



ASIA-PACIFIC MEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP



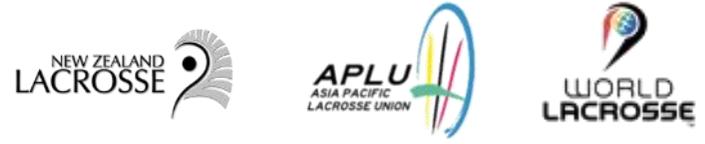
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LACROSSE**
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
WELLINGTON, NZ | 2026

Travelling supporters Guide





Kia ora, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

Greetings, greetings, greetings to you all

Welcome to Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Wellington and Te Awa Kairangi

ki Uta, Upper Hutt.

In association with the New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport, NZ Lacrosse is proud to present the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Men's Championship 2026 and welcomes you to Aotearoa New Zealand, Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Wellington and Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta, Upper Hutt.

Outlined in this guide is important information to assist in your preparations for visiting New Zealand to support your team at this tournament.



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Trentham, Upper Hutt
www.aplacrosse2026.com**

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Event Manager



Key dates

2026

Thurs 1 January

Fri 2 January

Fri 2-Mon 5 January

Tue 6 January

Wed 7 January

Thur 8 January

Fri 9 January

Sat 10 January

Sun 11 January

Mon 12 January

Sat 17- Mon 19 January

Public Holiday

Public Holiday

Teams and officials arrive

Pōwhiri (welcome)

Competition - Day 1

Competition - Day 2

Competition - Day 3

Quarter Finals

Semi-Finals

Finals

Awards & closing ceremony

Teams and officials depart

Wellington Anniversary Weekend Public Holiday

For more information on the tournament schedule and draw check out our website www.aplacrosse2026.com



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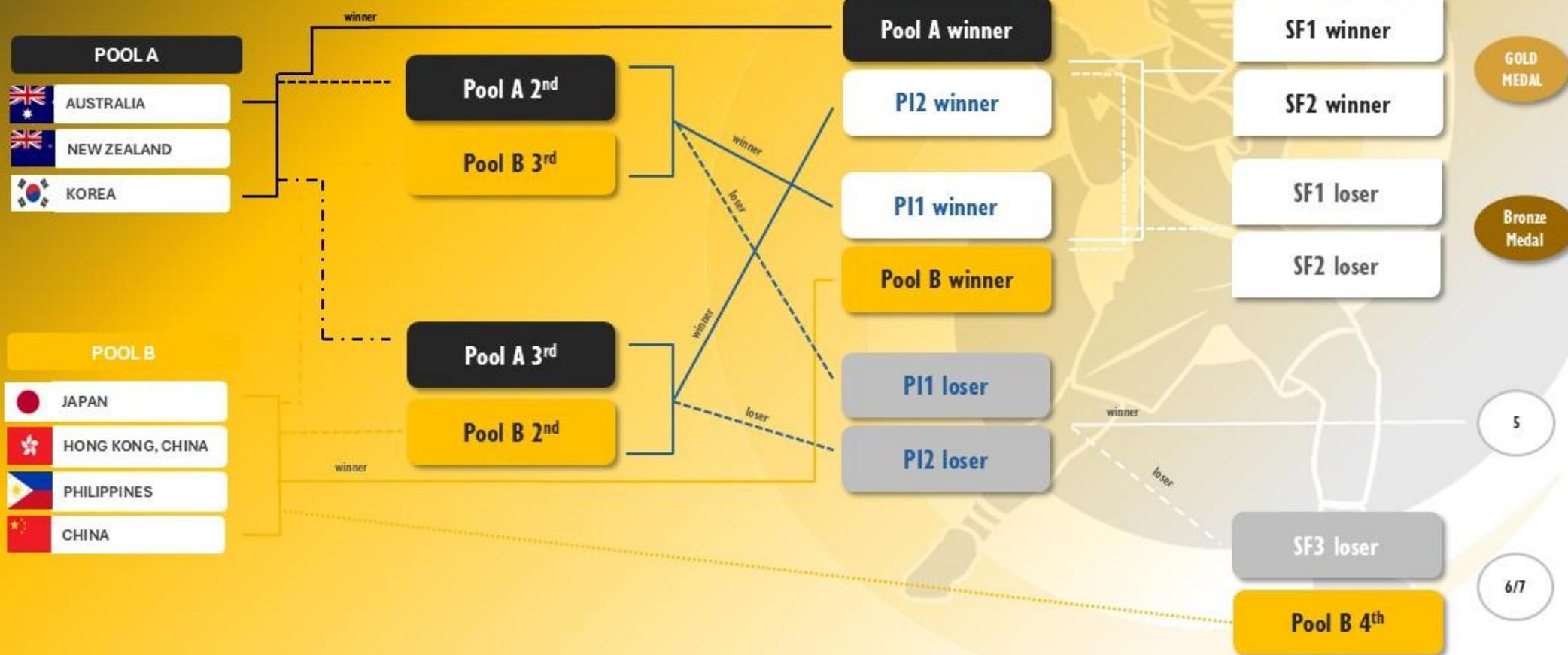


