

# GREAT OUTDOORS

## summer events 2010

### Escape with us this summer...

Explore the regional parks and forests on your doorstep with Greater Wellington's **Great Outdoors** summer events programme. We offer more than 60 events, set in some of the region's most spectacular landscapes

Nearly all events are within one hour's drive of Wellington city and hosted by people who know the area well.

#### What to bring

Weather conditions can change quickly. Always take a backpack with a waterproof jacket, warm clothes, tramping boots or strong lace-up walking shoes, water and a picnic lunch and/or snacks. On trips longer than two hours take thermal leggings, a long-sleeved top, a warm hat and gloves. Always take a sun hat and sunblock. The parks contain fresh Wellington air. Please be smokefree.

#### Bookings and information

Most events are free.

**You must book ahead for events with maximum numbers.** Look out for the "bookings essential" icon. **B**

For events with a fee, payment must be made to confirm your enrolment. Pay via internet banking, cheque or cash at Greater Wellington, ground floor, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington or 1056 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt. Ask the booking officer for internet payment instructions.

**bookings@gw.govt.nz**  
or phone 04 801 1041

#### Public transport

Plan your trip by phoning Metlink on 0800 801 700 or see [www.metlink.org.nz](http://www.metlink.org.nz) and use the online journey planner.

#### Cancellations

Cancellations are posted on The Breeze and Newstalk ZB. We'll leave a cancellation message on the booking officer's phone: 04 801 1041. No postponement date applies unless stated on the programme. If you cannot attend on the day, please leave a message with the booking officer. Please note that no refunds will be given for non-attendance.

#### Sponsors

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DEC 27-29

**ANYTHING VINTAGE FESTIVAL**

Queen Elizabeth Park,  
MacKays Crossing entrance  
Sun-Tues, 10am-4.30pm

Entry fees apply

Bring the family and stay the day. There'll be vintage displays, rides and other activities to enjoy.

**JANUARY**

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**KEV THE WANDERING KIWI AND SPORT WELLINGTON BUGGY WALK**

Tunnel Gully Recreation Area  
Thurs 10.30am-12noon

Join Greater Wellington, Upper Hutt City Council and Kev the Wandering Kiwi on the beautiful Tane's Track. Coffee courtesy of Caffe L'affare. **Getting there:** From SH2, turn off at Plateau Rd at the Te Marua Store (6km north of Upper Hutt). Follow signs to Tunnel Gully.

**BEGINNERS GUIDE TO THE RAINFOREST 1**

Kaitoke Regional Park,  
Waterworks Rd entrance  
Thurs 7pm-8.30pm

Join the rangers on a walk through native bush, introducing the wonders of Wellington's temperate rainforest. **Max 40 people.**

**Getting there:** Follow SH2 and turn off at Waterworks Rd 12km north of Upper Hutt. Meet at Pakuratahi Forks carpark.

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**NATURE DISCOVERY TREASURE HUNT**

Kaitoke Regional Park,  
Waterworks Rd entrance  
Sat 11am-12.30pm

Fun family treasure hunt. Use clues hidden in the forest to find the treasure. Not suitable for mountain buggies.

**Bring:** Pen and a picnic lunch.

**Getting there:** See 7 Jan.

**BATTLE HILL HELI TRAMP 1**

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park  
Sat 9am-2.30pm \$99pp \*19704

Take a chopper from Battle Hill up Transmission Gully. Enjoy a scenic tramp along the open ridge and through pine forest back to Battle Hill. **Max 30 people.**

**Getting there:** Follow Paekakariki Hill Rd for 6km from SH58 at Pauatahanui or from Grays Rd intersection with SH1 at Plimmerton.

**BEGINNERS GUIDE TO OWNING A PONY 1**

Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing  
Sat 11am-11.45am, 11.45am-12.30pm,  
1.30pm-2.15pm, 2.15pm-3pm  
\$20pp \*20317

Join the Stables on the Park team for an introduction to riding and looking after ponies. No experience necessary. Wear long pants and closed-in shoes with a heel.

