



Ngaio

(Map 075)

Northern Start	Mt Kaukau, Wellington
Southern End	Cable Car Terminus, Wellington Botanic Gardens
Distance	10km
Time	3.5hr
Tramping Standard	Easy tramping track

Route

This section of Te Araroa follows the Wellington 'Skyline Track' then Bells Track to Ngaio (suburb). 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 Mt Kaukau (Khandallah), Ngaio and Wadestown.

Track Notes

From Mt Kaukau viewing platform head south/west down Skyline Track. In 30min turn sharp left (south) down steep Bell's Track to Awarua Street for approx. 1km.

200m before the bottom of Awarua St 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 footpath. Turn hard left down into bush clad Trelissick Park (before suburban rail underpass).

Soon after 'Wrightwicks 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 St. At top of Hanover St turn left into Wadestown Rd. Cross Wadestown Rd at bus toilets, go up steps to Weld St.

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

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

Other Information

Bypass in Trelissick Park through Northern Walkway if Korimako Stream flooded

Section along the tops are very exposed and prone to high winds.

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

Requirements

- Keep to the track
- Respect private land
- Dogs on leash only

Amenities (Start)

- Full range of amenities Johnsonville & Khandallah suburb offer all amenities and city transport
- Picnic area Woodmancoate street and Botanic Gardens
- Toilets Woodmancoate Street, Wadestown Rd, Botanic Gardens
- Shop Shops at Wadestown

Amenities (On Route)

- Full range of amenities in Wellington suburbs
- Toilets Roundabout at Ottawa Rd, Ngaio, Wadestown Rd and Botanic Gardens