Pool Play

Play-ins

Semi-finals

Finals





SCHEDULE

POOL PLAY	TUESDAY 6 JAN	GAME #1 POOL A NZL v AUS 10AM	GAME #2 POOL B JPN v HKG 1PM	GAME #3 POOL B PHI v CHN 4PM	POOL A AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND KOREA
	WEDNESDAY 7 JAN	GAME #4 POOL A JPN v CHN 10AM	GAME #5 POOL B NZL v KOR 1PM	GAME #6 POOL B HKG v PHI 4PM	
	THURSDAY 8 JAN	GAME #7 POOL A HKG v CHN 10AM	GAME #8 POOL B JPN v PHI 1PM	GAME #9 POOL A AUS v KOR 4PM	
PLAY-IN	FRIDAY 9 JAN	GAME #10 PLAY-IN A2 v B3 10AM	GAME #11 PLAY-IN B2 v A3 1PM	JAPAN HONG KONG, CHINA PHILIPPINES CHINA	
SEMIFINALS & PLACEMENT	SATURDAY 10 JAN	GAME #12 SEMIFINAL 1 B1 v WG10 9AM	GAME #13 SEMIFINAL 2 A1 v WG11 12PM	GAME #14 5TH PLACE LG10 v LG11 3PM	
	SUNDAY 11 JAN	GAME #15 6TH PLACE LG14 v B4 9AM	GAME #16 BRONZE 12PM	GAME #17 GOLD 3PM	MEDAL GAMES



Seven teams have confirmed their attendance at the tournament. Including the host nation, New Zealand, the following teams will be competing.

Australia	Japan	Hong Kong China	New Zealand	South Korea	Philippines	China
World Ranking: 4	World Ranking: 5	World Ranking: 13	World Ranking: 24	World Ranking: 25	World Ranking: 30	World Ranking: -
Asia Pacific Ranking: N/A	Asia Pacific Ranking: N/A	Asia Pacific Ranking: 2	Asia Pacific Ranking: 3	Asia Pacific Ranking: 1	Asia Pacific Ranking: 4	Asia Pacific Ranking: 5

Nicknamed "The Sharks". 4 th 2018 World Lacrosse Championship, Netanya, Israel.	5 th 2023 World Lacrosse Championship, San Diego.	13 th 2023 World Lacrosse Men's World Championship, San Diego.	24 th 2023 World Lacrosse Championship, San Diego.	25 th 2023 World Lacrosse Championship in San Diego.	The Philippines made their debut at the 2014 World Lacrosse Championship.	42 nd 2018 World Lacrosse Championship, Netanya, Israel.
4 th 2014 World Lacrosse Championship, Denver.	6 th 2018 World Lacrosse Championship, Netanya, Israel.	27 th 2018 World Lacrosse Championship, Netanya, Israel.	21 st 2018 World Lacrosse Championship, Netanya, Israel.	35 th 2018 World Lacrosse Championship, Netanya, Israel.	30 th 2023 World Lacrosse Championship, San Diego.	33 rd 2014 World Lacrosse Championship, Denver.
In previous World Lacrosse Championships, the Australian men's team has earned three Silver medals and seven Bronze.	8 th 2014 World Lacrosse Championship, Denver.	21 st 2014 World Lacrosse Championship, Denver.	12 th 2014 World Lacrosse Championship, Denver.	1 st 2022 World Lacrosse Championship Asia Pacific Qualifier, Seogwipo, South Korea.	10 th 2018 World Lacrosse Championship, Netanya, Israel.	5 th 2022 World Lacrosse Championship Asia Pacific Qualifier, Seogwipo, South Korea.
	4 th 2010 World Championships.	2 nd 2022 World Lacrosse Championship Asia Pacific Qualifier, Seogwipo, South Korea.	3 rd 2022 World Lacrosse Championship Asia Pacific Qualifier, Seogwipo, South Korea.		4 th 2022 World Lacrosse Championship Asia Pacific Qualifier, Seogwipo, South Korea.	





