



Fanthams Peak/Panitahi and Syme Hut Track

 Walking

Difficulty

Hard

Length

4.3 km

Journey Time

5–6 hr return

Region

[Taranaki](#)

Sub-Region

[Stratford](#)

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Conditions

No dogs.

This route is exposed and not recommended in ice and snow unless an experienced mountaineer. Weather on the mountain changes rapidly – you must be well prepared with suitable clothing and equipment for all weather and conditions. Snow, high rainfall and storm damage can make tracks impassable – many rivers and streams are unbridged.

How to get here

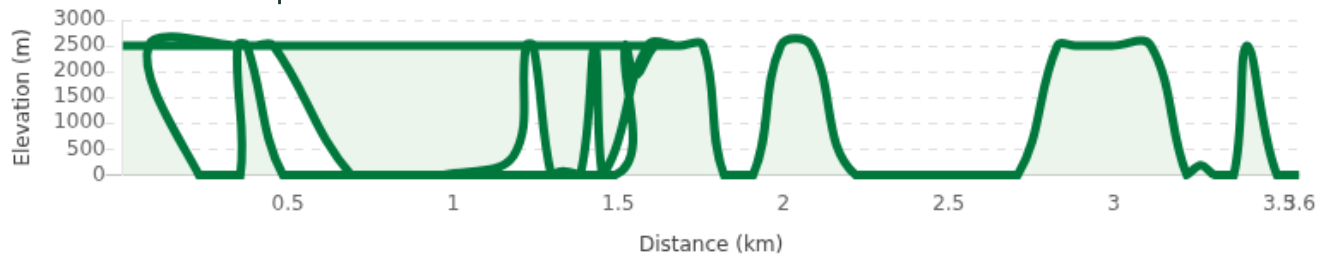
The track starts from the road end at Dawson Falls. In Stratford, turn off SH23 into Celia Street, which becomes Opunake Road. Follow this for 14 km, then turn right into Manaia Road and travel 9 km up the mountain to Dawson Falls visitor centre.

Transport

Accommodation

Food And Supply

Track Elevation and Map



More information

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/taranaki/places/egmont-national-park/things-to-do/tracks/fanthams-peak-panitahi-and-syme-hut-track/>

This track is part of the Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa track database. Herenga ā Nuku has [maps and advice about public access to the outdoors](#).

We encourage you to continue gaining the skills and knowledge required for a safe trip. The NZ Mountain Safety Council has lots of free resources and information you can use. You can access them at www.mountainsafety.org.nz.

We recommend trying these online learning tools:

- [Trip Planning](#)
- [Tramping/field Skills](#)
- [Basic Navigation](#)
- [River Safety](#)

Additionally, check out the range of helpful videos available from the NZ Mountain Safety Council [YouTube channel](#).



