

## THINGS TO DO IN THE WELLINGTON REGION

\* Symbols denote average cost and if best suited to sunny or rainy days - \$, ☀️/☁️

### Wellington

Te Papa Museum (free, ☁️)

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz>  
55 Cable Street, Wellington

Cable Car and Museum (\$, ☀️/☁️)

<https://www.museumswellington.org.nz/cable-car-museum/>  
1A Upland Road, Kelburn

Botanical Gardens (free, ☀️)

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/enjoy-the-outdoors/gardens/botanic-garden>

Entrances to the Garden include Glenmore Street, Salamanca Road, Upland Road and the Cable Car. The only public vehicle access is through Centennial entrance on Glenmore Street.

Weta Workshop Tours & Weta Cave (Tours \$\$\$, Cave free, ☀️/☁️)

<http://www.wetaworkshop.com/visit-us/workshop-tours/>

You can go to the Weta Cave for free to look at the displays & watch a short video.

1 Weka Street, Miramar

Chocolate Fish Cafe & Shelley Bay (including lighthouse) (\$, beach free, ☀️/☁️)

<https://www.facebook.com/ChocolateFishCafe/>

100 Shelly Bay Rd, Maupuia

Southern Cross bar – family friendly bar/café (\$, ☀️/☁️)

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

39 Abel Smith Street, Te Aro

Brooklyn Wind Turbine (free, ☀️)

<http://www.windenergy.org.nz/brooklyn-wind-turbine>

6012, Owhiro Bay Parade

Pol Hill Anti-aircraft Battery (free, ☀️)

<https://sites.google.com/site/nzcoastaldefences/wellington-s-coastal-defences/anti-aircraft-battery---pol-hill-brooklyn>

Pol Hill Reserve, Brooklyn

Wellington Zoo (\$\$, ☀️/👤 but best on a nice day)

<https://wellingtonzoo.com>

200 Daniell St, Newtown

Wellington Museum (free, 🤖)

<https://www.museumswellington.org.nz/wellington-museum/>

3 Jervois Quay, Queens Wharf

Capital E (free, 🤖)

<https://www.capitale.org.nz>

4 Queens Wharf, Wellington

Zealandia (\$\$, ☀️)

<https://www.visitzealandia.com>

53 Waiapu Road, Karori

Mount Victoria & Lookout (free, ☀️)

<https://www.wellingtonnz.com/discover/sights-activities/mount-victoria-lookout/>

Mount Victoria, Wellington

The Beehive & tour of parliament (free, 🤖)

<https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/visit/>

Molesworth St, Pipitea

Old St Paul's (entry by koha, 🤖)

<http://www.heritage.org.nz/places/places-to-visit/wellington-region/old-st-pauls>

34 Mulgrave St, Pipitea

Crocodile Bikes on the waterfront (\$\$ depending on bike size, ☀️)

<http://www.crocbikes.co.nz/cycles/>

5/22 Herd St, Te Aro

Space Place (\$\$, 🤖)

<https://www.museumswellington.org.nz/space-place/>

40 Salamanca Rd, Kelburn

Nairn Street Cottage (\$, 🤖)

<https://www.museumswellington.org.nz/nairn-street-cottage/>

68 Nairn Street, Mount Cook

Katherine Mansfield House and Garden (\$, ☀️/🤖)

<https://www.katherinemansfield.com>

25 Tinakori Rd, Thorndon

East by West ferry (\$\$, ☀️/🚣 best on a nice day)

<http://eastbywest.co.nz>

1 Queen's Warf, Wellington

Ferg's – Rock climbing, kayak hire & rollerblade hire (\$\$, ☀️/🚣)

<http://fergskayaks.co.nz/about-us>

Shed 6, Queens Wharf, Wellington

Otari-Wilton Bush (free, ☀️)

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/enjoy-the-outdoors/gardens/otariwiltons-bush>

160 Wilton Rd, Wilton

Red Rocks/Pariwhero walk – see the seals (free, ☀️)

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/enjoy-the-outdoors/beaches-and-coast/southern-suburbs/red-rocks-pariwhero>

Owhiro Bay, Wellington

Island Bay Marine Education Centre (free or koha, ☀️/🚣)

<http://www.octopus.org.nz> Sundays, 10am-3pm

The Bait House, The Esplanade, Island Bay

Wellington City Libraries (free, 🚣)

<http://www.wcl.govt.nz>

Arapaki Manners, 12 Manners Street, Wellington

He Matapihi Molesworth, National Library of New Zealand, 70 Molesworth Street, Wellington

Te Awe Library, 29B Brandon Street, Wellington

Games cafés (\$, ☀️/🚣)

Caffeinated Dragon, 70 Victoria St.

