

An ageless, mystical, middle earth...

Whirinaki Falls

Waterfall

Fill your own waterbottles

"One of New Zealand's most remarkable and significant forests! A must-see biodiversity hot spot!"

- David Bellamy

Picnic Area

From Forest to Fork!

Enjoy your packed picnic lunch, infused with traditional Māori delicacies!



Wharepaku

"Sssshhhhhh....I'm in dinosaur country! Listen to the forest...for it's got the most phenomenal story to tell!"

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Pahau Kakapo

World's tallest moss

The tallest moss in the world only grows in New Zealand and can be found right here in the Whirinaki Forest! Māori Ukened this moss to the whiskery face of the Kakapo bird, hence the name "Pahau Kakapo" (the moustache of the Kakapo).

Foot Bridge

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4.5km Return

Whirinaki River Viewing

Bridal Veil Falls

Te Ara Nga Rakau Rangatira
The Chiefs of the Forest Trail

Te Whaiti Nui a Toi
The Great Canyon of Toi

1000 year old Native Totara Tree

Rongoa Trail

Traditional Māori forest medicine

Waharoa Gateway

Start of our journey

Plant medicines and remedies (Rongoa rakau) form an integral part of Rongoa Māori. Numerous native plants are used to treat a variety of conditions. Plants must be carefully prepared as some species are toxic if not used correctly. Let us share with you some of the Rongoa rakau you will find in the Whirinaki Forest.

