



Baring Head

February 2011

Haere mai, welcome

Baring Head is now part of East Harbour Regional Park and open for everyone to enjoy.

About the area

Situated on the southern headland of Wellington Harbour (Te Whanganui a Tara), Baring Head's cliffs, escarpments and marine terraces form one of the region's most distinctive landscapes.

The property includes the lower reaches and the mouth of the Wainuiomata River and much of the coastal escarpment around Baring Head. It links with the Baring Head lighthouse reserve – the site of the second to last manned lighthouse to be built in New Zealand and automated in 1989.

The land has many geological features related to tectonic activity (earthquake movements). It is also an area of high environmental value, with a variety of ecosystems that contain rare native plants and animals.

Baring Head was once an important source for mahinga kai (traditional food gathering) and there are many related historic sites. More recent features include World War II lookout posts and the Baring Head lighthouse cottages.

What you can do here

Visitors are welcome to walk, run, mountain bike or picnic throughout Baring Head. There is good access to the Wainuiomata River for swimming. Beach boulders on the south coast are popular for rock climbing.



View from headland over lighthouse reserve towards South Island

- Pack in and pack out. Take your rubbish home with you
- Horse riding by permit only. Keep to the gravel road
- No dogs
- Light no fires
- Do not remove plants, animals or rocks
- No trail or quad bikes

Safety

Storms and winds can be severe in this area and there is no shelter. Please:

- Carry warm and waterproof clothing
- Carry enough food and drink for your trip
- Plan your route and inform someone of your plans
- Wear strong lace-up footwear
- Watch out for vehicles on the road

How to get there

You can reach Baring Head via Coast Road, Wainuiomata. The park entrance is a 15 minute drive from Wainuiomata.

For more information or to obtain permits, contact Greater Wellington:

Park Ranger – East Harbour
PO Box 40847
Upper Hutt 5140

Wellington office
PO Box 11646
Manners Street
Wellington 6142

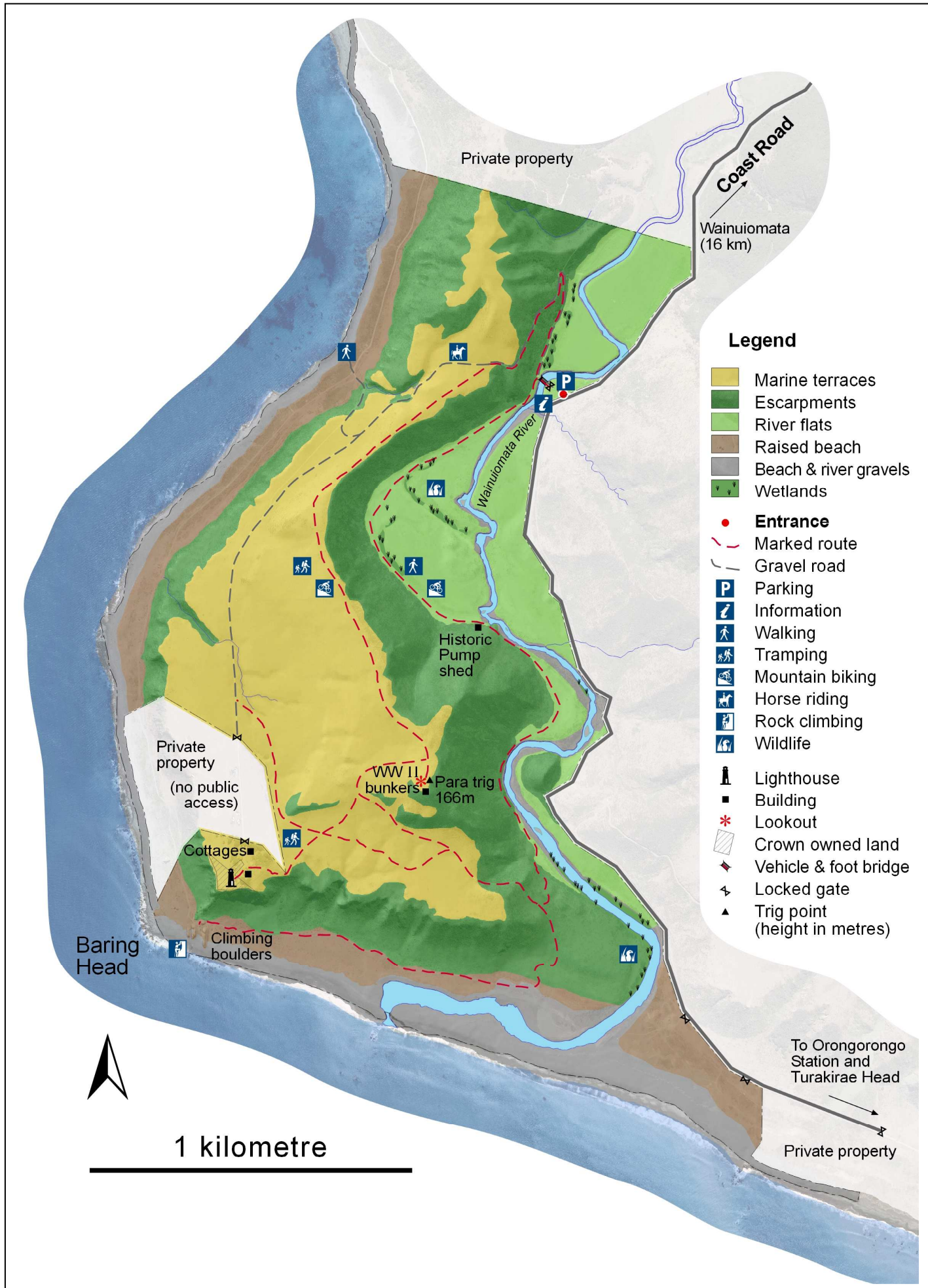
T 04 526 4133
F 04 526 4171

T 04 384 5708
F 04 385 6960

February 2011

GW/PF-G-11/16

www.gw.govt.nz
info@gw.govt.nz



Legend

- Marine terraces
- Escarpments
- River flats
- Raised beach
- Beach & river gravels
- Wetlands
- Entrance
- - - Marked route
- - - Gravel road
- P Parking
- i Information
- 🚶 Walking
- 🚰 Tramping
- 🚴 Mountain biking
- 🐎 Horse riding
- 🧗 Rock climbing
- 🦋 Wildlife
- 🗼 Lighthouse
- Building
- * Lookout
- 🏠 Crown owned land
- 🚗 Vehicle & foot bridge
- 🔒 Locked gate
- ▲ Trig point (height in metres)