



Be prepared

Take the right gear

- Waterproof raincoat and leggings
- Sturdy tramping/hiking boots
- Warm clothing, gloves and hat
- Sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- First aid kit
- Food and 2-3 litres of water (there is no water available on the track)
- Cellphone/mountain radio/personal locator beacon (available for hire from North Egmont Visitor Centre)
- Walking poles (optional)
- Putties/gaiters (optional)
- Ice axe, crampons (and mountaineering experience) in snow and ice conditions



Trampers heading up the Translator Road. Photo: T. Weston.

Before you go

- Check weather forecasts before you go via **METPHONE** 0900 999 24 or www.metservice.com.
- Take a map and compass.
- Check with DOC visitor centre staff for updated track conditions.
- Tell someone responsible where you are going and your estimated time of arrival back. Use the online intention system: www.adventuresmart.org.nz/outdoors-intentions.

In an emergency dial 111

Your safety is your responsibility

Mountain guides

Department of Conservation approved mountain guides can be hired to take people to the summit of Mt Taranaki. Contact North Egmont Visitor Centre.

Transport

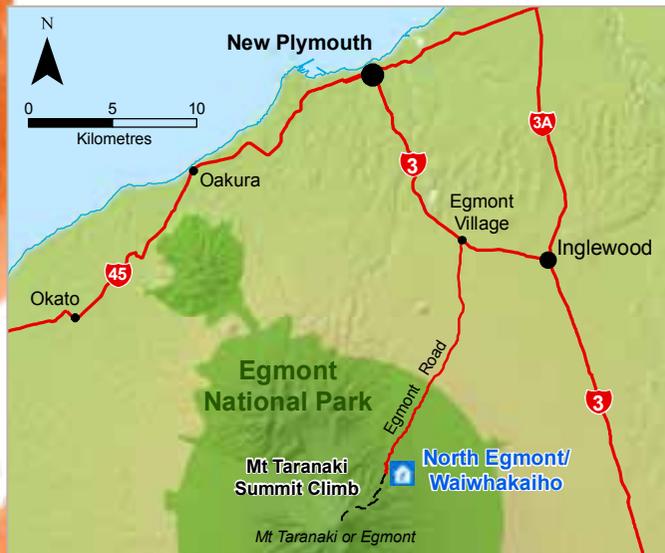
Transport to Mt Taranaki can be arranged through several local transport providers. Contact North Egmont Visitor Centre. No scheduled transport service exists.

Dogs



Dogs and other pets are **not permitted** in Egmont National Park, even inside vehicles.

Getting there



Further information

For park information, hut tickets, and Konini Lodge bookings:

North Egmont Visitor Centre

(Open daily)
Egmont Road RD6
Inglewood
Phone: (06) 756 0990
E-mail: egmontvc@doc.govt.nz



BETWEEN WATERWAYS

Check, Clean, Dry

Stop the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests.

Remember to Check, Clean, Dry all items before entering, and when moving between, waterways.

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Mt Taranaki Summit Climb

Nga hīkoi o Mounga Taranaki
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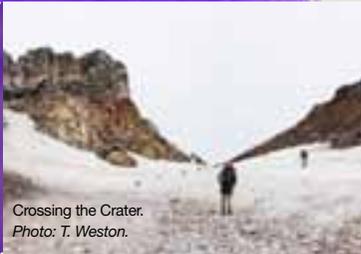
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Te Papa Atawhai

Welcome

Nei rā te mihi atu ki ā koutou i raro i te korowai
ō tō tātou nei tauheke a Taranaki.

Greetings to everyone who sits under the cloak
of our ancestor Mounga Taranaki.

Mounga Taranaki is a mauri, or life force and a spiritual tupuna or ancestor for Taranaki Māori. Please respect this by not standing directly on the summit peak or camping, cooking, or littering in the summit area.

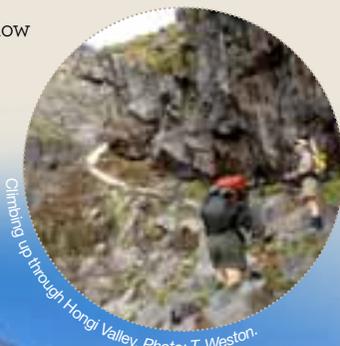


Mounga Taranaki

Rising above the clouds, the majestic Mt Taranaki or Mt Egmont offers some spectacular scenery to those who make the challenging 1.6 km vertical climb to its peak.

The 2518 m high volcano lies in the centre of Egmont National Park. At around 125,000 years old, it is the park's most recent volcanic peak. It's last eruption was around 1755 AD. The mountain is now considered dormant.

Local Māori believe Mounga Taranaki once stood with the mountains of the central North Island. After a dispute over the maiden Pihanga, Taranaki fled his ancestral home, carving out the bed of the Whanganui River on his journey to the coast.



North Egmont Visitor Centre.
Photo: DOC.

DOC HOTline
0800 362 468
Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies
For Fire and Search and Rescue Call 111

Warning

This map is not to scale and is not suitable for navigation. It is recommended that park users refer to the NZ Topo50 map Mt Taranaki or Mt Egmont BJ29.



Mt Taranaki Summit Climb

Time: up 5–6 hr; down 3–4 hr. Distance: 6.3 km one way.

For non mountaineers, the best time to climb the mountain is during January to March when the mountain is often clear of snow and ice other than in the crater.

This is a full day strenuous hike for fit, well-equipped trampers.

Allow plenty of time and leave early. Times stated are approximate only. **Caution: no water is available on this track.**

 **Warning:** Climbing the mountain in snow and ice conditions requires mountaineering experience and equipment, and a different route into the crater than that described below. Qualified guides are available for hire.

 **North Egmont (946 m) to Tahurangi Lodge (1492 m)**
(1.5–2 hr, 4 km)

From North Egmont Visitor Centre the Summit Track follows the boardwalk up to a locked gate. Cross the stile and continue up the gravel Translator Road (walking access only) to the privately owned Tahurangi Lodge. Sections of this track are very steep. There is a public toilet 100 m below the lodge and a small day shelter room at the lodge.

 **Tahurangi Lodge to the Summit (2518 m)**
(3–4 hr, 2.3 km)

The track passes in front of Tahurangi Lodge and continues upwards via the poled route through the rock-covered Hongi Valley. A series of steps leads out of the valley onto steep scoria (gravel) slopes. Continue uphill to the Lizard (2134 m), a prominent rocky ridge which leads you to the crater's summer entrance.

The route then crosses the crater ice to the final short climb up to the summit rock.

 **Warning:** There is ice in the crater all year round. Crampons and/or an ice axe may be required to cross the crater at any time.

Be prepared to turn back if the weather deteriorates or you are finding the climb too difficult.

Remember: reaching the summit is only the half way point. Allow yourself plenty of time to descend safely before nightfall.

 **Tramping Track:** Mostly unformed but has track directional markers, poles or cairns.

 **Route:** Unformed. Suitable only for people with extensive backcountry skills and experience.