Getting to Aotearoa New Zealand

Air Travel

Auckland is the main international gateway to New Zealand.

Wellington is New Zealand's third largest airport, handling more than 4.6 million passengers per annum.

The airport is the major domestic hub in the national air transport system, as well as providing direct international services to Australia.

Wellington International Airport is located 7km southeast of central Wellington, 45 mins from the competition venue.



FLIGHT ROUTE

DURATION

Singapore to Auckland/Christchurch	9.5 hours
Beijing / Hong Kong / Seoul / Taipei /Tokyo to Auckland	11 hours
Manilla to Auckland via Sydney	16 hours
Los Angeles/San Francisco to Auckland	15-18 shours
Sydney / Brisbane / Melbourne to Wellington	3 - 4 hours
Auckland / Christchurch to Wellington	1 hour / 45mins

Land Travel

Wellington is located 650km south of Auckland. This is a 1-day drive. We do not recommend international visitors drive unless they plan on taking a leisurely sightseeing trip on the way.

Driving between Christchurch and Wellington is also a 1-day drive and includes a 4-hour ferry crossing.

Please note, in New Zealand we drive on the left-hand side of the road.



Air travel

International Airlines

The following international carriers fly to Wellington either directly, via international transit through Australia or via New Zealand domestic connection.

Please refer Visiting New Zealand page for visa information.

Air New Zealand

International to Auckland with connection to Wellington from: Beijing, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Shanghai, Taipei.

Direct flights from Australia (Sydney & Brisbane).

Air China/China Eastern/Hainan

International connections from various China cities to Auckland with domestic connection to Wellington.

Cathay Pacific

International to Auckland with domestic connection to Wellington.

Korean Air

International to Auckland and Christchurch with domestic connection to Wellington from South Korea.

Philippine Airlines

International to Auckland with domestic connection to Wellington.

Singapore Airlines

International to Auckland with domestic connection to Wellington.

Qantas

Direct flights from Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne.

Jetstar

Flights from Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne to Auckland with connection to Wellington. Note direct flights from Sydney and Gold Coast only.

United Airlines

International to Auckland from Los Angeles or San Francisco with domestic connection to Wellington.

National Airlines

If you are flying domestically in New Zealand, there are two carriers - Air New Zealand and Jetstar. Air New Zealand provide more daily flights into Wellington, but code-share arrangements will differ between international and national carriers.



Please note travel during January is in the peak summer period. We recommend you secure your air travel as soon as practicable.

Liability and Travel insurance

When coming to New Zealand, all travellers must ensure that they are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability, accidents, and repatriation.

Some visa categories require you to hold insurance as a condition of your visa.

The LOC will provide only basic medical services in the venue.

Before you buy travel insurance, check what cover it provides. New Zealand has reciprocal health agreements with Australia.

[Reciprocal health agreements](#) – Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand.

If you have an accident while in New Zealand The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) covers everyone, including visitors while in New Zealand, who are injured in an accident in New Zealand.

[Find out what injuries are covered | ACC](#)

Check COVID-19 cover

Before you buy travel insurance, we recommend you check what cover it provides for COVID-19-related events, including medical treatment, the cost of changing your travel arrangements or paying for accommodation if you need to isolate.

Insurance

All supporters are advised to have appropriate accident and health insurance cover for duration of their visit.

Currency and payment in New Zealand

New Zealand's unit of currency is the dollar (NZD\$). All major credit cards are accepted in New Zealand, with Visa and Mastercard the most widely used. Many retailers in main centres also have Apple Pay.

Tipping is not expected or necessary. Public holiday surcharges may be charged at hospitality venues.

