



# Taranaki Alpine Club Open Climb

**\$55** Saturday  
February 13  
2016

## General Information

The ascent and descent will take the whole day and will only proceed with favourable weather conditions.

Participants make their own way, on foot, from the North Egmont car park to Tahurangi Lodge.

You should leave the car park by 5:45am and the trip will take approximately 1½ hours.

A Club member will be on hand at the car park to help if further instructions are required.

Tea, coffee, cordial and water will be available at Tahurangi Lodge on arrival and later on your return from the summit.

There are DOC toilets at the car park and 150m below Tahurangi Lodge.

You will be grouped into parties of twenty and will be escorted by at least two members of the Taranaki Alpine Club.

The first Party will leave Tahurangi Lodge at 7:00am.

Club members have a detailed knowledge and experience of the mountain and are willing to share it with you. Please do not hesitate to ask about the mountain, the climb or mountaineering. Stopping to take photos and ask questions is a good way to get a rest.

The summit of the mountain has special cultural significance to Tangata Whenua (local Maori/Iwi). To respect their beliefs please do not stand on the summit block.

More information about the route and the event can be found on our website.

On Saturday at 5am, we will announce if the Open Climb is proceeding on our homepage.

If postponed the Open Climb will be on Sunday February 14th

## Pre requisites

Age 12 years and up.

Anyone younger than 18 must be accompanied by a guardian.

Sound health and physically fit.

Carpooling - please see our website

## Health and Safety

The Taranaki Alpine Club reminds you that mountaineering can be hazardous. The Club takes due care to manage and minimise the risks but cannot eliminate them.

Our Facebook page will detail upcoming training opportunities.

## What can you expect

A fantastic day out on the mountain!

You'll have the chance to take in some amazing views of Taranaki, with plenty of opportunities to take once in a lifetime photos.

You'll meet an incredibly interesting bunch of people in your party, and our crew will take the absolute best care of you on the day.

Once you leave Hongi's Valley and head toward Drinking Rock, the views down the mountain and overlooking the National Park really start!

It's also at this point that the size of the mountain will really impact you, and also where you head across the mountain to the Lizard.

The Lizard is the final climb up the mountain toward Summer Entrance.

Here one of our crew will move party's into and out of the Crater. This is also the last push to the summit.

On the summit - the views!

## Personal equipment

The mountain's location and altitude create an environment that can experience sudden and dramatic weather changes. Within an hour, it can change from a hot, calm day to be freezing. Each participant must be equipped with the following minimum equipment.

### Compulsory unless otherwise stated.

You need at least 2 litres of water on the trip from the Lodge to the summit. Refill your drink bottles at the Lodge before leaving.

#### For sun protection:

Sun hat

Sunglasses

Sun block SPF15+ and lip sun block

As an option, we recommend an old, long-sleeved business shirt

#### For wind and rain protection:

Raincoat or weatherproof jacket

As an option, we recommend over trousers or leggings

#### For warmth:

Jersey or jacket of insular material

Warm hat or balaclava

Warm trousers or track pants

Woollen mittens or ski gloves

#### Food:

Lunch and snacks: you will get hungry, bring your lunch and chocolate bars.

#### Footwear:

Sturdy footwear is essential. We recommend tramping boots with good ankle support.

#### Optional

Trekking poles, gaiters, camera and a first aid kit

**Don't wear jeans.**

**Don't miss the opportunity to create the memories of a lifetime!**

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