**Max 12 riders per session.** For ages 5-15.

**Getting there:** Enter Queen Elizabeth Park at MacKays Crossing off SH1. Stables on the Park is on the right opposite the ranger's office. See [www.stablesonthepark.co.nz](http://www.stablesonthepark.co.nz).

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**GIANT RATA JOURNEY**

East Harbour Regional Park  
Sun 9am-3pm

Join local group MIRO on a guided off-track tramp from Days Bay to Eastbourne. Visit the biggest rata in the park and learn about their quest to protect this magnificent forest from predators. Not suitable for under 12s.

**Max 30 people.** **Getting there:** Exit SH2 at Petone and follow the Esplanade, Waione St and Seaview Rd to Williams Park at Days Bay.

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**BEGINNERS GUIDE TO OWNING A PONY 2**

Queen Elizabeth Park,  
MacKays Crossing  
Wed 11am-11.45am, 11.45am-12.30pm,  
1.30pm-2.15pm, 2.15pm-3pm \$20pp \*20318  
See 9 Jan for event description.

**4WD SUNSET TOUR 1**

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park  
Wed 6pm-9.30pm \$5pp \*19706

Team up with the Cross-Country Vehicle Club for a 4WD trip through farmland and forest, culminating in sunset views over the Pauatahanui Inlet and Cook Strait. No private 4WD vehicles allowed.

**Max 30 people.** **Getting there:** See 9 Jan.

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**KEV THE WANDERING KIWI**

Wainuiomata Recreation Area  
Thurs 10.30am-12noon

Join Greater Wellington, Hutt City Council and Kev the Wandering Kiwi to explore the Gums Loop Track in the Wainuiomata Recreation Area. Coffee courtesy of Caffe L'affare. **Getting there:** Follow the main road through Wainuiomata, turn left into Moores Valley Rd, turn right into Whitcher Grove and follow road to the Recreation Area.

**BEGINNERS GUIDE TO THE RAINFOREST 2**

Kaitoke Regional Park,  
Waterworks Rd entrance  
Thurs 7pm-8.30pm

See 7 Jan for event description.

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**RONGOA MĀORI – MĀORI MEDICINE WALK**

Kaitoke Regional Park,  
Waterworks Rd entrance  
Sat 10am-12.30pm

Go back in time to learn about rongoa – the Māori term for medicines produced from native plants. **Max 25 people.**

**Bring:** Notepad, pen. **Getting there:** See 7 Jan.

**MAARA ROA LOOP WALK**

Belmont Regional Park,  
Takapu Rd entrance  
Sat 9.30am-12.30pm

Enjoy a hilly hike around the Cannons Creek restoration area with the Friends of Maara Roa guides, who will show you some untracked bush and new plantings. To book, phone Sylvia 04 237 4760.

**Getting there:** Exit SH1 at Grenada North and follow Takapu Rd to the end.

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**WAINUIOMATA WATER WALK**

Wainuiomata Water Collection Area  
Sun 9am-2pm

See some of the best pre-European lowland forest in the lower North Island in an easy 11km guided walk.

**Max 50 people.** Entry is by application, phone 04 526 5332 for information or email [joanne.hunwick@gw.govt.nz](mailto:joanne.hunwick@gw.govt.nz). Walks are held on Sundays, monthly from October to June. **Getting there:** Take the main road south through Wainuiomata to Coast Rd, turn left onto Moores Valley Rd, right into Whitcher Grove, go straight ahead to Reservoir Rd and the main gates to meet the park ranger.

**PAWS IN THE PARK**

Tunnel Gully Recreation Area  
Sun 11am-2pm

Walkies! Bring your dog and explore the beautiful podocarp forest along Tane's Track. Then it's back to the picnic area for obedience displays and games with your dog.

