

Korokoro Valley



Facilities



Bus



Parking (Cornish Street, Stratton Street and Oakleigh Street entrances to Belmont Regional Park)



Toilets (Oakleigh Street entrance to BRP)



Dog walking (off-leash provided they are kept under control)



Walking tracks



Mountain biking (permitted in the majority of the catchment)



Horse riding (Bridleway starts at Horokiwi Road*)



Lookout (Oakleigh Street carpark)



Bird watching



Water fountain (Oakleigh Street entrance to BRP)

BRP: Belmont Regional Park



*Horse Riding allowed on the Horokiwi Bridleway and then up to Belmont Trig. No horses allowed in the lower valley and up to Korokoro Dam.

Highlight

Walk from the sea to the hill tops. Take the easy walk up to the first dam in New Zealand or climb through the bush-clad valley to the trig and enjoy panoramic views from 456 metres high.

Description, values & significance

The valley was once the route linking Porirua and Wellington for Māori. The Māori name Te Korokoro o Te Mana means 'the throat of Te Mana', indicating the importance of the stream as a food supply for Māori. The Korokoro Valley and Belmont Regional Park are now well utilised recreationally, catering for mountain bikers, hikers and even horse riders with a network of bridleways.

Accessibility/How to get there/particular time of year to visit

There are six park entrances on the Lower Hutt side of the hills and two on the other side, near Porirua. Train and bus services (bus number 150) from Wellington City can get you within walking distance of all park entrances. By car, take the Dowse interchange off State Highway 2, then drive along Dowse Drive and onto Oakleigh Street.

Threatened species/species of interest

The Korokoro Valley within the Belmont Regional Park is one of the largest areas of native bush readily accessible from Lower Hutt and is the last significant stand of rimu-rata-tawa-kohekohe in the southwest of the Wellington region. The forested valley supports a wide range of native birds including bellbirds and a large population of kereru, while the stream contains giant and banded kokopu, amongst other species. The stream is an important fish habitat because the majority of its catchment remains clothed in native vegetation.

Key threats

Most of this area is currently treated for possums and rats. Controlling these pests provides ongoing protection for native birds and allows species such as kereru to thrive. The Korokoro Valley is part of a native bush corridor extending from the Akatarawas through the Hutt Valley and down to Wellington City's Green Belt.

Walks (length)

Tracks range in length from 1 to 4 hours and the main access points are at the Oakleigh Street and Cornish Street entrances to Belmont Regional Park. Select from a variety of bush walks from an easy (one and a half hour) walk to the Korokoro Dam to a more demanding walk (four hours) to the Belmont Trig (stunning views of Wellington and surrounds).

Walks (grade)

Contains walks to suit all levels, from easy to demanding.

How to get there



Manager

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Protection status

Proposed Recreation Reserve

Community Involvement

Korokoro Environment Group