



Feilding to Palmerston North

(Map 065, 066)

Northern Start	Kowhai Park, South St, Feilding
Southern End	Manawatu River Walkway (Napier Road entrance), Palmerston North
Distance	17.5km
Time	4-4.5hr
Tramping Standard	Mixed grade

Route

Feilding to Bunnythorpe - 9km / 2-2.5hr

From Kowhai Park, continue east along South St to the end, passing the Feilding Sale Yards on left. Renowned as the largest sale yards for selling sheep in the southern hemisphere, they are worthy of a visit on a Friday (being “sale day” when the country comes to town). On the right side there is Coach House at 121 South Street, with lots of interesting machinery and objects from bygone days, on the corner of KawaKawa Road. . Worth a visit as it has toilet facilities and a place to sit down. Open from 10am till 4pm.

From South St, cross the road and turn right into Aorangi St. Take the combined cycleway/footpath for 1km, crossing the Oroua River. At the next intersection, the route turns left, crosses the North Island Main Trunk Railway and continues left/south along Campbell Road adjacent to the railway line, passing the Taonui Aerodrome (home to the Feilding Aero Club).

Several kilometres further on at an intersection cross the railway line and continue south along Waughs Road till where the road ends and there is a style. Here continue along a track on the left beside the Transfer Station. . Turn right (not left) and go through a gate and keep to the right down to the Mangaone Stream crossing.

There is no bridge there. The stream is very shallow in dry weather. Continue up the other side. After about 150 metres cross the small Jacks Creek and continue to the Kairanga/Bunnythorpe Road. **(DO NOT GO STRAIGHT AHEAD. IT IS A VERY BUSY HIGHWAY BETWEEN BUNNYTHORPE AND PALMERSTON NORTH)**, but turn left and cross the railway line and then turn right into the village of Bunnythorpe.

Bunnythorpe to Manawatu River Walkway - 8.5km / 2hr

The footpath through Bunnythorpe passes the old Glaxo factory. (Glaxo is now the worlds 2nd largest multinational pharmaceutical firm and this was its birthplace in 1904). Leading onto Stony Creek Rd, the route veers away for 500m before turning right at Clevelly Line back toward the railway line. Without crossing the railway, turn left (south) into Sangsters Rd. At the end of the road, there is a style where the trail continues along the legally designated paper road reserve. Cross several fencelines, via styles, (two new bridges were constructed in January 2019) the trail continues on to a gravel roadway that ends at Roberts Line.

NEW ROUTE FROM 23 MAY 2019 (Map may still show old route)

At Roberts Line turn right, cross the railway line and turn left on to the shared pathway on Railway Road to Palmerston North. Passing the Chilly Box on your left (good for snacks etc) and Palmerston North Airport on your right, keep left at the roundabout, cross the bridge over the railway line with Bunning's store to the traffic lights on the corner of Tremaine Avenue. Keep going straight ahead along Vogel Street for just over one kilometre. Take a sealed path down on the left side of the road, just where it turns right down into Upper Main Street.

The short path goes down into Palmerston North earliest cemetery. When inside the cemetery go down, turn left, and follow one of the paths to the main gate exit, cross Napier Road and head left towards the Limbrick Street T-Intersection. Cafe Soskys, 116 Napier Road, is just around the corner and is popular with walkers and cyclists. Cross Limbrick Street and continue along Napier Road, 300m north, and turn right into the Napier Road entrance to

the Manawatu River Walkway.

Other Information

Palmerston North

Please Note: Dogs ON Leash ONLY. Fires in designated fireplaces ONLY. NO firearms or vehicles.

Potential hazards: Farming operations and vehicles

Detour option available

1.5km to Palmerston North city

General information

[Manawatu I-SITE Visitor Information Centre](#) - The Square, Palmerston North - P: 06 350 192206 350 1922 or 06 350 192206 350 1922

[DOC Manawatu Rangitikei area office](#) - Malden Street, Palmerston North - P: 06 350 970006 350 9700 - E: wellingtonco@goc.govt.nz - W: www.doc.govt.nz

Getting there/away

[Air New Zealand](#) - flies to/from Palmerston North - Palmerston North Airport - Airport Drive/McGregor St, Milson - P: 0800 737 0000800 737 000 FREE freephone or 09 357 300009 357 3000

[InterCity](#) (to/from Auckland) - P: 09 583 578009 583 5780 - E: info@intercity.co.nz

[Overlander rail service](#) between Auckland and Wellington - Departs from Train Station - Off Tremaine Avenue, Palmerston North

Local transport

[Tranzit Coachlines Manawatu](#) - The Square, Palmerston North - P: 06 351 683106 351 6831 or 0508 800 8000508 800 800 freephone

[Taxis Palmerston North](#) - P: 06 355 533306 355 5333 freephone - E: callcentre@pntaxis.co.nz

Accommodation

Many options are available, including:

[HOMESTAY](#), just 50m off the trail near the Fitzherbert Bridge over the Manawatu River. Ph 027-6900 260 or 027-222 3742 or 06-355 1072. - E: degoldiway@gmail.com

[Palmerston North Holiday Park](#) - 133 Dittmer Drive, Palmerston North - P: 06 358 034906 358 0349 - E: palmerstonnorthholidaypark@xtra.co.nz

[Pepper Tree Hostel \(BBH\)](#) - 121 Grey St, Palmerston North - P: 06 355 405406 355 4054 - E: peppertreehostel@clear.net.nz

[Grandma's Place \(BBH\)](#) - 146 Grey St. Palmerston North- P: 06 358 692806 358 6928 - E: ak1@clear.net

[Achilles Court Hostel](#) - 42 Achilles Crescent, Palmerston North - P: 06 354 112706 354 1127

- [Whiohio Hut](#) - Palmerston North (adjacent to the riverside walk). Please phone or text before arrival.

P: 027 470 9829 - E: whiohiohut@swampthing.co.nz Urban tramping hut. Kitchen, shower, laundry, bikes and even electricity. Payment by Koha (donation). Hosted by Te Araroa walkers and Whio (native blue duck) enthusiasts Anthony and Fiona (aka Whin and Whiona).

Resupply

[Pak N' Save](#) - 327 Ferguson St, Hokowhitu - P: 06 356 404306 356 4043

[Countdown Supermarkets](#) - Cnr Ferguson & Ashley Sts, Palmerston North - P: 06 356 606606 356 6066

[Pioneer New World Supermarket](#) - 187-193 Main St, Palmerston North - P: 06 357 618006 357 6180

[4 Four Square](#) - 354 Albert St, Hokowhitu - P: 06 357 868006 357 8680

Potential Hazards

- Vehicles on road or track Stay as far off the road as possible
- Track exposed to sun, wind or cold
- Few water sources

Requirements

- Respect private land
- Dogs on leash only
- No firearms
- Fires only in designated fireplaces

- Wear hi-viz clothing/pack cover and don't use headphones

Amenities (Start)

- Full range of amenities Feilding shops only 1km away
- Car park At Kowhai Park and Fitzherbert Bridge.
- Picnic area At Kowhai Park and Esplanade in Palmerston North
- Toilets At Kowhai park and in Manchester Square, Feilding
- Shop Shopping Centre 1km from start
- Accommodation

Amenities (On Route)

- Carpark Car parking at Bunnythorpe
- Toilets Public Toilet at Bunnythorpe
- Shop Dairy and Hotel at Bunnythorpe