



SAFETY

Fire – fire is a constant threat within the Park. The lighting of fires is prohibited. If you see smoke or fire dial 111 immediately and leave the Park. If you are not near an entrance or are in the forest, the beach is a safer place in a fire emergency.

Wind/snow – wind and snow can cause damage to trees within the Park. Trees along the trails are checked regularly after these events but please take extreme care during and immediately after times of high wind or snow.

Forestry – Tūhaitara Coastal Park contains sections of working production forest. Please obey all signage around forestry operations and take extreme care.

Firearms – firearms are prohibited in all areas of the Park.

Trust Staff and Environment Canterbury Rangers – are warranted rangers and authorised officers and their instructions must be followed at all times.



CARING FOR YOUR PARK

Motor Vehicles are prohibited in the Park except in designated car parks or the Woodend Beach Domain Picnic Area.



Dogs are permitted within the Park except at Tūtaepatu Lagoon. They must be under control at all times and on a leash in designated areas. It is your responsibility to remove dog faeces.



Freedom Camping is prohibited in the Tūhaitara Coastal Park. Campers can book sites at the Woodend Beach Holiday Park.



Native Flora and Fauna – do not disturb, damage or remove plants and animals.



No Fires – light no fires. Gas BBQ's are permitted at Woodend Beach Domain.



Rubbish – Take home all rubbish you bring into the Park and recycle where possible.

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PRODUCTION FOREST

Tūhaitara Coastal Park includes sections of working forest and forestry operations occur.

INTRODUCTION

The Tūhaitara Coastal Park was established as an outcome of the Ngāi Tahu settlement with the Crown. The lands were gifted to the people of New Zealand and are managed by the Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust.

Tūhaitara Coastal Park covers approximately 575ha of land along 10.5 kilometres of coastline between the Waimakariri River mouth and the township of Waikuku.

The Park comprises many natural features of local, regional and national importance to the people of New Zealand.

These include the Tūtaepatu Lagoon, Taranaki Stream and Saltwater Creek.



HISTORY

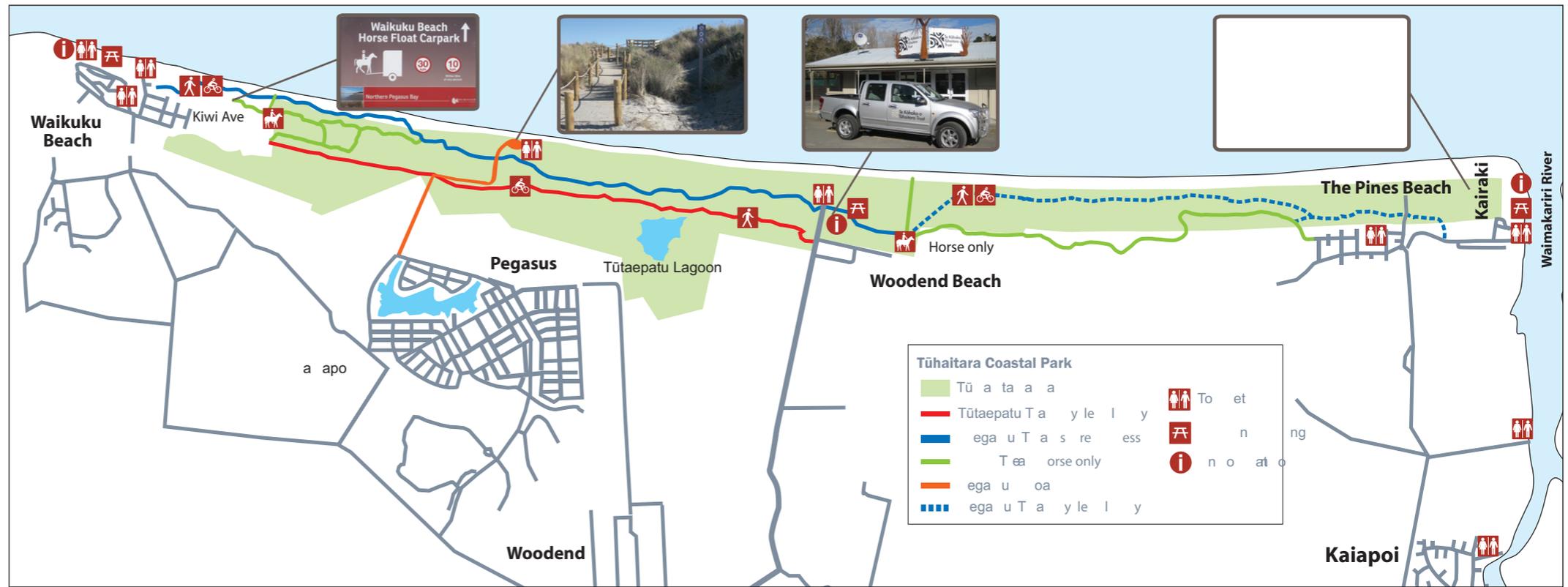
The residents of Kaiapoi Pā and in more recent years, members of Ngāi Tūahuriri Runanga, have had a close relationship with the lands.

