

# Walking, tramping and mountain biking

The Hunua Ranges can be explored extensively on foot and in some areas by mountain bike. The feature walks on this page are a great introduction to the park with views, waterfalls, dams, native forest and its wildlife to discover.



Mangatangi Dam

## Feature walks

### Hunua Falls Loop Walk

20 minutes, 800m

This is a great way to see the popular Hunua Falls from all angles and enjoy the surrounding forest. The track is clearly signposted from the Hunua Falls car park. The track climbs from the Wairoa River through beautiful lush forest, follows along a shady stream and arrives at an excellent lookout platform. Once you have soaked up the views, continue along the track as it loops through more of the forest and back to the base of Hunua Falls.

### Cossey-Massey Loop

3 hours, 8.3km

Combine the Cossey Gorge Track with the Massey Track to create this rewarding loop walk – a favourite of visitors to the Hunua Ranges. The track is metalled, but is steep in places and involves wading or rock hopping across Cossey Creek. Enjoy beautiful views, impressive native forest, sparkling waters and giant kauri trees along the way.

### Wairoa Loop Track

3 hours, 6.2km

The Wairoa Loop Track climbs from the south side of the Wairoa picnic site (off Moumoukai Road) to a lookout platform 1.5km from the entrance. The lookout is a short distance from the main track and provides magnificent views of the Wairoa Reservoir.

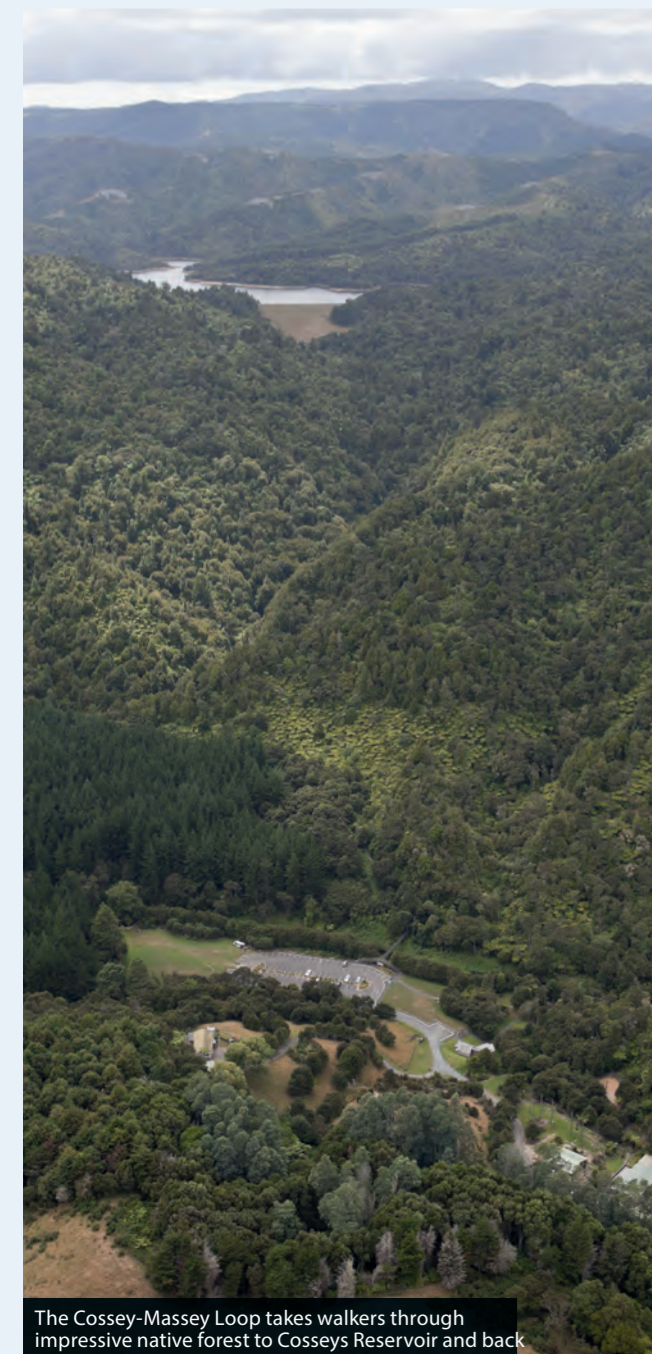
### Suspension Bridge Loop

1 hour 15 minutes, 3.9km

The loop combines the Suspension Bridge Track with part of the Wairoa Cossey Track. Start at the suspension bridge over the Wairoa Stream, near the car park on the Wairoa Reservoir Access Road (off Moumoukai Road). The walk takes you through lush vegetation, climbing to a spectacular lookout platform above the Wairoa Reservoir. Continue on the track to the junction with Wairoa Cossey Track. Turn right at the junction and follow the track back down to the road.