Currency exchange

You can exchange foreign currency for New Zealand currency at banks, some hotels and Bureau de Change kiosks, which are in international airports and most city centres.

Banking

Bank opening hours in New Zealand vary, but branches are generally open from 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Some are also open during weekends. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are available at bank branches, along main shopping streets and in malls. International credit cards and ATM cards will work as long as they have a four-digit PIN encoded. Check with your bank before leaving home.



visiting New Zealand–VISA

NZ Visa Information

You may not need to apply for a Visitor Visa if you are from a visa waiver country.

Visa waiver countries and territories include:

- Hong Kong (residents with HKSAR or British National–Overseas passports only)
- Japan
- South Korea
- United States

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/visit/what-you-need-to-visit-new-zealand/visa-waiver-countries-and-territories/>

If you are travelling on a passport from a country not on the waiver list, you will need to apply for a visa online. A Tournament Visa Guide Information has been provided to assist you in completing the application. This is available on the tournament website.

Applications should be made as soon as possible but no later than 3 months before travel. NZD \$100.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/visitor-visa>

Cost: From NZ\$441/person

NZETA

You must request an NZeTA before you travel if you travel on a passport from a country on the list of visa waiver countries and territories.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/new-zealand-electronic-travel-authority-nzeta/>

Cost: NZ\$17/person

Australian permanent residents normally only need a NZETA.

Transit Visas for other countries

You may need to apply for a Transit Visa from other countries if you are transiting through on your flights.

Australia

If you are not from an eligible transit without a visa (TWOV) country you will have to apply for a Transit Visa.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/transit-771#Overview>

Cost: Free

New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Everyone entering New Zealand needs to submit a declaration.

- It is free and takes about 10 minutes.
- You can do it on the NZTD app or online form, using your phone or computer.

The earliest you can submit your declaration is 24 hours before you start your trip to New Zealand. It needs to be submitted by the time you reach passport control in New Zealand.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration collects travel, customs, immigration and biosecurity information. It aims to improve the safety and security of New Zealand.

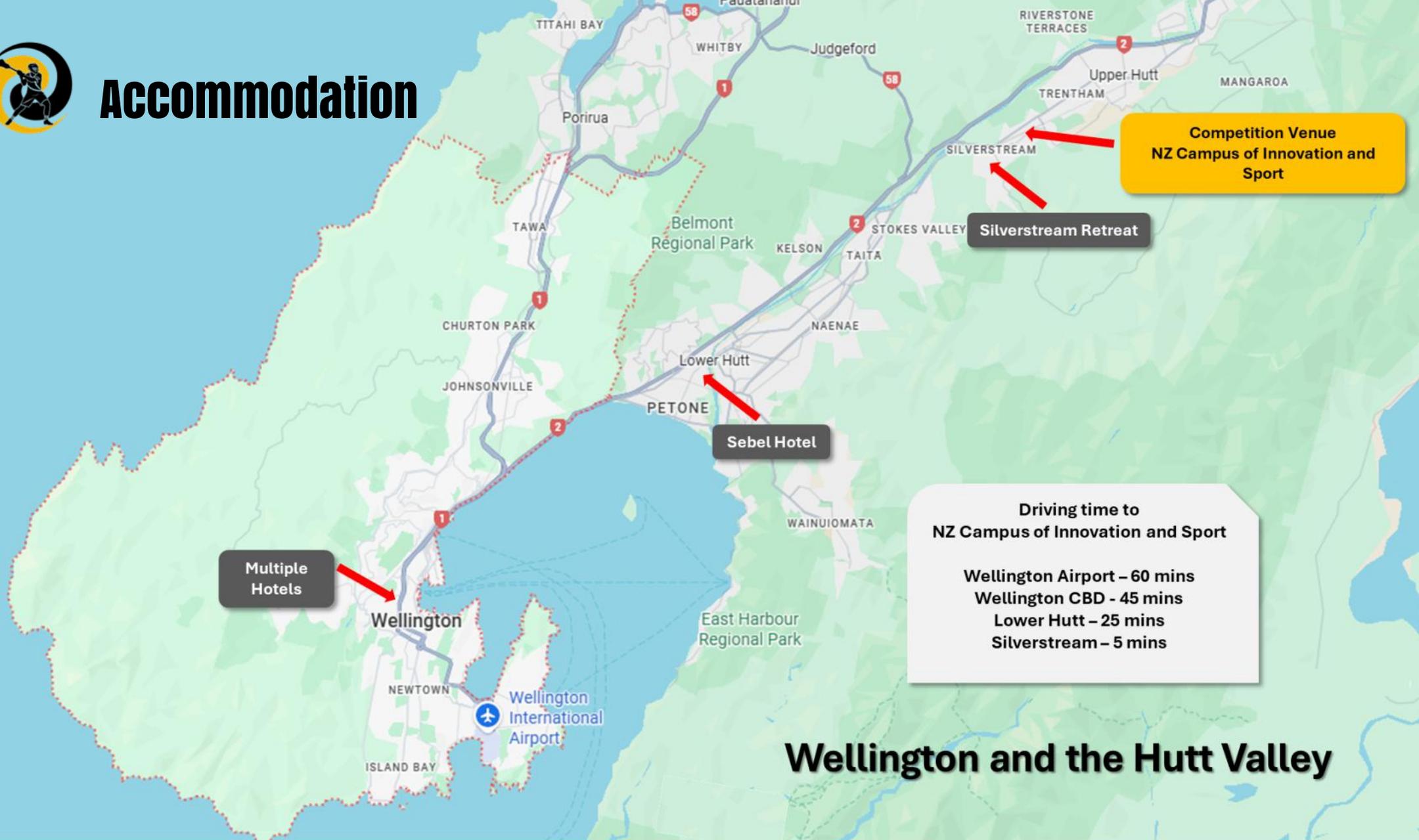
<https://www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz/>



