipawa Township, Stockade Rd, Plantation Rd, SH50.

**Ngaruroro River:** Waitangi, Pākōwhai, Gilbertson Road, Ormond Road, Carrick Road, Omahu, Maraekākaho, Ohiti, HB Cycle Trails.

**Tūtaekurī River:** Omarunui Road, Springfield Road, Pākōwhai, Dartmoor, Mangaone, HB Cycle Trails.

**Te Karamū/Clive River:** Clive Bridge, entry between the two bridges, HB Cycle Trails (connecting to Hastings i-Way). Horse trail to East Clive.

**Esk River:** Esk Domain, SH5. No camping permitted in Domain.

**Mōhaka River:** Mōhaka township, other access points along SH2 and SH5.

**Wairoa River:** Wairoa township, other access points along Tiniroto Rd.





## General information

### ◆ Group activities

We welcome groups to use areas in our parks for events, celebrations, and sports and education programmes. Our parks are smoke and alcohol-free spaces. You are welcome to use a regional park anytime they are open. If it's a large or more formal event, we'd like to work with you.

### ◆ Outdoor classrooms

Regional Parks are ideal places for schools to use as outdoor learning environments. Regional Council staff can talk to students about aspects of the history, land, trees, and water quality. Please contact our Community Coordinator on 06 835 9200 to plan a class visit.

### ◆ Volunteering

We love our volunteers! Community, businesses, and school groups help out with planting new areas, weeding, and giving us a hand. We manage a programme of areas that need enhancing and will happily help out groups with plant material, equipment, and safety measures.



### ◆ Boats

When using boats in rivers or lakes, please 'Check, Clean, and Dry' all boats and equipment when you leave the water. This way you help prevent the spread of aquatic plants, especially Didymo. Navigation safety bylaws apply in some rivers and coastal areas. Head to [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz) and search bylaws to find out more.

### ◆ Swimming

Check water quality for swimming at [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz) and search #swimthrusummer.

### ◆ Drones

Drone operators must comply with civil aviation rules. Remember that some people and wildlife may not like drones, so please show courtesy. Head to [caa.govt.nz](http://caa.govt.nz) to find out more.



# We'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with our Open Spaces team for advice or to give feedback:  
Call 06 835 9200.

All other enquiries head to Facebook: HBRegionalCouncil or call 0800 108 838.



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