

F&B MANAWATŪ APRIL 2025 TRIP – Amended information

Sunday 27th April, 2025

(please note the contact details have been changed)



Ngāwakahiamoe Bush Trust given permission for
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Ngāwakahiamoe Bush lies on sand dune and swamp land between Levin and Foxton. It is of rare size as a viable remnant of 'critically threatened' Kahikatea-Pukatea lowland forest ecosystem (WF8). It is recognised as a 'high priority site' by Horizons Regional Council. Ngāwakahiamoe has many trees that are hundreds of years old, and is thought to have the best Pukatea stand In Horizons Regional Council area.

The dunes had some mature Matai, Rewarewa, Kanuka, and Rimu, but were extensively felled a century ago. The Trust is now restoring the Totara and other species, with plants grown mostly by Forest & Bird Horowhenua. Re-establishing bush on dunes is hard work.

DEPT. TIME: 0900 a.m sharp

MEET & CAR POOLING from-
Palmerston North Opposite Salvation Army shop, Church St. Palmerston North
Feilding: Railway Station carpark

WHAT TO BRING: strong walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, walking stick (if you use one), water, lunch, and do not forget your camera. Suggest gumboots or gaiters – you will be walking through some long grass, which can be wet, so another option is leggings.)

Required fitness level: Ngawakahiamoe's "tracks" are not DOC standard, and are full of tree roots and the occasional vine to trip over. There are a couple of small climbs up grassy embankments, otherwise it's fairly flat.

A koha towards upkeep of the bush would be gratefully received (suggest \$5 or \$10).

TO REGISTER FOR TRIP – please contact:

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