Cerberus - Level 1 - 66 Dixon Street

Counter Culture - 211 Victoria St, Te Aro

Kilbirnie Recreation Centre – roller rink (\$, 🚣)

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/get-active-with-us/recreation-centres/kilbirnie-recreation-centre>

101 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie

Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (\$, 🚣)

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/get-active-with-us/swimming-pools/indoor-pools/wellington-regional-aquatic-centre>

63 Kilbirnie Cres, Kilbirnie

Waitangi Park (free, ☀️)  
Corner of Cable Street and Oriental Parade

Carlucci Land – mini golf & paintball (\$, ☀️)  
<http://www.carlucciland.nz>  
226/280 Happy Valley Rd, Happy Valley, Wellington

### **Hutt Valley**

Matiu/Somes Island (\$\$ for the ferry, ☀️/🚢)  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/wellington-kapiti/places/matiu-somes-island/>

Expressions Art Gallery (free, 🚢)  
<https://www.expressions.org.nz>  
836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

H2Oxtreme (\$, 🚢)  
<https://h2oxtream.com>  
830-834 Fergusson Dr, Upper Hutt

Silverstream Railway (\$, ☀️/🚢)  
<https://www.silverstreamrailway.org.nz>  
1 Reynolds Bach Dr, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt

Tunnel Gully & Park (free, ☀️)  
<http://www.gw.govt.nz/Tunnel-Gully/>  
Rimutaka Hill, Upper Hutt

Tanes Track (free, ☀️)  
<http://tracks.org.nz/track/show/1002>  
Pakuratahi Forest, Wellington

Kaitoke Regional Park/Rivendell (free, ☀️)  
<http://www.gw.govt.nz/Kaitoke/>  
Akatarawa Valley, Upper Hutt

Staglands (\$\$\$, ☀️)  
<https://www.staglands.co.nz>  
2362 Akatarawa Rd, Akatarawa Valley, Upper Hutt

The Dowse Art Museum (free, 🚢)

<http://www.dowse.org.nz>  
45 Laings Rd, Lower Hutt

Petone beach & Foreshore playground (free, ☀️)  
<http://myfamily.kiwi/activities/petone+foreshore+playground,+lower+hutt>

Alicetown Playground (free, ☀️)  
Victoria Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt

Harcourt Park (free, ☀️)  
Brown Owl, Upper Hutt

Avalon Park (free, ☀️)  
61 Taita Dr, Avalon, Lower Hutt

Belmont Regional Park (free, ☀️)  
Takapu Valley, Wellington

Eastbourne beach & Pencarrow coast walk (free, ☀️)  
<http://www.huttvalleynz.com/see-and-do/cycling/pencarrow-coast>

Golder's Cottage Museum (\$, ☀️/🏠)  
<http://www.goldercottage.co.nz> Saturday and public holidays 1.30pm-4pm  
707 Ferguson Drive, Upper Hutt

Maidstone Max Park & Skatepark (free, ☀️)  
<https://upperhuttcity.com/parks-reserves/our-parks-and-reserves/maidstone-park/>  
Maidstone, Upper Hutt

Bartons Bush Walk (free, ☀️)  
<http://tracks.org.nz/track/show/879>  
Hutt Valley

Petone Settler's Museum (free, 🏠)  
<https://petonesettlers.org.nz>  
The Esplanade, Petone

Petone old Police Station and Jail & Petone Heritage Walk (free, ☀️/🏠)  
<http://www.huttvalleynz.com/see-and-do/heritage/old-petone-police-station>  
Jackson Street, Petone

Stoke Valley Buddhist Monastery (free, ☀️/🏠)  
<http://www.bodhinyanarama.net.nz>  
17 Rakau Grove, Stokes Valley

Percy Scenic Reserve (free, ☀️)

<http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Leisure--Culture/parkgardens/Our-parks-gardens-and-reserves/Percy-Scenic-Reserve/>

5 Dowse Dr, Maungaraki, Lower Hutt

Daytona Raceway - Ice skating rink/paintball/go karting/mini golf (\$\$, 🏠)

<http://daytonaraceway.co.nz/>

87 Port Rd, Seaview, Lower Hutt

### **Kāpiti Coast/Porirua**

Makara Wind Farm (free, ☀️)

<http://myfamily.kiwi/activities/makara+wind+turbine+walk,+wellington>

West Wind Recreation Area, Opau Road, Makara

Porirua Police Museum (free, 🏠)

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/history-museum/museum>

Royal New Zealand Police College/Papakowhai Rd, Porirua

Pātaka Art Gallery (free, 🏠)

<https://www.pataka.org.nz>

17 Parumoana St, Porirua

Porirua leisure centre - Aquatics centre and Terauparaha Arena (\$, 🏠)

<http://terauparaha-arena.co.nz>

17 Parumoana St, Porirua

Pirates Cove mini golf (\$, ☀️)

<http://www.adventuregolf.co.nz/locations/pirates-cove-wellington/>

2 Wi Neera Dr, Elsdon, Porirua

Southward Car Museum (\$\$, 🏠)

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

Otaihanga Rd, Otaihanga, Paraparaumu

Kāpiti Coast Electric Tram (\$, ☀️)

<https://www.wellingtonnz.com/discover/sights-activities/kapiti-coast-electric-tramway/>

Whareroa Road, Queen Elizabeth Park/MacKays Crossing

Paekakariki

Raumati Marine Gardens & Splash Pad (free, ☀️)

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Our-District/Our-Community/Parks-and->

[Recreation/parks/marine-gardens](#)

Garden Rd, Raumati Beach, Paraparaumu

Aotea Lagoon & Splash Pad (free, ☀️)

<https://poriruacity.govt.nz/discover-porirua/parks-and-reserves/aotea-lagoon/>  
Papakowhai suburb, Porirua

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park (free, ☀️)

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/battlehill/>  
610 Paekakariki Hill Road, Pauatahanui, Porirua

Also check out:

City Wrighlers (<http://www.citywrighlers.co.nz/>) for things to do & parks in Wellington.

Wellington Event Finder (<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/whatson/events/wellington>)

Kapiti Kids Connect <http://www.kapitikidsconnect.co.nz/>

Toddler In Tow <http://www.toddlerintow.co.nz/>