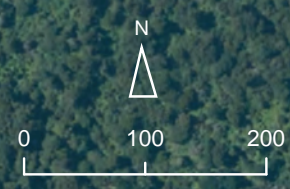
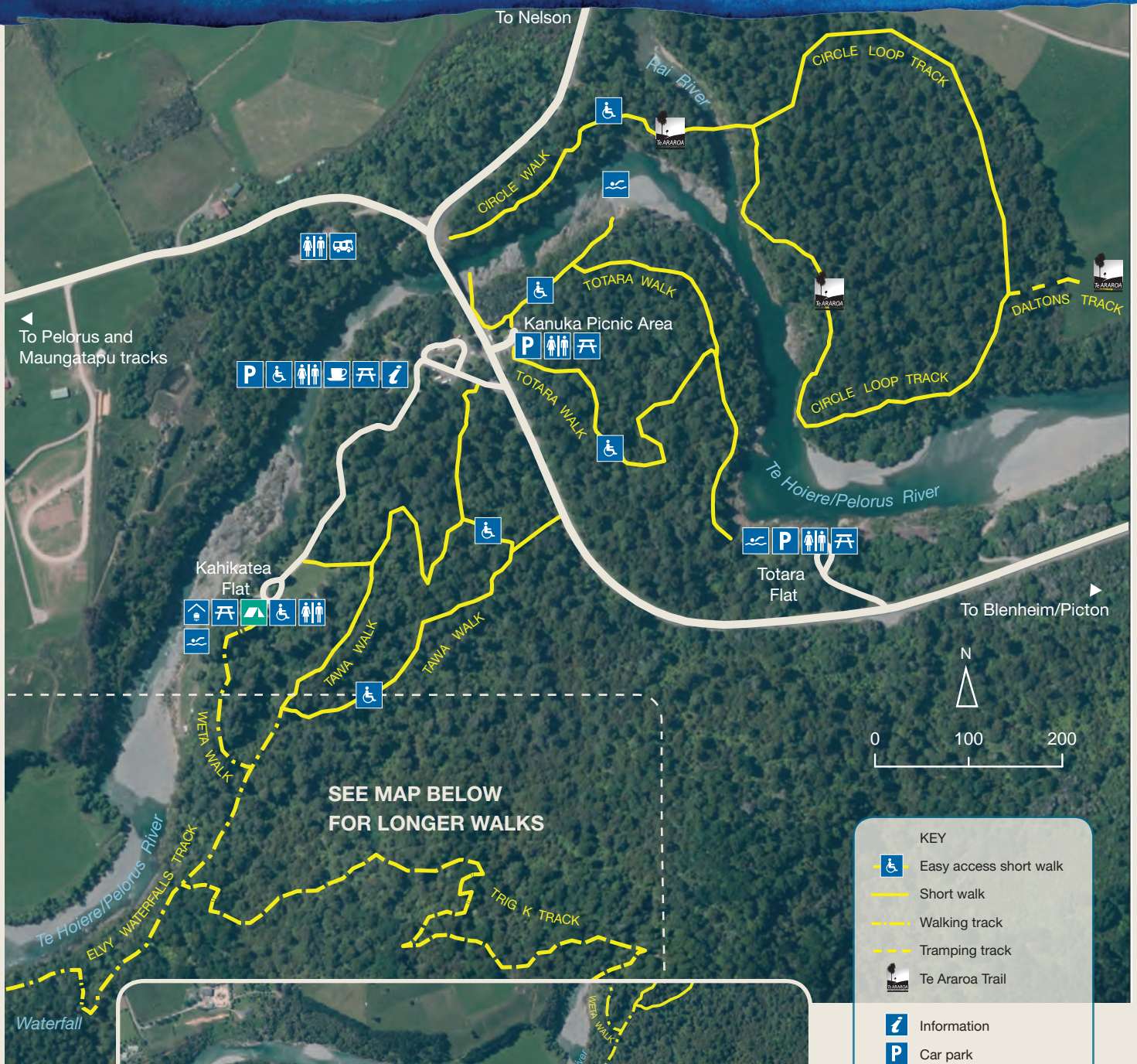
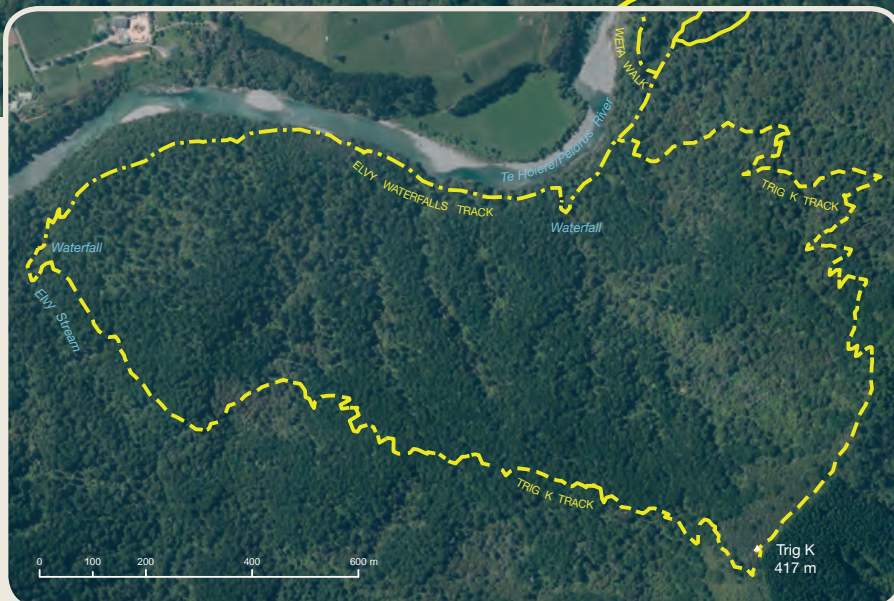


