



Dunes Trail & Waiōtahe Trail Accessibility information

The Dunes Trail and Waiōtahe Trail have squeeze bars to minimise trail access by motorbikes and quad bikes. Squeeze bars suit many trail users, but not everyone. So along much of the trail distance there are also other options.



Dunes Trail The squeeze bars each have an adjoining croquet hoop. This allows access for pushchairs, many adaptive bikes, small bikes, loaded bikes, etc (dimensions are over page). The Dunes Trail is mostly packed gravel. It is undulating with some steeper rises and in places can get bumpy. It can also get windblown sand.

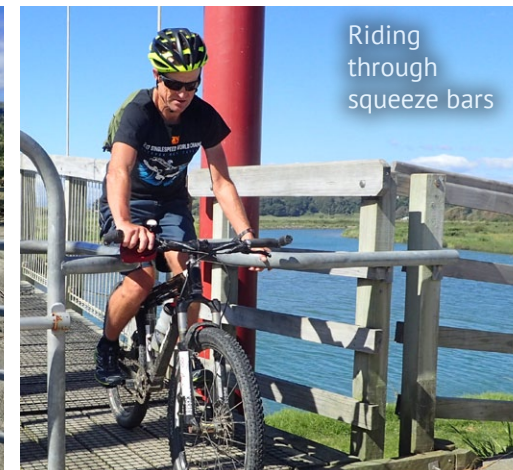
Waiōtahe Trail The squeeze bars each have an adjoining bar gate (see photo above). This allows access for pushchairs, many adaptive bikes, small bikes, loaded bikes, etc (dimensions are over page). The Waiōtahe Trail is mostly packed gravel and may get windblown sand, but it's almost all flat so may be easier to use than the Dunes Trail.

Photo above: Riding under a bar gate

Photo far right: Waiōtahe Trail near Te Ahiaua / the Pipi Beds



Riding under a croquet hoop



Riding through squeeze bars

Trail sections with open access

If you're unable to use squeeze bars or croquet hoops you can still access parts of the trails - please note you may not use a quad bike, motorbike or other vehicle.

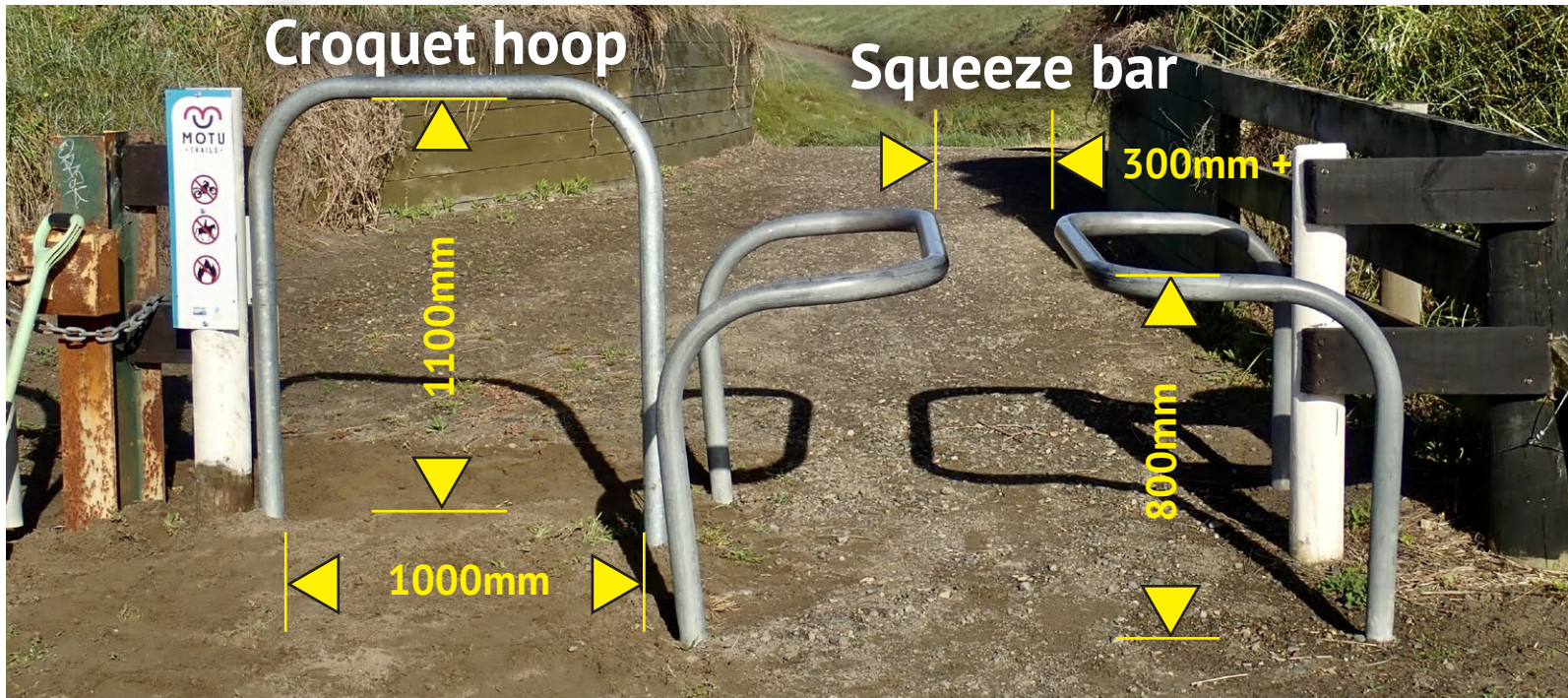
On the Dunes Trail, you can go out and back from the beach end of Tirohanga/ Panenehu road (6km from Ōpōtiki). This gives you over 2km of trail each way (see map over).

