



Ngaio



Walking



Dog Friendly

Difficulty

Easy

Length

7.8 km

Journey Time

3.5 hours

Region

[Wellington/Kapiti](#)

Sub-Region

[Wellington City](#)

Part of Collections

[Te Araroa - New Zealand's Trail](#) , [Te Araroa - North Island](#)

Track maintained by

[Te Araroa Trail Trust](#)

Te Araroa trail section: From Ngaio, the route follows Wellington City Council's Northern Walkway, through Trelissick Park, over Te Ahumairangi Hill (Tinakori) and through Wellington Botanic Gardens, ending at the top Terminus of the Wellington Cable Car.

There are exits to Wellington suburban shops and city transport from Ngaio and Wadestown.

200m before the bottom of Awarua Street turn right into Cummings Park. Exit the park at Ngaio Library, turning right down Ottawa Road (joins Northern Walkway)

Follow Ottawa Road to the roundabout and continue straight into Waikowhai Road. After roundabout use pedestrian crossing and keep to the footpath. Turn hard left down into bush-clad Trelissick Park (before suburban rail underpass).

Soon after 'Wightwicks Field' leave the Northern Walkway and follow Te Araroa signs along the valley floor. After the river gorge, turn hard right to rejoin the Northern Walkway up a steep track to Hanover Street. At top of Hanover Street turn left into Wadestown Road. Cross Wadestown Road at bus toilets, go up steps to Weld Street.

Head up Weld Street, cross Margaret and Wade Streets. Near the top of Weld Street turn sharp left (east) into Te Ahumairangi Park (previously "Tinakori Hill") on a gravel vehicle track. Follow Northern Walkway around the side of the hill with city views to St Mary Street.

At the lower end of St Mary Street, leave Northern Walkway and turn right up Tinakori Road for 300m. Cross over Tinakori Road at the pedestrian crossing and enter Wellington Botanic Garden through the 'Founders Gate'. Follow Te Araroa signs through the Gardens uphill to the Cable Car Terminal.

Conditions

Potential Hazards

- Vehicles on road or track
- Farming operations
- Track exposed to sun, wind or cold High winds and rain are common on Skyline Track
- The section along the tops are very exposed and prone to high winds
- Bypass in Trelissick Park through Northern Walkway if Korimako Stream flooded

Dogs on leash only.

How to get here

Northern Start: Mt Kaukau, Wellington

Southern End: Cable Car Terminus, Wellington Botanic Gardens

Transport

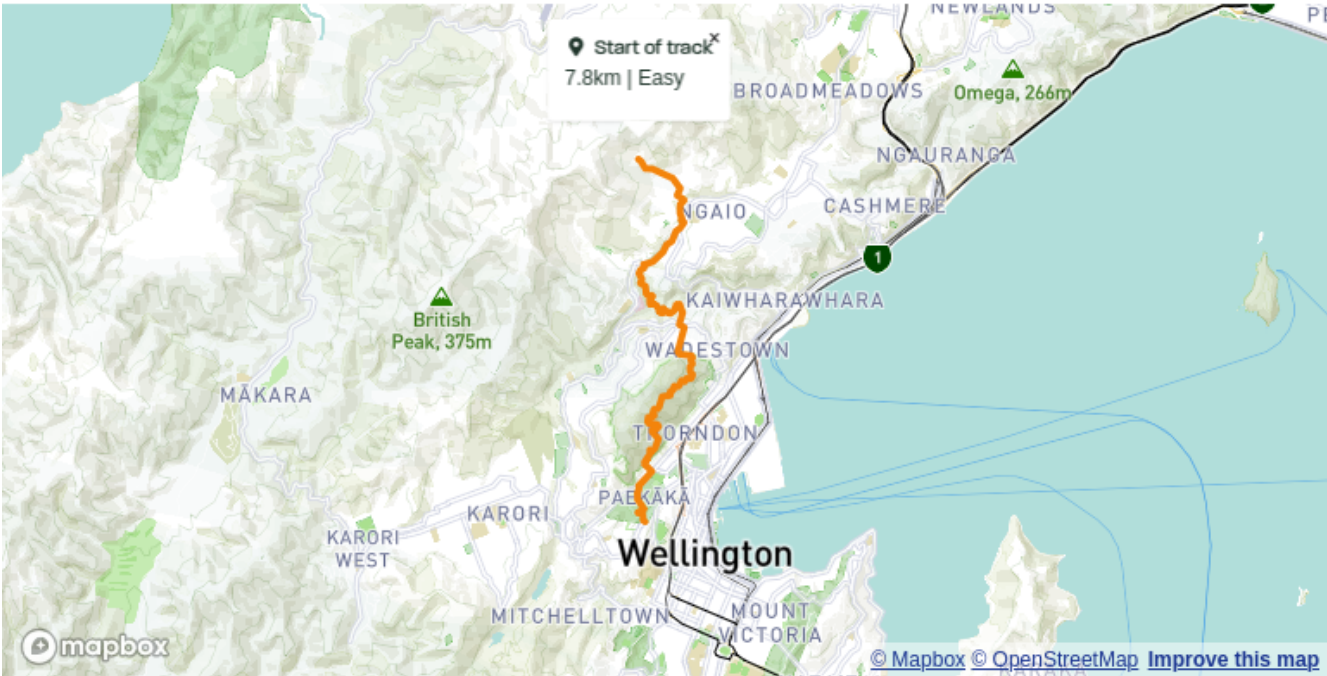
Accommodation

- Tui Birdsong Bed and Breakfast - 18 Orari Street, Ngaio -Belynda and Adam
- Belyndajack@gmail.com 027 2898608
 - loads of transport options
 - comfortable private bedroom set up for our bed & breakfast guests
 - private toilet and shower
 - wifi
 - small fridge
 - washing machine,
 - bbq
 - continental breakfast provided if needed
- Trail Angel (Lois) - Welcome to our 9th season hosting. We're a family (including 2 TA walkers) offering a free place to camp 5 minutes from the trail, near Cummings Park, Ngaio. Available Wednesday - Saturday nights, from Wednesday 18th October to Sunday 11th February. 2 nights max. allowing slack packer/re-supply option. Seasonal veg soup and garlic bread available, self-cater or 2 takeaways (both are closed Monday). Hot showers are not guaranteed (dependent on numbers, 1st come 1st served). Maximum 4 walkers to stay per night. You must contact us 24-48 hours ahead to check availability. Lois 022 165 9233 (Text only please) or lois.hart2@gmail.com
No koha requested. Enjoy your TA experience.

Food And Supply

- Cafe Villa on Ottawa Road is a highly recommended stop for Te Araroa walkers

Track Elevation and Map



More information

Before starting Te Araroa either as a through-walker of the whole country or a section walker, [please register on Te Araroa website](#) [↗](#). Please also [visit the website](#) [↗](#) or [download the app](#) [↗](#) for detailed maps, trail alerts and other relevant information.

- [Map 84](#) [↗](#)

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](#) [↗](#).