Walks in Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve



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 - Caravan/campervan park
 - Serviced campsite
 - Cooking shelter
 - Picnic area
 - Swimming



TRACK GRADES



Easy access short walk: Suitable for people of all abilities, wheelchairs and pushchairs. Walking shoes required.



Short walk: Well-formed track with easy walking for up to an hour. There may be steps or slopes. Suitable for most abilities and fitness levels. Walking shoes required.



Walking track: Easy-to-moderate walking from a few minutes to a day. Track is mostly well formed; some sections may be steep, rough or muddy. Walking shoes required.



Tramping track: Challenging day or multi-day tramping/hiking. May have steep grades. Suitable for fit, experienced and adequately equipped people. Tramping boots required.

Easy access short walks



Totara Walk 30 min, 800 m



From the Kanuka Picnic Area, this easy walking track loops through forest with a mixture of podocarp, broadleaf and beech trees – and an ancient giant tōtara. A short side track leads to Totara Flat picnic area.



Tawa Walk 30 min, 1 km



A gentle path from near the café car park entrance takes you through shady forest to explore river terraces formed by Te Hoiere/Pelorus River over thousands of years. A side track leads to the campground and river.

Short walks



River access 5 min, 200 m

A short walk, branching off the Totara Walk, leads down to the river.



Circle Walk 45 min, 1.7 km



The Circle Loop Track begins as the easy Circle Walk alongside Te Hoiere/Pelorus River. The wheelchair-standard path overlooks the river and goes as far as a suspension bridge. The bridge crosses the Rai River just before it feeds into the Te Hoiere/Pelorus River. Beyond the bridge the track becomes uneven with steps and tree roots as it makes a loop through a pocket of forest. It has short stretches with steps and moderate gradients but is otherwise flat. For part of its length the track follows the river, providing good views of its junction with the Rai River.

This track is part of Te Araroa Trail and connects to Daltons Track, which is also part of the trail. Te Araroa Trail – The Long Pathway, runs the length of New Zealand from Cape Reinga to Bluff.



Weta Walk 5 min, 200 m

This walking track joins the Elvy Waterfalls Track from the rear of the Kahikatea Flat amenity block. This track can also be used as an emergency escape track in case of flooding.

Longer walks



Elvy Waterfalls Track 2 hr return, 1.5 km

This track offers the opportunity to view two picturesque waterfalls along streams that feed into Te Hoiere/Pelorus River. The track branches off the Tawa Path and wanders along the bank of the river for most of its length before turning up Elvy Stream. Take care during wet weather as access to the first waterfall requires a stream crossing. Return via the same track or continue on to Trig K.



Trig K Track 4 hr return, 4.6 km

Superb views of the surrounding countryside reward those who climb to Trig K. The tramping track leading up to the trig branches off Elvy Waterfalls Track. One approach passes through mature and regenerating beech forest on a dry ridge, the other, shorter approach climbs through lush podocarp/broadleaf forest.



Daltons Track 4 hr return, 14 km



This section of the Te Araroa Trail follows the true left bank of Te Hoiere/Pelorus River across farmland between the Circle Loop Track and Daltons Bridge (near State Highway 6). Follow the markers and stiles and respect the access across private land.