Much of the Waiōtahe Trail has no barriers. From Te Ahiaua/the Pipi Beds, you can head back towards Ōpōtiki for 1km. And from the pou whenua (carved poles) at Waiōtahe Beach you can head all the way to Waioweka Bridge with no barriers, although this section is narrow in places and has one hill (see map over).

In Ōpōtiki township, the Waioweka Trail from the trail gateway at the end of Elliot Street has 800m of 2.2 metre-wide concrete trail with no barriers.

For more information about the trails please look in a Motu Trails brochure or visit www.motutrails.co.nz



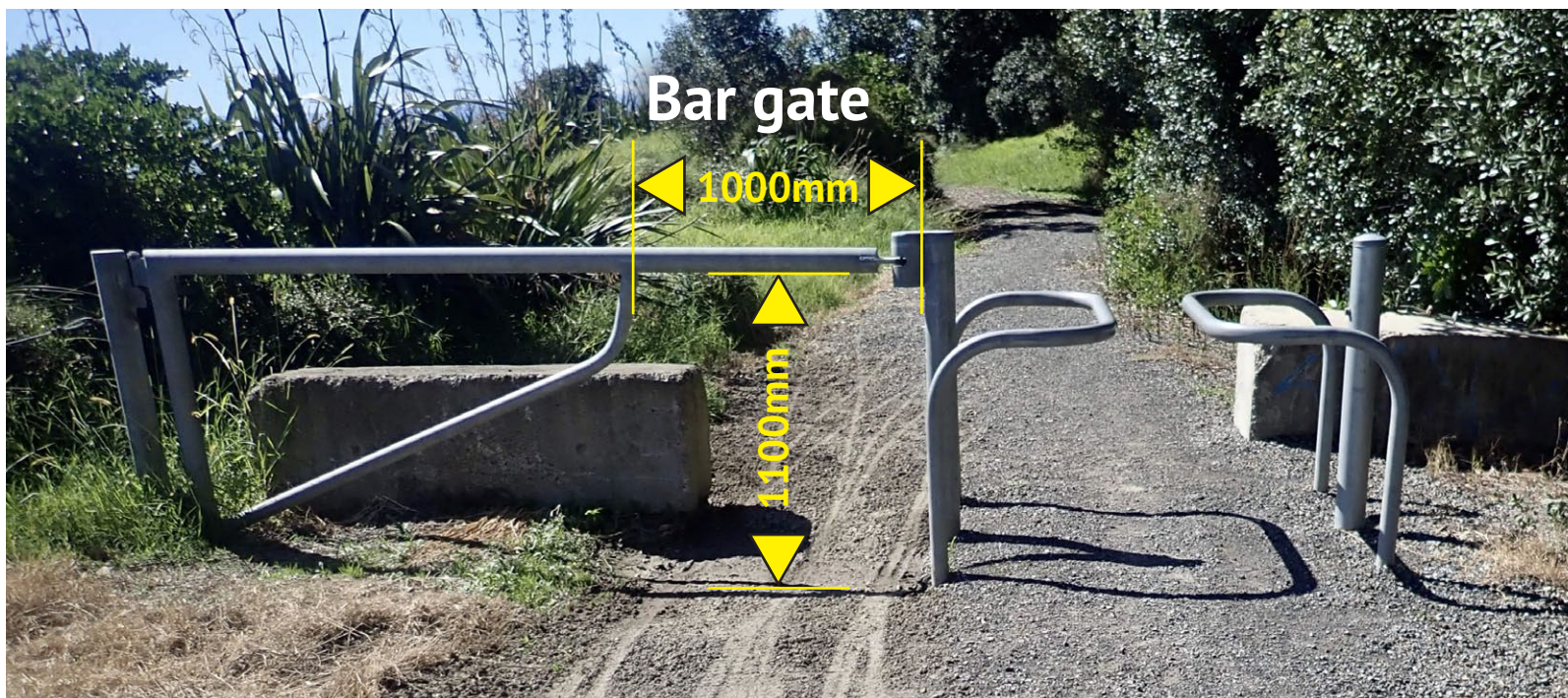


Croquet hoops have clearance of 1000mm wide and about 1100mm high

Squeeze bars have about 800mm clearance beneath. The riding gap between the bars is 300-340mm