Please ensure your Passport does not expire within 6-months of your intended arrival date in New Zealand



Accommodation



Wellington and the Hutt Valley

Accommodation close to the competition venue is scarce. We do not recommend any hotels or motels in Upper Hutt.

Hotels we do recommend include Silverstream Retreat (5 mins) and Sebel Hotel in Lower Hutt (25 mins).

In Wellington City, 45 mins from NZCIS, there are many choices for hotels, serviced and self-service apartments, and AirBnB.



Local Transport



Public Transport

Bus

Wellington City is served by Metlink buses. Buses will replace the usual trains between Wellington to Upper Hutt, for the duration of the tournament.

Route 83 from Wellington to Lower Hutt and then a Route 110 to Fergusson Drive, approximately 1km (15 mins) from NZCIS.



Snapper is an electronic payment card that provides public transport customers with a faster, cheaper, and more flexible payment and travel option.

Snapper cards can be purchased from many locations.

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/getting-started/>

Private Transport

Taxis

There are several taxi companies which service the area.

<https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/transport/taxis-shuttles/>

Rental Cars

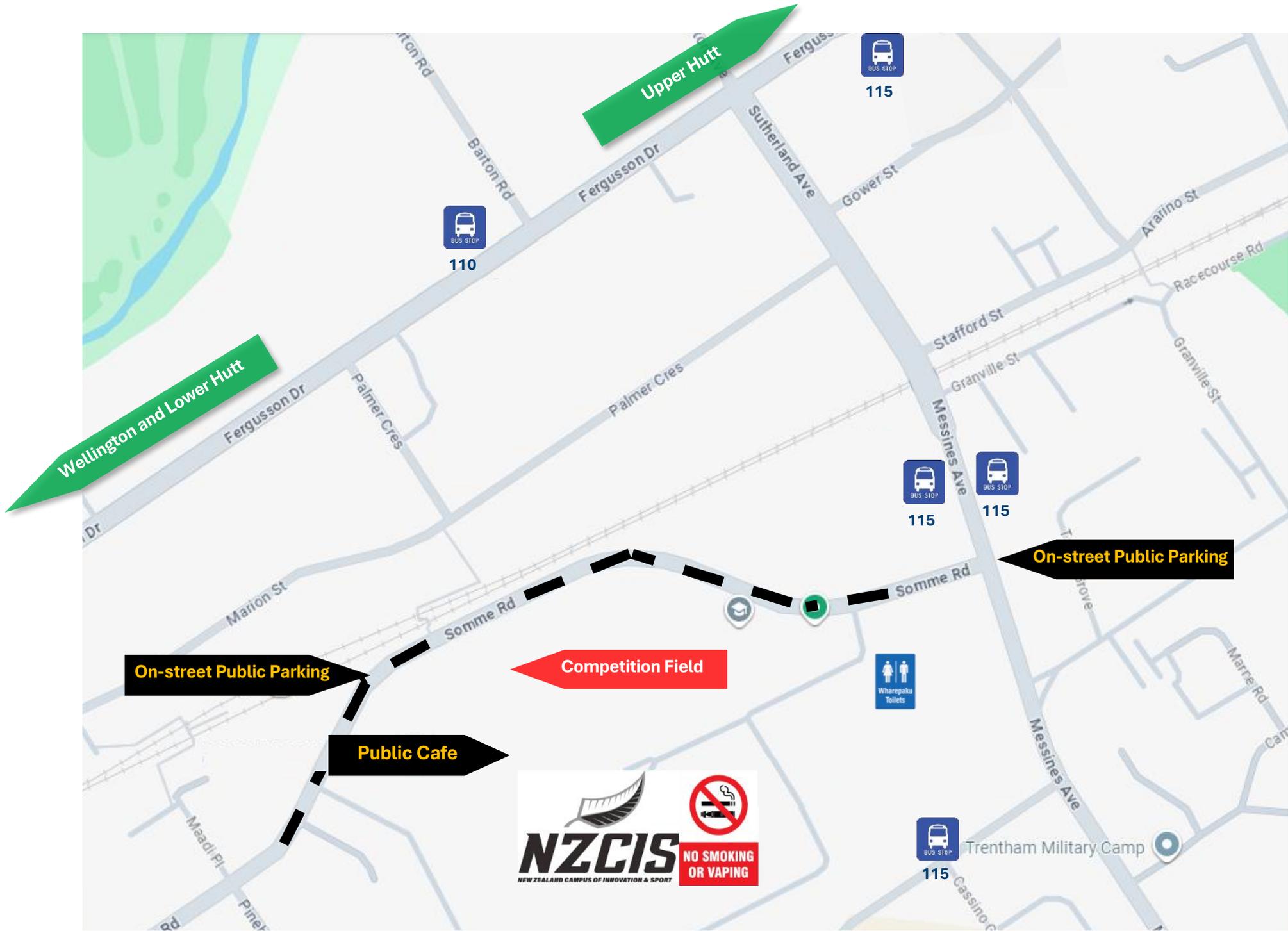
Rental cars are available at Wellington Airport.

<https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/transport/rental-cars/>

App-based

Both Uber and Didi, app-based ride-hailing services, are available in the Wellington region.





No Public Access inside the Athlete and Official Village.

The Mix Zone where teams and spectators can meet is located in and around the Tuki Cafe

Spectator Parking

Spectator Parking

Spectator Entrance

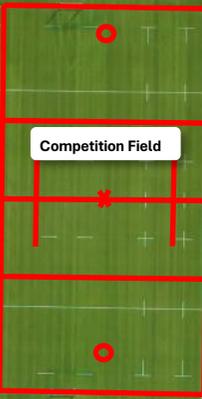
PRIVATE PARKING
ALL OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S RISK

Scoreboard

Camera

Field Office Toilets

Ambulance



Competition Field

Teams/Bench/Spectators

Team Entrance

Port-a-loos



Mix Zone & Cafe

Dining Hall

Athlete and Official Village
No Public Access inside Village

Gym &

Change Rooms

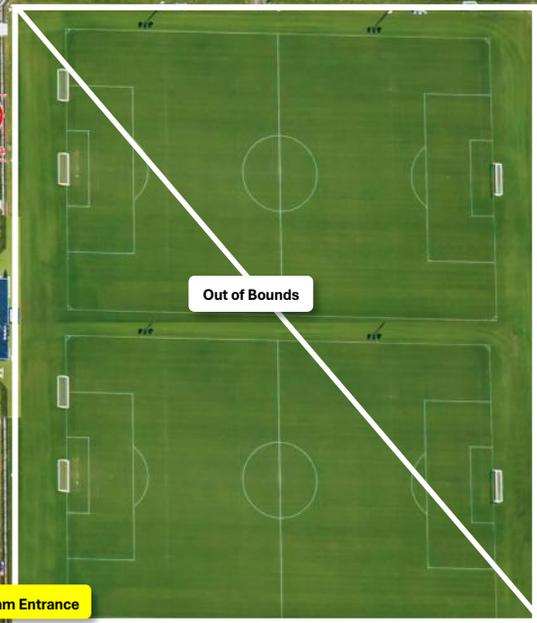
Accommodation Village

Office

NO PARKING

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NO PARKING



Out of Bounds



Training Field

Field Office Toilets

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Official & Volunteer Parking