**Bring:** Plastic bags for your dog's poop.

**Getting there:** See 7 Jan.

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**KEV THE WANDERING KIWI**

Hutt River Trail, Poets Park  
Thurs 10.30am-12noon

Join Greater Wellington, Upper Hutt City Council and Kev the Wandering Kiwi on a wander down the Hutt River Trail, and into Trentham Memorial Park and Bartons Bush. Coffee courtesy of Caffe L'affare.

**Getting there:** SH2, turn left after Moonshine Bridge if heading north.

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**RIMUTAKA RAIL TRAIL 1**

Pakuratahi Forest

Sat 9am-5.30pm  
Adults \$27, under 14s \$12 \*19710

A long (17km) but easy 5-hour scenic walk exploring our unique railway history. Afternoon tea at Featherston's Fell Museum then back to Upper Hutt. Price includes bus, lunchtime sausage sizzle, afternoon tea and museum entry. **Max 45 people.**

**Getting there:** Catch the train to Upper Hutt Railway Station. By car, follow SH2 to Upper Hutt, take Gibbons St then Fergusson Drive to the railway station.

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**FARM TO COAST 1**

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park to Queen Elizabeth Park

Sun 7.45am-5pm \$12pp \*19707

Fit and interested in the route less travelled? Join Greater Wellington and the Parawai Tramping Club at Queen Elizabeth Park before bussing to Battle Hill. We head up through pine forest to the native bush of Mt Wainui and the trig before dropping into Whareroa Farm and back to Queen Elizabeth Park. **Max 30 people.** For the fit only! **Getting there:** Enter Queen Elizabeth Park at MacKays Crossing off SH1 and meet at the ranger's office.

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**KEV THE WANDERING KIWI**

Belmont Regional Park, Oakleigh St  
Thurs 10.30am-12noon

Join Greater Wellington, Hutt City Council and Kev the Wandering Kiwi for a slightly harder walk as we visit the historic Korokoro Dam. Not suitable for mountain buggies. Coffee courtesy of Caffe L'affare.

**Getting there:** Exit SH2 at Maungaraki, go up Dowse Drive, turn left into Oakleigh St to park entrance.

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**QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK NATURE DAY**

Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing

Sat 9.30am-2pm

Learn what's behind the beach at our most popular regional park. Come on guided walks to explore its special bird life, plants and land forms. Sausage sizzle at lunchtime.

**Getting there:** See 24 January.

**GLOW WORM GROTTO**

Tunnel Gully Recreation Area  
Sat 9pm-10pm

Visit one of the area's best glow worm colonies and learn about their lifecycle.

**Bring:** Torch and warm clothing.

**Max 40 people.** **Getting there:** Take SH2 and turn right at the Te Marua Store (6km north of Upper Hutt) onto Plateau Rd, follow to the end of Tunnel Gully where rangers will meet you.

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**HUTT VALLEY GLIDING CLUB OPEN WEEKEND** B

**Pakuratahi Forest**  
**Sat-Sun 9.30am-10.30am, 10.30am-11.30am, 1.30pm-2.30pm, 2.30pm-3.30pm, 3.30pm-4.30pm** \$100pp \*19709  
 Ever wanted to soar like a bird? Enjoy Kaitoke Basin's scenery from the air with a qualified instructor as you feel the exhilaration of free flight. Have a go yourself or just take in the scenery. **Max 2 people per session. Getting there:** Turn right from SH2 for the road to the Rimutaka Rail Trail. The signposted airstrip is to your right.