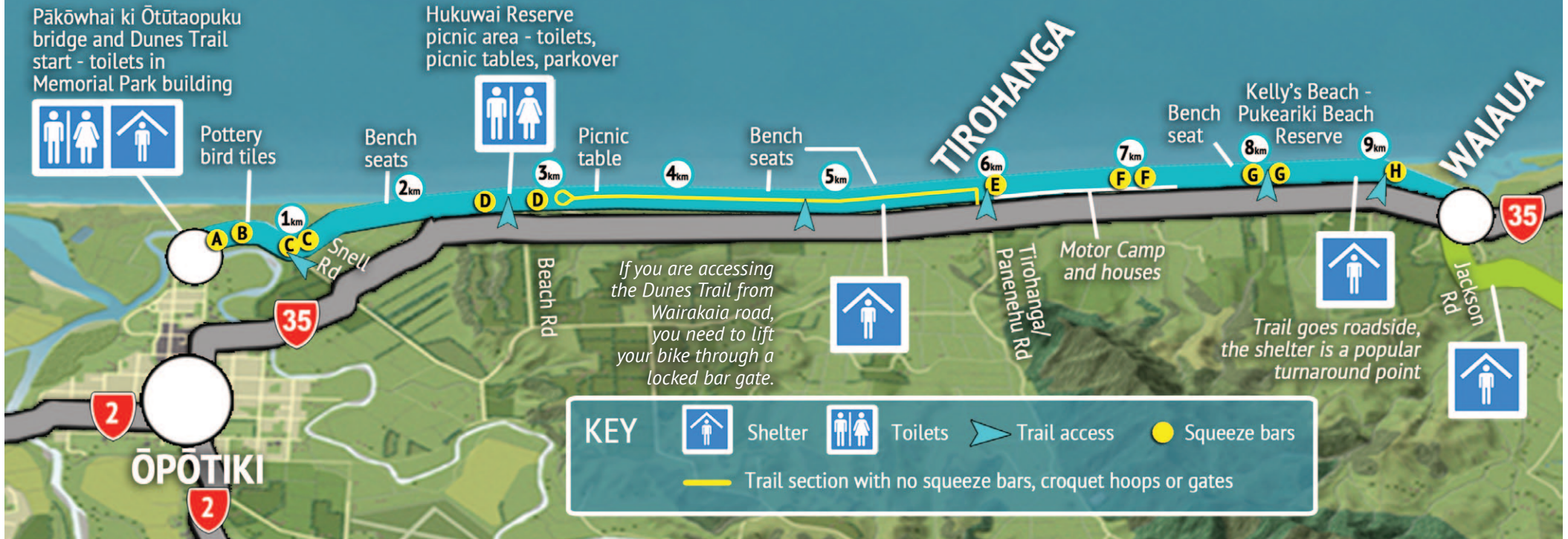
Bar gates have clearance of 1000mm wide and about 1100mm high

Please note, the height clearance can vary slightly due to gravel moving around or sand build-up.



Dunes Trail squeeze bar & croquet hoop locations

- A. Pākōwhai ki Ōtūtaopuku bridge, a single set of squeeze bars plus a bar with 1100mm clearance underneath.
- B. After crossing the harbour access road, a single set of squeeze bars, and, a croquet hoop
- C. Snell road vehicle access to beach, two sets of squeeze bars 10m apart, each with a croquet hoop
- D. Hukuwai beach parking area, at the west end, a single set of squeeze bars with an adjoining croquet hoop. At the east end, a single set of bars, and, a bar gate.
- E. Tirohanga road end, a single set of squeeze bars, and, a croquet hoop
- F. Access to Tirohanga Beach, two sets of squeeze bars 100m apart each with a croquet hoop
- G. Pukeariki Beach/Kelly's Beach access, two sets of squeeze bars 50m apart each with a croquet hoop
- H. Dunes Trail goes roadside, a single set of squeeze bars, or, access via the unlocked gate by the shelter.



Waiotaha Trail squeeze bar & bar gate locations

- A. Beach access 1, a single set of bars, and, a bar gate.
- B. Beach access 2, a single set of bars, and, a bar gate.
- C. Pohutukawa access 1, a single set of bars, and, a bar gate.
- D. Pohutukawa access 2, a single set of bars, and, a bar gate.