Tūtaepatu Lagoon was a rich and important source of mahinga kai, particularly tuna (eel).

In addition, the area surrounding Tūtaepatu Lagoon contains the urupa for Turakautahi, who was the founder of the Kaiapoi Pā. It is part of the area known as the greatest pounamu trading centre in the South Island.

The name Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara: Tūhaitara was an ancestress of Ngāi Tūahuriri.

The occupiers of the Kaiapoi Pā and North Canterbury were known as the Tūhaitara people or hapu. Kōhaka refers to a nest, to the season of spring, indicating a time to apply vision, new concepts, the sowing of thoughts or seeds.



WHAT YOU CAN DO / ACTIVITIES

The Tūhaitara Coastal Park contains a variety of walking, cycling and bridle trails with access from all of the adjoining communities. A number of the walking and cycling trails link to the adjoining Waimakariri River and Ashley Rakahuri Regional Parks.

There are many natural features to view and enjoy including Tūtaepatu Lagoon. The lagoon is a 49ha spring fed freshwater wildlife sanctuary which is home to many species of native fauna and flora. A viewing platform allows you to see over the raupo beds into the open water to view the many species of waterfowl, wetland and forest bird species.

Tūtaepatu Trail is a 5km all weather walking and cycling trail running between Woodend Beach Road and Kiwi Ave Waikuku. It can also be accessed from Tiritirimoana Drive Pegasus Town. The trail passes Tūtaepatu Lagoon

and its viewing platform and a seated area with views north to Maukatere Mt Grey. Dogs may be taken on the trail but are required to be on a leash between Woodend Beach and Pegasus Town. This trail is for all levels of fitness.

Pegasus Walkway meanders the 10.5km length of the park between the The Pines and Kairaki Beaches and Waikuku Beach. It is a shared trail with walkers, mountainbikers and horses. It is a natural surfaced trail which requires a reasonable level of fitness if mountain biking. The walkway meanders along the back of the dune system and through the coastal protection pine forests. There are numerous sign posted access points leading to the beach.

Horse Float carparks are located at Kiwi Avenue Waikuku Beach (Key available from Waimakariri District Council) and Ferry Road Woodend Beach. Bridle Trails are clearly marked. Horse are not permitted on the Tūtaepatu Trail or in the Woodend Beach Domain.

Picnics/Events Woodend Beach Domain provides a great picnic and event area and bookings can be made by contacting the Trust. Vehicles are permitted in the designated picnic area. NOTE: the gate is shut in the evenings and there is a charge to get out if you are locked in. Details are on the signs located at the entrance to the domain.

Beaches Tūhaitara Coastal Park borders 10.5km of the Northern Pegasus Bay. Surf patrols operate at Waikuku Beach between mid November and mid March. Woodend Beach is patrolled during the Christmas New Year period. The beaches bordering Kairaki, The Pines and Pegasus Town are not patrolled. The entire length of beach is covered by the Northern Pegasus Bay bylaw. For further information contact Waimakariri District Council.