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**WAINUIOMATA WATER WALK** Fr

**Wainuiomata Water Collection Area** B  
**Sun 9am-2pm** E  
 See 17 Jan for event description.

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**BEGINNERS GUIDE TO FLY FISHING 1** Fr

**Hutt River Trail, Belmont Hall** B  
**Sat 8am-12noon, 1pm-5pm**  
 "The best thing in New Zealand I've ever done." Members of Hutt Valley Angling Club guide you on tackle, knots and different fishing techniques. Then a mentor helps you give it a go. **Max 20 people per session. Bring:** Gumboots or wading shoes, sunglasses. Rods and other gear will be supplied if you don't have your own. **Getting there:** Turn right onto Carter St from SH2, then left onto Norfolk St to meet at the Belmont Scout Hall.

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**BACK OF THE BAY FOREST WALK** Fr

**East Harbour Regional Park** B  
**Wed 6.30pm-8.30pm** M  
 Join the ranger on a walk through the lovely native coastal forest of Lowry Bay. Learn about local forest ecosystems and enjoy stunning evening harbour views. **Max 35 people. Getting there:** Turn right from Marine Parade onto Cheviot Rd, entrance at the end of the road. S

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**THE AKATARAWA ATTACK**

**Akatarawa Forest**  
**Sun 8.30am and 12.30pm** Entry fees apply  
 A mountain bike orienteering adventure in the Akatarawa forest.  
 See <http://akattack.rhizome.net.nz>.

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**THE KAPITI GREAT GRAVEL GRAB** Fr

**SH1, Otaki** Fr  
**Sat 10am-2pm**  
 Help prevent flooding on the Kapiti Coast! Join Greater Wellington's Flood Protection team on the banks of the Otaki River and take river stones for your garden. **Bring:** Trailer and shovel. **Getting there:** Turn left off SH1 immediately north of Otaki Bridge and follow the signs.

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**BIKE THE TRAIL** Fr

**Hutt River Trail** E  
**Sun 9am start** E  
 Bring the whanau for an easy, flat scenic bike ride down the Hutt River Trail to Hikoikoi Reserve, Petone. Try the 2½ hour ride from Harcourt Park in Upper Hutt or the 1-hour ride from Stokes Valley. Free return transport available from 11am-1pm. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult aged over 18 (1 adult to 3 children). All cyclists must wear an approved cycle helmet. BBQ afterwards at Hikoikoi Reserve with live music, giveaways and fun for the whole family. **More information:** [www.bikethetrail.co.nz](http://www.bikethetrail.co.nz) or contact Leisure Active 04 560 0307.

FEBRUARY

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**SPORT WELLINGTON BUGGY WALK** Fr

**Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing** M  
**Thurs 10.30am-12noon** Bu  
 Coastal walk looping onto the inland track. See [www.buggywalk.co.nz](http://www.buggywalk.co.nz). S

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**WAITANGI WEEKEND HISTORY WALK** Fr

**Battle Hill Farm Forest Park** B  
**Sun 10am-12noon** G  
 Learn how Battle Hill got its name! Join us for a guided walk up along the ridge trail highlighting Te Rangihaeata's stand against government troops. **Getting there:** See 9 Jan. S

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**THE HUTT GREAT GRAVEL GRAB** Fr

**Hutt River Trail, Moonshine Park** Fr  
**Sat 10am-2pm**  
 Help prevent flooding in the Hutt Valley! Join Greater Wellington's Flood Protection team on the Hutt River and take some stones for your garden. **Bring:** Trailer and shovel. **Getting there:** Enter park off Moonshine Rd.

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**LIGHTHOUSE AND LAKES 1** B

**East Harbour Regional Park** G  
**Sun 9am-4pm** \$14pp \*19719 S  
 Join wetland specialist George Gibbs and discover our rich ecological and maritime history on a walk around Parangarahu Lakes Area (Pencarrow). Two very steep uphill sections, with stunning vistas over Wellington Harbour and Cook Strait. Learn more about the historic Pencarrow Lighthouse. **Max 45 people. Getting there:** Drive through Eastbourne to Burdans Gate car park at the end of Muritai Road. Bus provided at beginning and end of walk.

