

Tinline nature walk



The 20-minute loop nature walk at Tinline is the best example of original podocarp forest between Mārahau and Anchorage.

How to get there - From Mārahau it is an easy 40 minute walk to Tinline. Access the loop walk from the back of the Tinline campground

Look out for

- Signs identifying silver fern/ponga, tōtara, rimu, coprosma and kahikatea.
- Where the track meets the Tinline Creek you will see silver beech, look for the small toothed leaves and white-silver bark patches on the trunk.
- Across the creek mataī and miro are visible and just downstream look out for the red-brown bark that identifies tōtara, a rare lowland tree in the Park. Totāra was important to Māori as it was used for building canoes and carving.
- Just opposite, on the other side of the track is a rare specimen of raukawa (*Paukaua edgerleyi*). It is an example of a hemi-epiphyte, a tree that starts life on another tree - in this case a tree fern. The leaves are aromatic and made an important perfume for Māori.
- On the ground is a dense mass of kiekie which is related to the Pacific pandanus – the fruit was a valuable seasonal food for Māori and leaves were bleached to form a fibre for basket and mat weaving.



Silver beech



Totara



Silver fern / ponga

Birds you may spot



Weka



Tui



Piwakawaka/fantail

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