

TIRITIRI MATANGI TRACK INFORMATION

WATTLE TRACK

Wharf – Lighthouse

30 minutes one way

This track is the best place to see Tiritiri's native birds. Tui, saddleback and bellbird are common. Whiteheads and North Island robin are also present. A gully of wattle trees makes this a good bird-watching track.

HOBBS BEACH TRACK

Wharf – Hobbs Beach

10 minutes

The track passes along a rocky coastline typical of much of the island. Look out for the penguin boxes at the side of the track. In spring and at night, penguins often shelter in these boxes and can be observed by lifting the box lids. Hobbs Beach (named after a family that farmed here for many years) has a sandy beach and is a good swimming/picnicking spot.

KAWERAU TRACK

Hobbs Beach to Ridge Track via pa site

30-40 minutes

This track climbs gently from Hobbs Beach and enters a gully of bush – you can deviate here and explore the bush on a track which leaves by the boardwalk. This is another good birdwatching site. The boardwalk climbs steeply onto a ridge, where the track drops to one of the main pa sites on Tiri, affording panoramic views back to the mainland.

RIDGE TRACK

Lighthouse to junction with Ngati Paoa Track

30 minutes

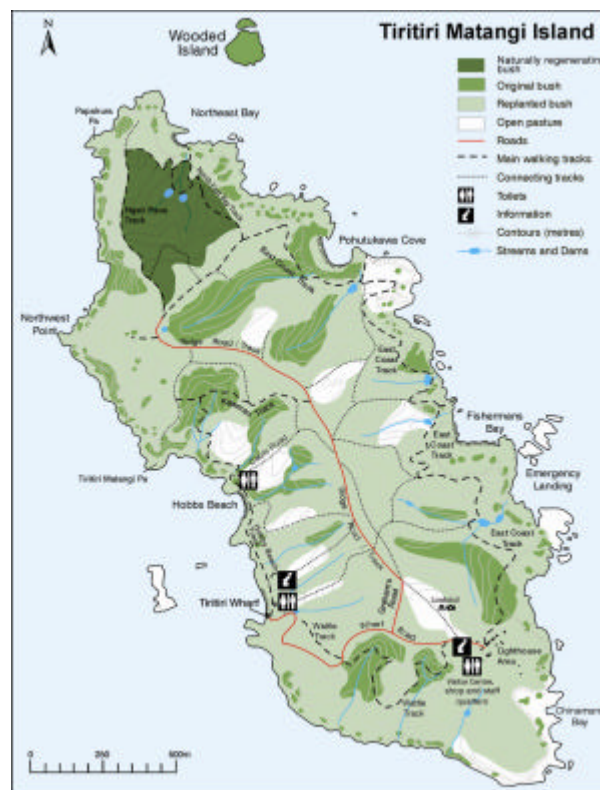
This is a mown track running down the central ridge of the island, and has wide views in all directions. It gives a good sense of the island landscape, and passes many areas of replanting. Several tracks to the east and west run down to the coast.

NGATI PAOA TRACK / NORTHEAST BAY

End of ridge walk return via Ngati Paoa Track and Northeast Bay

40 minutes

The Ngati Paoa track travels the ridge at the northern end of the island, above the site of the former Ngati Paoa pa. A narrow track leads down to Northeast Bay, another main site of early Maori occupation.



CIRCULAR WALKS

A number of circular walks can be made on Tiritiri Matangi, and some suggestions are listed below. the wharf is used as a starting point.

1 hour: Wharf – Wharf Rd – Lighthouse – Wattle Track – Wharf

2 hours: Wharf – Hobbs Beach – Hobbs Track – Lighthouse – Wattle Track – Wharf

3 hours: Wharf – Hobbs Beach – Kawerau Track – Ridge Track – Lighthouse – Wattle Track – Wharf

4 – 5 hours: Coastal Track:
Wharf – Hobbs Beach – Kawerau Track – Ngati Paoa Track – Northeast Bay – Eastern Track – Lighthouse – Wattle Valley
Reasonable fitness required