Team Entrance



Wellington - the
"coolest little capital in
the world"

Wellington is the capital city of
New Zealand, located at the
southern-most end of the North
Island which has many cultural



Public holidays

New Year

New Year's Eve is celebrated in Wellington, often with fireworks at the waterfront. 1 & 2 January are public holidays so there will be few restaurants and cafes open.

Wellington Anniversary Day

Wellington Anniversary Day is traditionally celebrated on the closest Monday to January 22nd, which commemorates the arrival of the first settler ship, the Aurora, to Petone Beach. In 2026, this falls on Monday, January 19th.

Weather

While January in Wellington is officially the middle of summer, our weather can change rapidly, with four seasons in one day being common.

Wellington is renowned for its wind. The region experiences frequent gusty northerlies, which gives Wellington a reputation for being one of the windiest cities in the world.

- Daily Average temperature: 20°C
- Average monthly rainfall: 59mm

Pack layers, a waterproof jacket, and warm clothing.



what to see and do



Weta Workshop - Wellington City

Academy Award–winning special-effects and props company Weta Workshop has been responsible for bringing the likes of The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, King Kong, District 9 and Thor:Ragnarok to life. Learn how they do it on entertaining 45-minute guided tours, starting every half-hour; bookings recommended. There's also a tour to see the Thunderbirds Are Go miniatures stage. Weta Workshop is 36km from NZCIS.

<https://www.wetanz.com/>



Te Papa - Wellington City

New Zealand's national museum reflects the country's identity, history, and culture. It takes pride of place on Wellington's waterfront. The largest museum in the country takes pride of place on Wellington's waterfront. At 36,000 square metres and six stories high, it contains a vast repository of collections. It's home to more than 800,000 artworks, objects, and specimens. It curates cutting-edge interactive exhibitions with a contemporary, and bicultural approach. Te Papa is a museum experience that's accessible to all.

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/>



Zealandia - Wellington City

This groundbreaking ecosanctuary is nooked into a valley in the hills about 2km west of downtown Wellington. Living wild within the fenced, predator-free habitat are more than 30 native bird species, including rare little spotted kiwi, takahe, saddleback, hihi and kaka, as well as NZ's little dinosaur, the tuatara. An excellent exhibition relays NZ's natural history and world-renowned conservation story.

<https://www.visitzealandia.com/>



Brewtown - Upper Hutt

Brewtown is a one-stop for lovers of craft beer, hearty food, and entertainment. Spread across 6,000 sqm of Upper Hutt's former Dunlop Tyres site, Brewtown brings together some of the region's top breweries. Along with great eateries, there's a 4,500 sqm entertainment centre offering mini golf, ice skating, paintball, ten-pin bowling, cart racing, and a trampoline park.

<https://www.brewtown.co.nz/>



White Water Rafting - Upper Hutt

Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt river River Grade 3 Wilderness Rafting. A world class experience, the closest wilderness river tour to any city in New Zealand. You will be astonished with the wild and rugged breathtaking scenery of the ancient untouched native forest throughout the 10.5 kilometer stretch of Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River.

<https://www.wellingtonrafting.nz/tours/white-water-rafting/>



Kaitoke Regional Park - Upper Hutt

Explore this magic regional park, cross the swing bridge and see why Peter Jackson chose to film part of Lord of the Rings here. Kaitoke Regional Park is one of the region's most visited parks and is popular for picnics, camping, swimming and tramping.

There are walks for all ages and abilities, from hiking the hills of the Ridge Track to meandering to the weir with a pram. The trail to the location of Rivendell, home of the elves, is an easy 15-minute walk. The Swing Bridge Track is one hour long, journeying through rimu and rata forests and offering great views of the Hutt River Gorge.

For more information on what to see and do in the Wellington region <https://www.wellingtonnz.com/>



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