

Khandallah Park and Mt Kaukau



Facilities



Bus and Train



Parking



Toilets



Pram accessible
(Around park)



Dog walking
(on leash)



Walking tracks



Swimming Pool
(Pool open in summer)



Lookout



Bird watching



Playground



Café



Picnic table



Water fountain



Bbq



Highlight

After a walk through beautiful native forest, catch your breath with breathtaking views from the mountains to the sea. You can't beat Wellington on a good day!

Description, values & significance

The 445 metre climb to the most visible high point in Wellington's landscape is well worth it. Mt Kaukau is topped by Wellington's 100 metre television transmitter tower. The summit boasts spectacular views of the city, harbour, Rimutaka and Tararua Ranges, and Porirua Basin. On a clear day you can see the South Island. Khandallah Park and Mt Kaukau are clothed in lush remnant forest graduating up through scrub and farmland at the summit.

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

Easily accessible, located in the suburb of Khandallah, off Woodmancote Road, Clark Street or Simla Crescent. The unheated outdoor pool at the base of Mt Kaukau is open during the summer months from 10am-6pm.

Threatened species/species of interest

Khandallah Park is an important remnant native tawa and kohekohe forest hosting regionally critical orchid and fern species, and nationally declining lizard and bird species. The reserve is the home of many native bird species including tui, kereru (woodpigeon) and bellbird. Powelliphanta snails (large carnivorous snails) have been found in Khandallah Park. The reserve is part of Wellington's "Green Belt" established by the city's founding fathers and now an important corridor for native wildlife moving between forest remnants.

Key threats

Key threats facing the park are from weed species, particularly Darwin's Barberry, and animal pests such as possums and rats. Greater Wellington, Wellington City Council and "Friends of Khandallah Park" have pest control and restoration plans in place and are working hard to repair the legacy left by deforestation and urbanisation.

Walks (length)

It takes approximately 1 hour to walk to the summit. There are also many shorter walks within the park.

Walks (grade)

Easy around the park, medium difficulty to the summit of Mt Kaukau.

Manager

Wellington City Council

Protection status

Scenic Reserve

Community Involvement

Friends of Khandallah Park

How to get there

