

Trelissick Park



Facilities



Bus and train



Bird watching



Parking



Picnic table



Pram accessible
(in part)



Dog walking



Walking tracks



Highlight

Wander the fern clad Kaiwharawhara Stream gorge along what was once the main route north for Māori. View the historic magazine building and fish ladder along the way.

Description, values & significance

Trelissick Park follows the Kaiwharawhara Stream down Ngaio Gorge. The area was extensively milled for tawa and rimu in the mid-nineteenth century. But now the 20 hectare park is regaining some original native elements through natural regeneration and the hard work of the local care group. Wander the tracks that connect to the Northern Walkway route through Wellington and explore the historic magazine bunkers and nearby gun emplacements.

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

Trelissick Park is easily accessible from a number of locations, just a few km's from downtown Wellington. Entrances are on Ngaio Gorge Road, Trelissick Crescent, Waikowhai Street and Hanover Street. A carpark is on Ngaio Gorge Road.

Threatened species/species of interest

Trelissick Park boasts a wide variety of native tree species including mature mahoe, tawa, rewarewa, kohekohe and titoki. Within the gorge native birds are common including kereru, tui and shining cuckoos. Falcon frequent the area and kaka have been known to pay a visit. Kaiwharawhara Stream has red fin and blue-gill bully, banded, short-jaw and giant kokopu, koaro, inanga and longfin eels. Some of these fish species are nationally threatened and rarely found in urban streams.

Key threats

Plant and animal pests are key threats and the stream is threatened by pollution. An on-going programme of weed control and pest animal control is being carried out in the reserve. Up stream the stream and its tributaries flow past private properties and roads which can be a source of contamination, runoff and garden dumping. The fish ladder has improved the once impeded fish passage.

Walks (length)

There are a number of tracks through this reserve. The newest is a 2.5km walk along the stream with bridge crossings.

Walks (grade)

Generally the grade of these tracks is very easy.

Manager

Wellington City Council

How to get there



Protection status

Scenic Reserve

Community Involvement

The Trelissick Park Group are very active in Trelissick Park and hold regular working bees.