

# Tane's Track



## Facilities



Public transport  
(Maymorn Train Station or bus to the end of Plateau Road then a flat ten minute walk on tar-sealed road)



Parking



Toilets  
(In carparks)



Information kiosk



Pram accessible



Wheelchair accessible  
(Lower Tane's Track)



Walking tracks



Dog walking



Swimming  
(Small stream)



Horse riding



Bird watching



Picnic table



Camping  
(Only for consented events)



## Highlight

An easy walk for the whole family, there's lots to explore. Tane's Track is one of many historical and nature packed trails in the Pakuratahi Forest and there is a full compliment of amenities.

## Description, values & significance

Nestled at the foot of Mt Climie (north of Upper Hutt), Tunnel Gully Recreation Area, where Tane's Track is found, is popular for picnics, mountain biking and walking through the remnant native bush. Named for its link with the historic Rimutaka Railway between Wellington and the Wairarapa, it features the 221 metre long Mangaroa Tunnel built between 1875 and 1877. The Tunnel Gully recreational area contains swamp maire and large stands of terrestrial rata.

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

From Wellington take State Highway 2 and turn right at Te Marua (7.5km north of Upper Hutt). Follow Plateau Road to its end to reach Tunnel Gully where this walk begins.

By rail, exit at Maymorn and climb the track beside the railway line.

## Threatened species/species of interest

Start at the lower picnic area and take the left-hand branch of the track through tall rimu, matai, kahikatea and tawa forest then climb through hard and black beech forest to Collins Stream and a picturesque waterfall. During the descent pass a grove of eucalyptus trees, the old Mangaroa Railway Tunnel, and podocarp/tawa bush back to the lower picnic area. If you're lucky you may spot bellbird, kereru or even a New Zealand falcon (Karearea).

## Key threats

Pakuratahi Forest is an ecological corridor for native flora and fauna, particularly birds, between the Akatarawa, Tararua, Rimutaka and Orongorongo Ranges. The Hutt (Heretaunga) River (including the Pakuratahi branch), was once the "food basket" of the Upper Hutt area. Possums, other pests and historic clearing for pine plantations reduced its suitability for native species.

## Walks (length)

Upper Tane's Track (30-40 minutes return - moderate walking, less wheelchair friendly but feasible with prams); and Lower Tane's Track (20 minutes return - flat, gentle, wide, good condition - some of the track is wheelchair accessible)

# Walks IGrade!

Short walk

## Manager

Greater Wellington Regional Council

## Protection status

Fee simple for the purposes of recreation, forestry and water supply

## How to get there

