



Waitaria Bay Walkway



Walking



Dog Friendly

Difficulty

Easy

Length

2 km

Journey Time

45 mins one way

Region

[Marlborough](#)

Track maintained by

[Department of Conservation](#)

Located in the Marlborough Sounds, this short walkway provides walking access over private farmland to the eastern end of Bob's Knob Scenic Reserve. The 233-hectare reserve is home to a diverse range of animals, including large land snails, and possesses plants characteristic of both the lowlands and cooler uplands.

The Waitaria Bay Walkway entrance is located on Kenepuru Road and the poled route leads walkers across private land to the 4km-long reserve overlooking Kenepuru Sound.

This short route off Kenepuru starts just west of the school and jetty, with a ladder climbing a deer fence. The walk is through farmland through several chained gates then up a steep hill with a wonderful outlook across Kenepuru Sound. It ends at the boundary of Bob's Knob Scenic Reserve.

Conditions

Whilst on the Waitaria Bay Walkway ensure that:

- firearms are unloaded
- dogs are on a lead. A dog permit is required to bring dogs onto Waitaria Bay Walkway and on Sounds reserves. The permit can be obtained from the Picton DOC office
- livestock is not disturbed, and
- you have the necessary permits (for hunting and/or dogs). A hunting permit is required for hunting on Sounds reserve land and can be [obtained online from the Department of Conservation](#). [↗](#)

The walkway is closed in November and December for fawning and in April for the roar.

Hunting is not permitted anywhere on Sounds reserve land between sunset on 22 December and sunrise on 7 January.

How to get here

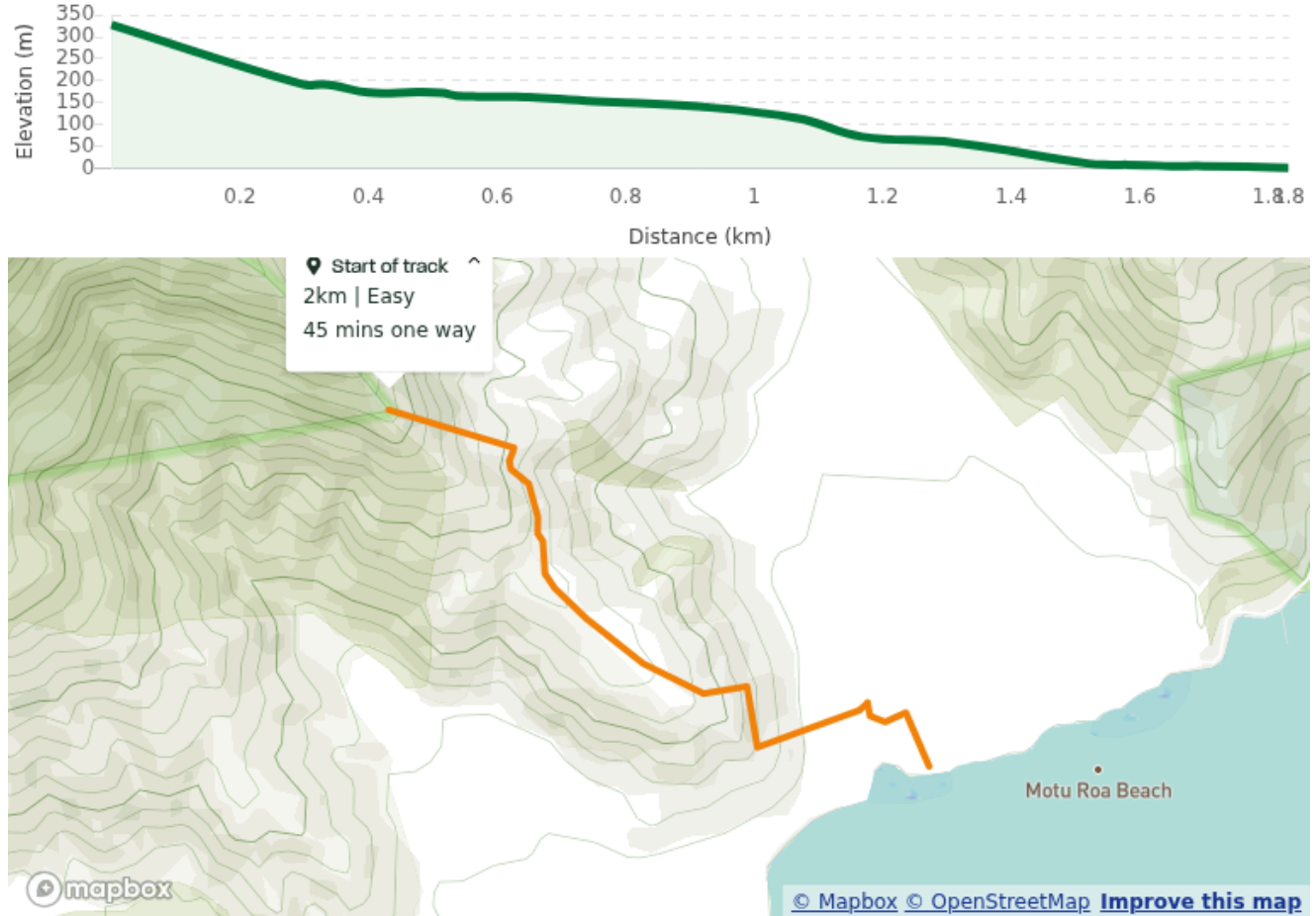
Waitaria Bay Walkway can be accessed from Kenepuru Road. Waitaria Bay is about 70km from Havelock via windy Kenepuru Road, on the northern shore of Kenepuru Sound. It is just under a 2-hour drive from Havelock.

Transport

Accommodation

Food And Supply

Track Elevation and Map



More information

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. These can be accessed via 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](#).



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