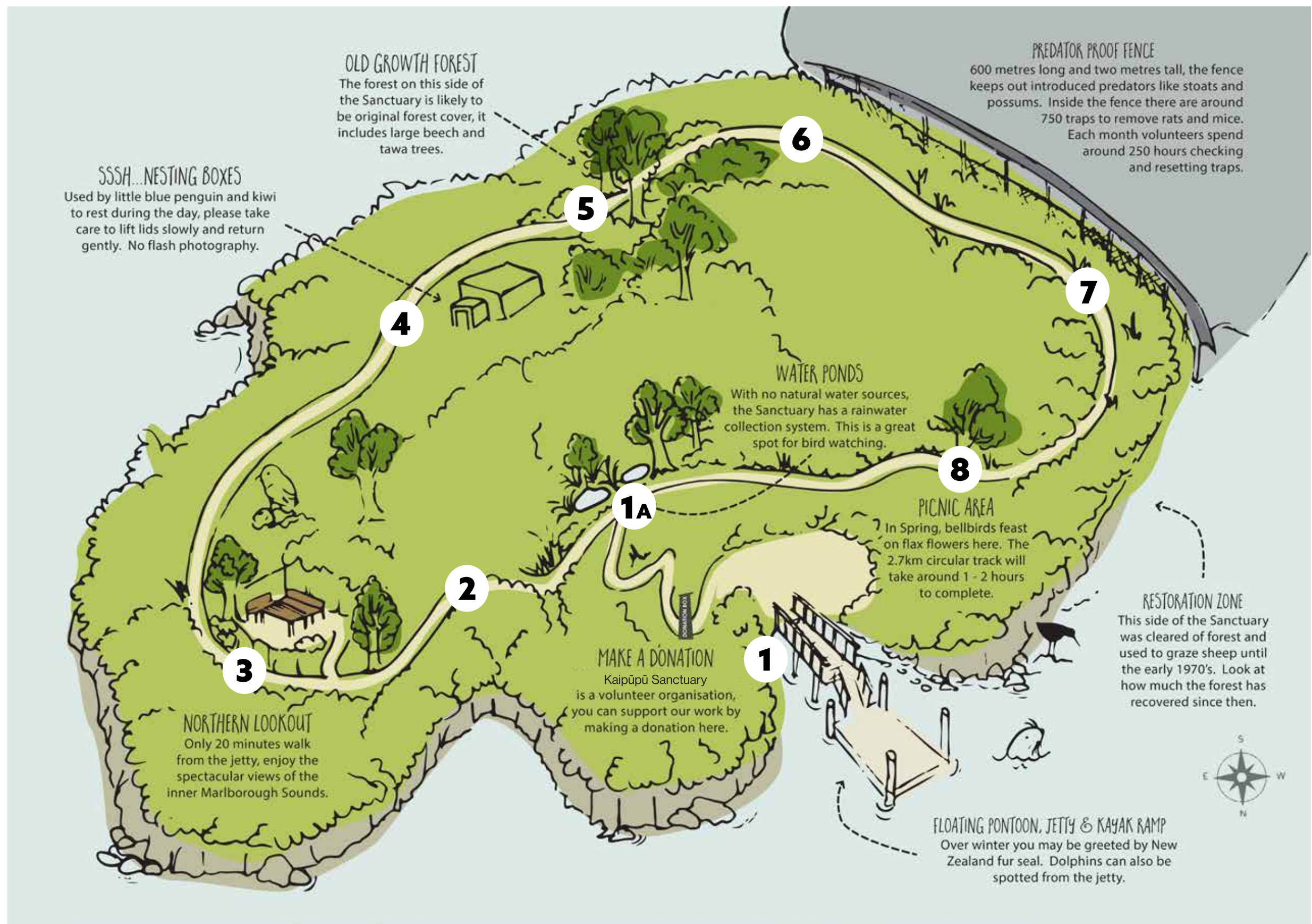


KAIPŪPŪ SANCTUARY VISITOR MAP



Points of Interest for Self-guided Walkers

POINT 1 - Jetty Access.

This jetty is the only access point to Kaipūpū Sanctuary, a 40-hectare (98-acre) mainland island managed entirely by volunteers. A mainland island is an area separated from the mainland by a physical barrier - in our case, a 600-metre predator fence.

In New Zealand, most of our native animals are birds, so when predators like possums, rats, cats, and stoats were introduced, native bird populations declined dramatically. The Sanctuary was established in 2005 to provide a safe haven where native birds and insects can breed and thrive.

POINT 1a - The start of the loop track.

You can travel in either direction to get back to this point.

POINT 2 - Tawa and Fern Gully.

This area was once heavily grazed by sheep and cattle, leaving the ground beneath these large trees bare and compacted. After grazing stopped in the early 1980s, native ground cover plants and shrubs began to regenerate, and today you can see the result - a lush, healthy forest.

POINT 3 - Northern Lookout.

What a view! You're standing at the highest point on the track, with a stunning outlook over the Marlborough Sounds. This area was well-travelled by Māori long before European arrival. When Europeans settled, much of the land was cleared for farming. Since the 1950s, the forest has been regenerating, restoring the area's health and vitality and bringing back a rich variety of native birds and plants.

POINT 4 - Kororā Nesting Area.

The little blue penguin, the kororā, is the smallest penguin in the world, and they nest here on Kaipūpū Sanctuary. Please do not disturb any of the boxes during the nesting season from August to December.

POINT 5 - Contemplation Zone.

Take 5 minutes of silent time to listen to and absorb the forest scents and sounds.

POINT 6 - Port and Picton lookout.

This spot offers a great view of the port and the township of Picton, home to around 5,000 people. Picton's main industries revolve around its busy port and ferry services, which handle both tourism and freight as the key gateway between the North and South Islands. Aquaculture and fishing also play an important role in the local economy.

POINT 7 - The predator-proof fence.

Built in 2008, the fence stretches 600 m and protects the sanctuary from invading pests. Some pests can still swim across from the mainland, so much of our trapping effort focuses on the edges of the sanctuary.

POINT 8 - Wātā Alley.

Look inside the wētā hotels to see these giant, flightless crickets, found only in New Zealand. Rats are their main predators, but thanks to the sanctuary's protection, wētā numbers have been increasing.

Walking times

1-1A: 10min	5-6: 10min
1A-2: 10min	6-7: 5min
2-3: 10min	7-8: 10min
3-4: 10min	8-1: 0min
4-5: 15min	



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