

# Egmont National Park Track Update Autumn 2012



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## Egmont National Park - General

- **Expect tree windfalls/storm damage on many tracks within the park following the recent gale force winds. DOC staff and contractors will be busy clearing tracks over the next few weeks.**
- Remember – **no dogs or other pets** allowed in Egmont National Park.

## Mt Taranaki Summit Conditions

- Access to the summit is clear, although at this time of year snowfalls can occur at any time, and ice axe and crampons may be required.
- *The summit of Taranaki is sacred. Please do not stand on the top point.*

## Pouakai Circuit

- **Pouakai Track:** contractors will be working on sections of rafts along by the tarns - installing new and straightening some of the older uneven ones
- A section of the **Kaiauai Track** from the Waiwhakaiho Track junction to the Kokowai Track junction will be closed for approximately 2 weeks to install track structures.. This work is expected to commence shortly after Easter 2012 - exact dates are yet to be confirmed. Check with North Egmont Visitor Centre for up to date details.

## Around the Mountain Circuit (AMC)

- Expect storm damage in some areas.

## Other Park Tracks/DOC Areas

- **Mangorei Track:** contractors have started removing the old step timber on the track in readiness for installing rafts. The plan is to have it complete by the end of May
- **Wilkies Pools:** work is nearly complete on the new stage of track. Until the new track section is open please continue to use the old track.
- **Veronica Loop Track:** steps have been upgraded along sections of the track.
- **Lower Lake Dive Track:** has been cleared of vegetation.
- **The Stony River fine weather route:** from the Kapoaiaia Track /Stony River Track junction downstream is not advisable due to erosion. Alternate access to Holly Hut from the west side of the mountain is via Puniho and Kapoaiaia Tracks and the upper Stony River Track.
- **Stony River Walkway in Okato:** the farmland section of this track is closed. The short section of track from Hickford Place across the swingbridge to Okato Domain is open (return the same way).
- **Whitecliffs Walkway:** the Te Horo Stock Tunnel remains closed due to erosion.
- **Everett Park:** Vehicle access is open.