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**BELMONT REGIONAL PARK OPEN DAY** Fr

**Belmont Regional Park, Hill Road entrance** Fr  
**Sun 10am-3pm**  
 Based at the old shearers' quarters, this is an excellent opportunity to experience the park's splendid hilltops. FREE attractions include rides with 4WDers, introductory orienteering, various-grade mountain-biking, informative walks on botany, ecology, history and geology, and a longer walk with a tramping club. Sausage sizzle and drinks available. For the full programme see [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events). **How to get there:** Turn off SH2 onto Grounsell Crescent which links onto Hill Road. The road to the shearers' quarters will be open for the day.

**4WD SUNSET TOUR 2** B

**Battle Hill Farm Forest Park** B  
**Sat 6pm-9.30pm** \$5pp \*19713  
 See 13 Jan for event description.

**RIMUTAKA RAIL TRAIL 2** B

**Pakuratahi Forest** M  
**Sat 9am-5.30pm** S  
 Adults \$27, under 14s \$12 \*19717  
 See 23 Jan for event description.

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**TAKE A KID TRAMPING** B

**Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Rd** S  
**Sun 9.30am-3pm** \$20 per adult and youth (10 years +), \$5 per additional youth, max 2 youths per adult \*20319  
 Help your child discover the outdoors while learning some essential safety skills such as map reading, river crossing and trip planning. **Max 20 adults. Getting there:** Follow SH2 and turn left at Waterworks Rd 12km north of Upper Hutt. Meet the ranger at the park's campground. Be in to win a tramping pack courtesy of Dwrights Outdoors.

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**HARAKEKE – FLAX WEAVING ON THE COAST** B

**Queen Elizabeth Park, Tilley Road** B  
**Thurs 6pm-9pm** \$10pp \*19715  
 Take a trip into the past world of Māori weavers. Learn how to harvest, prepare and weave flax. Materials provided. Sausage sizzle to follow. **Max 50 people. Getting there:** Take SH1 to Paekakariki, take a right onto Wellington Rd, take a second right (Cecil Rd) onto Tilley Rd. The Weaving Club is at the end of road.

**CREEK TO PEAK** Fr

**Belmont Regional Park, Dry Creek entrance** B  
**Sun 10am-2pm** G  
 Explore the natural life and landscape of Dry Creek and Boulder Hill with ecologist Mary McIntyre from the Friends of Belmont Regional Park. **Max 35 people. Getting there:** The Dry Creek entrance is near the intersection of SH58 (Haywards Hill Rd) and SH2, or a 10 minute walk from Manor Park Station. S

PROGRAMME KEY

- E Easy fitness
- M Moderate fitness
- G Good fitness
- F Fit only
- Bu Buggy friendly
- D Dog friendly
- B Bookings essential
- Fr Free event
- S Spot prizes

\* Payment code – this code is required when you pay for this event

# MARCH

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## SPORT WELLINGTON BUGGY WALK

Kaitoke Regional Park,  
Waterworks Rd entrance  
Thurs 10.30am-12noon  
Pakuratahi River walk.  
See [www.buggywalk.co.nz](http://www.buggywalk.co.nz).

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## KARAPOTI CLASSIC Akatarawa Forest

Sat, from 10am Entry fees apply  
Based in the rugged and remote Akatarawa Ranges, 10km north of Upper Hutt, the event boasts spectacular scenery and the biggest prize purse of any mountain bike race in the country. See [www.karapoti.co.nz](http://www.karapoti.co.nz).

## BUSH BLOCK MGMT 101 Battle Hill Farm Forest Park

Sat 9am-12noon  
Find out more about looking after your bush block. You'll hear about restoration planting, pest management and the role of livestock before checking out examples around the park. **Getting there:** See 9 Jan.