Walking in the bush



The Cossey-Massey Loop takes walkers through impressive native forest to Cosseys Reservoir and back

## Mountain bike trails

### Moumoukai Mountain Bike Skills Area

Practice your riding skills on the Moumoukai Mountain Bike Skills Area before heading out on your ride.

### Valley Loop Track

1 hour 30 minutes, 14km

This easy grade loop follows Mangatangi Hill Road, Graeme White Road and Moumoukai Valley Road. Metal roads form a loop with shady spots for picnics and some good swimming holes in the river. You will need to cross Milne Stream at the end of Moumoukai Valley Road, then left onto Manning Road to return to the start. The best way is to start from the Mangatāwhiri car park and follow the river down through the paddocks to Mangatangi Hill Road.

### River Track

15 minutes, 2.6km

A medium grade track that detours off the Valley Loop Track 1km from the carpark. Take this track before the Moumoukai Farm Track.

### Moumoukai Farm Track

1 hour 45 minutes, 15km

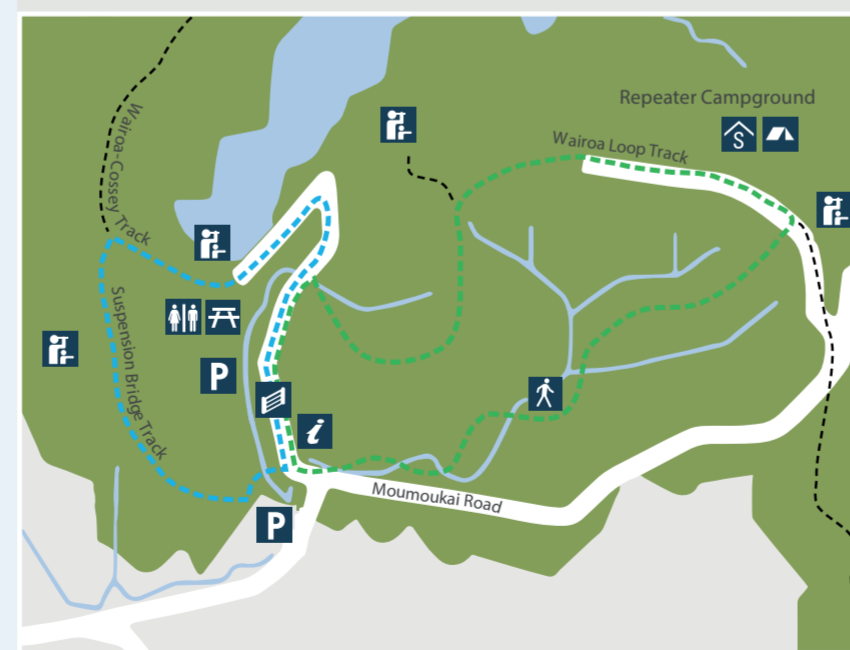
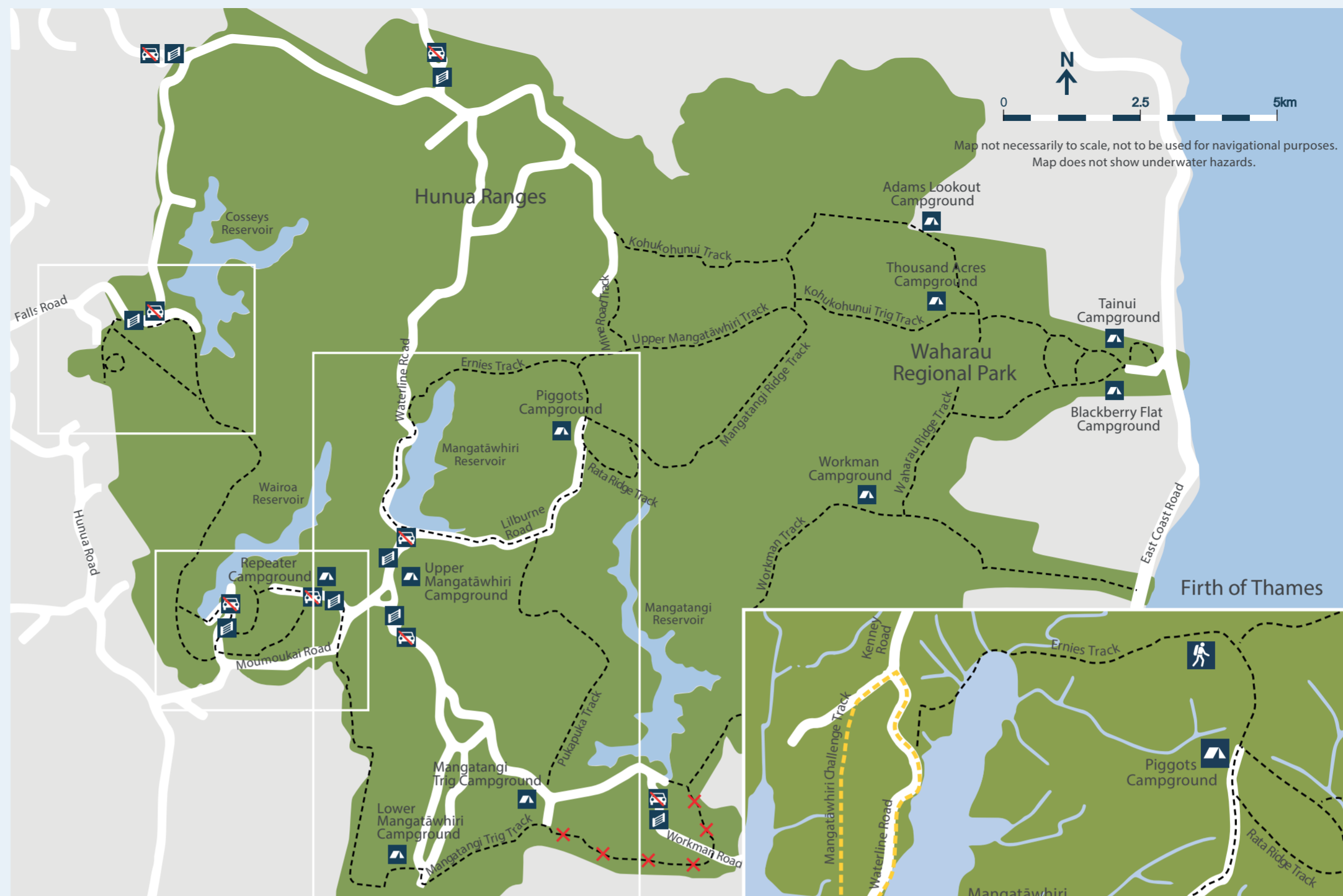
An intermediate grade track that detours from the Valley Loop Track, 3.5kms from the car park. Following the red markers, it winds through areas once cleared for farming where regenerating kākūka now borders the remaining paddocks. The single track crosses these paddocks and several small streams. You will need to cross Milne Stream at the end of Moumoukai Valley Road, then left onto Manning Road to return to the start.

