



Freedom camping prohibition in Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki

From 19 December 2025, freedom camping is prohibited at the North Taranaki Visitor Centre car park. Day visitors can continue using the car park.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is introducing this prohibition to minimise traffic congestion and improve visitor safety by reducing the number of large vehicles manoeuvring in the confined space.

**Failure to comply may result in
a fine of up to \$400 under the
Freedom Camping Act 2011.**



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Where can I freedom camp?

DOC recommends that those wishing to stay overnight in Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki use the:

- **Stratford Plateau car park**, which offers lots of space and access to great walking and tramping locations
- **Mangorei car park** at the start of the track to the Pouakai Hut and tarns.

Please note that freedom camping at these locations is restricted to a maximum of 4 nights in a calendar month.



For more information, contact:

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