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## EXPLORE WAIRARAPA MOANA Lake Wairarapa

Sun 11am-4.30pm \$19pp \*20320  
The other "eye of Maui's fish", Wairarapa Moana includes the North Island's second largest lake and nationally significant wetlands. Join Greater Wellington, Department of Conservation and local iwi for a guided bus trip to explore its unique history and environment. Stops include Boggy Pond, Onoke Spit and the Barrage Gates. Lunch will be at Kohunui marae – byo lunch. **Max 45 people. How to get there:** Catch the Wairarapa train to Featherston. From SH2 (south) turn left onto Wakefield St, right on Bell St, left on Johnston St. Meet at Featherston Railway Station.

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## OLD COACH ROAD HISTORY TRAIL Belmont Regional Park

Sat 10am-2.30pm \$19pp \*19708  
Join the Friends of Belmont Regional Park on a historical walk along the first road between the Hutt Valley and Porirua. Passing many WWII ammunition bunkers, you'll get great views of the Hutt Valley and Porirua Harbour. **Max 50 people. Getting there:** Meet at Melling Railway Station carpark for the bus ride to Old Coach Rd. Return transport provided.

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## BEGINNERS GUIDE TO FLY FISHING 2 Hutt River Trail, Belmont Hall

Sat 8am-12noon, 1pm-5pm  
See 27 Feb for event description.

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## THE BIG COAST Rimutaka Rail Trail and East Harbour Regional Park

Sat-Sun Entry fees apply  
A family-friendly two-day mountain bike ride. Recall a bygone era on the Rimutaka Rail Trail then camp overnight next to Lake Wairarapa. Enjoy a spectacular journey round the South Coast to Eastbourne on day two. See [www.bigcoast.co.nz](http://www.bigcoast.co.nz).

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## MT CLIMIE 4WD TRIP

Tunnel Gully Recreation Area  
Sun 10am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm  
\$5pp or \$15 for families of 4 (2 adults, 2 under 15s) \*19876

Join us on one of four guided 4WD trips to the top of Mt Climie with views to the Wairarapa and Hutt Valley. No private vehicles allowed. **Max of 25 people per trip. Getting there:** See 7 Jan.

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## CHRYSTALLS BEND LAGOON WALK

SH1, Otaki  
Sun 9.30am-11.30am

Join the Friends of Otaki River and the Greater Wellington River Ranger to learn more about this hidden gem on the Kapiti Coast. **Getting there:** Turn left after Otaki Rd Bridge, meet at the Greater Wellington depot.

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## "HUMAN BIRDS" – A THREE STEP FOREST RESTORATION EVENT

Belmont Regional Park,  
Cannons Creek entrance  
Sun 9.30am-12.30pm

Help spread the good seed of our forests – just like the birds. Today we learn how to collect and prepare seeds of native trees, on 28 March we make seedballs then in May/June we throw the seedballs. Instruction from Friends of Maara Roa and Kiwi Conservation Club. To book, phone Sylvia on 04 237 4760. **Bring:** Secateurs, clip-top plastic bags, labels, pen. Participants need to attend all three steps. **How to get there:** Exit SH1 at Mungavin Interchange, Porirua city, and follow Champion St to the Cannons Creek entrance next to the shops.

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## WAINUIOMATA WATER WALK

Wainuiomata Water Collection Area  
Sun 9am-2pm

See 17 Jan for event description.

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## KAPITI COAST BEGINNERS GUIDE TO FLY FISHING

SH1, Otaki  
Sat 8am-12noon, 1pm-5pm

Members of Kapiti Fly fishing Angling Club will guide you on tackle, knots and different fishing techniques. Then a mentor will help you give it a go. **Max 20 people per session. Bring:** Gumboots or wading shoes, sunglasses. Rods and other gear will be supplied if you don't have your own. **Getting there:** See 14 March.