### Mangatāwhiri Challenge Track

2 hours (depending on fitness/ability), 15km

From the Upper Mangatāwhiri Campground, follow the Waterline – Keeney Road. Just past the timber gate, turn left onto Wairoa Hill Road and then left onto the single track. The route follows along a ridge with excellent views of the Mangatāwhiri and Wairoa Dams. This track finishes at the Repeater Campground, join up with Repeater Road until the junction with Moumoukai Road, turn left and follow Moumoukai Road for a short distance before taking a left turn onto the Challenge Downhill Track back to the car park. (This track is difficult and is not recommended in wet conditions.)

Alternatively continue down Moumoukai Road to the Upper Mangatāwhiri Campground.



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Hunua Falls Loop Walk

## Remote tramping

The interior of the Hunua Ranges offers challenging tramps into remote areas requiring back country experience and navigation skills. These tracks should not be attempted without a detailed track map.

Remember to play it safe in the bush. Carry a detailed track map, warm clothing, food and drink, and always tell someone where you are going.

Do not attempt challenging tramps in bad weather. Remember to allow enough daylight hours, especially in winter.

## Ranger recommendations

Tips on how to make the most of your visit to Hunua Ranges Regional Park.

### If you have two hours...

Like many, you will want to make the Hunua Falls your first stop. Avoid the crowds by taking your picnic on one of the short walks and find your own secluded picnic spot.

### If you have half a day...

There is a great range of walks and mountain bike tracks that will give you an introduction to the park in half a day. The Massey-Cossey Loop is a great half-day walk, or go mountainbiking in the Mangatāwhiri Valley.

### If you have a full day...

You may want to take on a longer, more remote tramp into the inner Hunua Ranges. Make sure you are well prepared. Alternatively, for a more leisurely escape, head to the Wairoa Reservoir where you will find a picnic area on the edge of the dam, and a choice of walking tracks and lookout points to explore.

## Be safe in regional parks

### The water safety code

1. Be prepared
2. Watch out for yourself and others
3. Be aware of the dangers
4. Know your limits

### The outdoor safety code

1. Plan your trip
2. Tell someone
3. Be aware of the weather
4. Know your limits
5. Take sufficient supplies



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## Ranger contact details

To contact a park ranger use the phone at the information board at Hunua Falls, or use the phone at the car park near the Upper Mangatāwhiri Campsite. If using a mobile phone, call 09 301 0101.



Regenerating forest