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## RIDGE TRACK ADVENTURE

Kaitoke Regional Park,  
Waterworks Rd entrance  
Sat 10am-3pm \$7pp \*19721

This 9km walk through regenerating bush and mature beech forest gives panoramic views of the Hutt Valley and Tararua. We bus from the information kiosk back to the start of the Ridge Track at Te Marua. **Max 35 people. Getting there:** Turn off SH2 at Waterworks Rd (second entrance), 12km north of Upper Hutt. Drive to the info kiosk 500m inside the park entrance to meet the ranger.

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## FARM TO COAST 2

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park to  
Queen Elizabeth Park  
Sun 7.45am-5pm \$12pp \*19720  
See 24 Jan for event description.

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## LIGHTHOUSE AND LAKES 2

East Harbour Regional Park  
Sun 9am-4pm \$14pp \*19722  
See 21 Feb for event description.

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## THE REAL CANNONS CREEK

Belmont Regional Park,  
Cannons Creek entrance  
Sat 10am-12noon

Follow the course of the stream with the Friends of Maara Roa guides, hear its history and view the human impact from Māori times to today. Harakeke (flax weaving) demonstration, bush restoration. Suitable for families. To book, phone Sylvia 04 237 4760. **Getting there:** See 14 March.

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## 4WD BACK COUNTRY AKATARAWA

Akatarawa Forest  
Sat 9am-12noon, 1.30pm-4.30pm  
\$20 per vehicle \*19723

Bring your vehicle and join the Cross-Country Vehicle Club for a tag-along trip through Akatarawa Forest. The morning session departs from Totara Park, finishing at Maungakotukutuku Gate. The 1.30pm session is in reverse. **Max 30 vehicles per session. Getting there:** Morning session – turn off at Totara Park (SH2), turn left immediately after crossing the bridge. Afternoon session – turn right after MacKays Crossing onto Waterfall Rd, turn into Maungakotukutuku Rd and meet at the end.

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## WALK THE TRAIL

Hutt River Trail, Trentham Memorial Park  
Sun 10am start

A fun, family-friendly 5km walk along the scenic Hutt River Trail from Trentham Memorial Park to Stokes Valley. A return 10km option available. FREE return transport back to Trentham Memorial Park. See [www.leisureactive.co.nz](http://www.leisureactive.co.nz).

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## MT LOWRY CHALLENGE

East Harbour Regional Park  
Sun, registration from 7.30am  
Entry fees apply

Take on Wellington's premier mountain run. Leaving from Days Bay, Eastbourne, it's a 12.75km run or walk that challenges different fitness levels. Rising from sea level to 350 metres, you'll get great views of Wellington Harbour. See [www.paardekooper.co.nz](http://www.paardekooper.co.nz).

## GRAND TRAVERSE

Battle Hill, Belmont Regional Park,  
Whitireia Park  
Sun 7am start Entry fees apply

Challenge yourself in the region's latest multisport event by mountain biking, running and kayaking your way around Porirua's iconic waterways and high country. The route includes popular public parks and hidden gems, including private land you'd never see outside this event. See [www.poriruastrandtraverse.co.nz](http://www.poriruastrandtraverse.co.nz).

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## HAVE-A-GO ORIENTEERING

Belmont Regional Park, Stratton St entrance  
Sun, registration from 10.30am-1pm  
Entry fees apply

Orienteering is all about using a map and sometimes a compass to navigate courses. Join Orienteering Hutt Valley and try courses for beginners, family groups and experienced orienteers. For more information go to [www.mapsport.co.nz/hvoc/hvoc](http://www.mapsport.co.nz/hvoc/hvoc). No dogs please. **How to get there:** Exit SH2 at Maungaraki, go up Dowse Drive and turn left into Stratton St. Follow the signs into the park. Meet at the woolshed.

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SPORT WELLINGTON BUGGY WALK  
Battle Hill Farm Forest Park  
Thurs 10.30am-12noon

Wetlands walk. See [www.buggywalk.co.nz](http://www.buggywalk.co.nz).

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For the full events programme, see  
[WWW.GW.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS](http://WWW.GW.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS)