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# Walking tracks & trails of the Western Bay

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*Bowentown Domain*





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With its diverse environment of coastline, hills, wetlands, forest and grassland, the Western Bay District has an abundance of outdoor experiences on offer to walkers and trampers of all ages and fitness levels.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) and Western Bay of Plenty District Council have created some fantastic tracks and trails that take explorers into beautiful places and pose exciting challenges.

These walks consist of Council reserves and parks, including many tracks managed by DOC.

Information on all DOC walks can be found on their website: **[www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)**

Department of Conservation, 253 Chadwick Road, Tauranga. Phone 07 578 7677.

Information on Western Bay of Plenty District Council walks can be found on Council's website: **[www.westernbay.govt.nz](http://www.westernbay.govt.nz)**



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# What to know before you go

You must be well prepared when walking on conservation land, especially on longer day walks. Ensure you have strong, comfortable boots, a good raincoat, warm clothing, a first aid kit, food and drink, a hat and sunscreen – and your mobile phone.

***It is also advisable that you leave your tramping intentions with a responsible person, in case you get lost.***

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## Dogs

As an owner, it is your responsibility to keep your dog under leash or voice command at all times. Please refer to specific sites where dogs are not allowed at any time.

### Help protect our kauri forests

***Kauri dieback disease*** is threatening our kauri with extinction. It is spread by soil movement but you can help prevent it by:

- ***Keeping to the tracks and off kauri tree roots***
- ***Cleaning your gear before and after visiting a kauri forest***



**KEEP KAURI STANDING**

STOP KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE SPREADING

**KIA TOITU HE KAURI**





# Track classifications

Walking times stated in this booklet and on park signs are only an estimate; please allow extra time for slower walkers or adverse weather conditions. Additional time should also be allowed for sightseeing and rest stops.



## Short walk

Well formed track with easy grades. Constructed to 'shoe standard'. Suitable for people of all ages and abilities.



## Walking track

A defined, formed track. Constructed to 'shoe standard'. Suitable for people of most ages and abilities. Some tracks may cross streams.



## Tramping track

Limited track formation, often with steep grades. Constructed to 'boot standard'. Suitable for fit, experienced and adequately equipped people. River and stream crossings may not be bridged.



## Route

Lightly cut marked or unmarked tracks, often with steep grades. Suitable for fit, experienced and adequately equipped people with good backcountry navigation skills.



## Toilets

Public toilets available.



## Lock your vehicle

Please remember to lock your vehicle and remove any valuables.



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# Waihi Beach's Trig Walk & Water Reservoir Loop

**With excellent parking and a well formed track this is a must-do during your visit to Waihi Beach.**

Drive up Pacific Road, go left at the top, park the car in the water reservoir car park. The start of the Water Reservoir Loop is on the right of the reservoir. The Trig Walk branches off the Loop track near the bridge.

## Water Reservoir Loop




 **20 minutes**

The Loop walk goes around the old Waihi Beach reservoir. This track is mostly flat, with a few inclines. The Trig Walk branches off the Loop near the bridge.

## Trig Walk



 **90 minutes**

The trail is 3 kilometres return and has some steps and steep bits. The majority of the walk is in the bush so this is suitable to do at any time of day. At the top you will enjoy a spectacular view of Waihi Beach, up the Coromandel coast and east across the Bay of Plenty.



## Waihi Beach Trig Walk





Homunga Bay

Ngatitangata Road

Homunga Bay Track

William Wright  
Falls Track

William Wright Falls

Orokawa Bay

Orokawa Scenic  
Reserve Track

Old Reservoir

Pohutukawa  
Park track

Waihi Beach

Pacific Road

Beach Road





## Orokawa Scenic Reserve

**This spectacular coastal reserve embraces panoramic ocean views, mature forest, pohutukawa-fringed bays, good rock fishing and picnic spots.**

**NO DOGS OR FIRES** are permitted within this reserve except on the Pohutukawa Park track (at the northern end of Waihi Beach) where dogs on leash are allowed.

### Orokawa Scenic Reserve Track



 **45 minutes: Waihi Beach - Orokawa Bay**

This reserve consists of remnant coastal forest and its coastline is fringed with pohutukawa. The reserve has stunning views, picnic spots and rock fishing. When the tide is right Orokawa Bay is a perfect spot for a picnic, a surf or a swim.

### William Wright Falls



 **90 minutes: Orokawa Bay - William Wright Falls**

The bush track to the William Wright Falls is accessible from the northern end of Orokawa Beach. The journey up and along the stream bed is best suited to the experienced hiker. Located approximately 1.5 kilometres into the bush, the falls are framed by a steep forested hillside and they spill over a sheer rock face 30 metres above the pool, dropping in two stages to the valley floor.

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## Orokawa Scenic Reserve

### Homunga Bay



**90 minutes:**  
**Orokawa Bay - Homunga Bay**



**30 minutes:**  
**Ngatitangata Road end - Homunga Bay**

Homunga Bay is notable for dense pohutukawa forest, its beauty and its seclusion.

It can be reached by a track from the northern end of Orokawa Bay. This track is well-developed and maintained, providing spectacular views and interesting terrain. Caution, good footwear, water and a day pack are essential.

Another option for this walk is to start at Ngatitangata Road (above Homunga Bay) and walk down the hills to the coast, via Orokawa Bay to exit at Waihi Beach.

If you decide to start and return at Ngatitangata Road, be aware the path is a long, steep climb. Walkers should allow three hours from Waihi Beach to Homunga Bay, 90 minutes from Orokawa Bay to Homunga Bay or 45-60 minutes between Homunga Bay and Ngatitangata Road.



Orokawa Bay



Orokawa Scenic Reserve

## Bowentown Domain

*Where: Northern end of Tauranga Harbour.*

**Located on a rocky headland at the northern entrance to Tauranga Harbour, this 128 hectare reserve contains a number of pā sites dating back several hundred years.**

Anzac Bay offers safe swimming, picnic sites and toilets and there is camping at the Bowentown Holiday Park adjacent to the ocean beach.

From the Te Ho pā site, which is easily reached, there are magnificent views of the harbour and the coast. To get here, follow the tracks from the motor camp or from the headland car park. From the car park you can drop steeply down to Cave Bay, a small beach at the harbour entrance, or you can walk to Te Kura a Maia pā site on the southern headland.

From Anzac Bay a wide grassy track leads westward up to an area where several tracks meet.

Straight ahead leads to Shelly Bay, a sheltered and safe swimming spot. Left takes you to a popular fishing area. Turning right leads to the summit. On the way up the summit track you pass a track which drops to the right leading down to the entrance of the Domain. Continuing on over the summit loop track, you are led down to the northern end of Shelley Bay.

Stunning views of the upper harbour, Kaimai Ranges and the ocean coastline are your reward when you walk these tracks.

This is a particularly spectacular place when the pohutukawa trees are flowering in December-January.

Provision is made for freedom camping parking.

## Anzac Bay to Shelly Beach



 Short loop: 30 minutes one way

## Headland car park to Te Ho pa site



 45 minutes round trip

## Anzac Bay-headland loop via Shelly Beach



 75 minutes round trip



Anzac Bay



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## Athenree Village

*Where: Northern end of Tauranga Harbour.*



**30 minutes one way**



**An easy stroll along the shores of Tauranga Harbour, this walkway runs the length of Athenree Village.**

It starts at the children's playground on Waione Ave, behind the boat ramp, and runs along a grassy foreshore under large pohutukawa trees. There are views across the harbour to the Bowentown headland. Views are predominantly of the mudflats except at high tide.

Parking is available by the playground and on the grass verge along Waione Ave. There are toilets across the road from the playground.

The walkway is just over 1 kilometre and is almost level all the way. There are no steps or steeper climbs. Total time for both directions is about 30 minutes. It's possible to return to the start of the track from the Dr North Memorial Reserve via Pohutukawa Drive and Athenree Road.





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## Tanners Point

*Where: Off Tanners Point Road, north of Katikati.*



30 minutes return



**A most enjoyable outing, this short walk leads you through a picturesque harbourside reserve.**

The setting, plus picnic tables and toilets, makes it ideal for quiet family outings.

Start your walk at the beach near the jetty, continue along the pohutukawa-fringed track that follows the harbour's edge around to Moana Drive, then down to a sandy beach.

Return the same route or via Moana Drive.



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## Tuapiro Point

*Where: Off Tuapiro Point Road, north of Katikati.*



30 minutes return

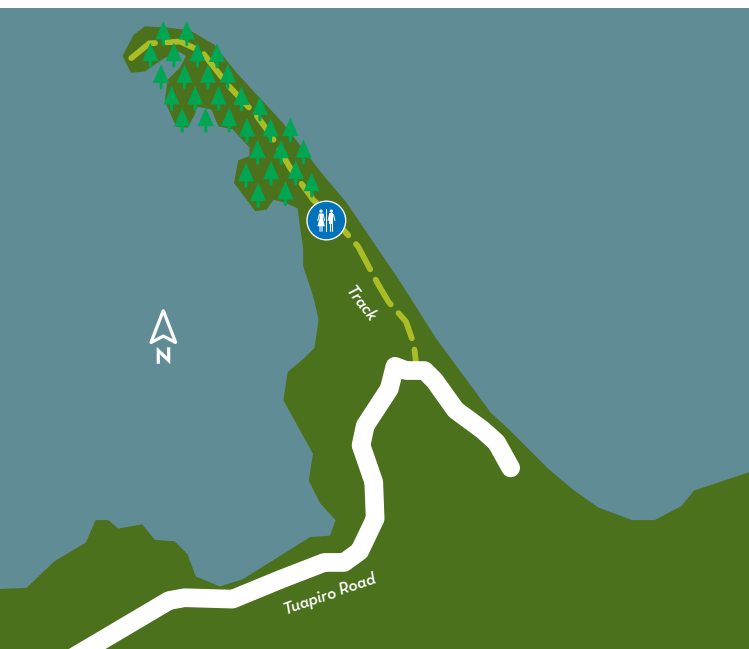


**Tuapiro Point is a small sandspit across the channel from Tanners Point.**

A track takes you onto the esplanade reserve and runs along the spit to a fence. When you get to the fence, step on to the beach and continue to the end of the sandspit for some great views of the inner harbour.

At certain times of the year, a lot of seabirds gather here. Please take care not to disturb them, or any other estuary wildlife.

Retrace your steps or take a short detour and explore the grove of landmark pine trees on your return journey.





*Tuapiro Point*



*Horse riding on the Beach at Tuapiro Point*



*Tuapiro Point*



*Looking south from Tuapiro Point  
towards Ongare Point and Kauri Point.*



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## Kauri Point Historic Reserve

*Where: Off Kauri Point Road, north of Katikati*



**80 minutes return**



### Three features in particular attract people to this reserve:

- The magnificent specimens of pohutukawa lining the shore
- A long, wooden jetty that extends 200 metres out into the harbour (highly popular for fishing)
- Several pā fortification sites.

To get to this reserve go to the end of Kauri Point Road and turn right. From here the route is along the paddocks between the fenceline and Esplanade Road.

After dropping down it links up with the northern end of Chelmsford Street. Here you have the choice of turning back to the carpark via Chelmsford Street, or continuing down and along near the shore to the end of Ongare Point Road.

Please take care walking around the cliff edges and please follow instruction signs.

# Lindemann Road

*Where: Turn left off SH2 1 kilometre north of Katikati*

## Ridge Track Kauri Dams



**3 hours return**

### **STOP KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE SPREADING**

*Keep to the tracks and off kauri tree roots.*

*Clean your gear before and after visiting a kauri forest.*

**NO DOGS OR FIRES** allowed in the park without a permit.

**To reach the start of the tracks to the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park go through the gate and 100m west across the saddle - once the site of a Māori pā. Signs indicate the start of two tracks - Ridge Track to the left and Pack Track straight ahead.**

*IGNORE the farm track to the right.*

The Ridge Track enters the bush and climbs steeply to the ridge westwards. The grade eases as the track climbs and further on the track descends into the upper Wairoa Stream catchment.

About 75 minutes from the road the track passes an old Kauri dam. Continuing westward about 10 minutes is a junction.

To the right is the Lindemann Road Pack Track which leads back to the road past the site of the old cookhouse of a logging camp, via the longer northern route.



## Pack Track



5 hours return

Follow the Pack Track sign (take care not to confuse it with the farm track on your right). The Pack Track follows an easy upward grade, winding its way through bush gullies and emerging through scrub to overlook the Wairoa Valley and the distant Ananui Falls.

About 75 minutes from the road the track branches – to the right it leads down to Wairoa Valley. Continue to follow the Pack Track to the upper Wairoa Kauri dams.

The return to Lindemann Road via the Pack Track will take about as long as the upward journey. Returning via the Ridge Track is considerably shorter but much steeper down the ridge.

**NOTE:** The Cashmore Clearing Track, accessed from these tracks is currently **CLOSED** to protect from the spread of Kauri Dieback Disease.





## Katikati Town Centre

*Where: Starts at Beach Road in Katikati.*



**40+ minutes return**



**For those who appreciate art in the landscape this is more of an experience than a brisk walk.**

The journey starts at the car park in Haiku Park reached via an access road on the northern side of Robert Harris cafe. There is ample scope to wander various pathways and appreciate the haiku verse carved into the boulders and pavement.

The Uretara Stream runs through the park. The main path leads over a footbridge, and downstream to the highway and Uretara Landing.

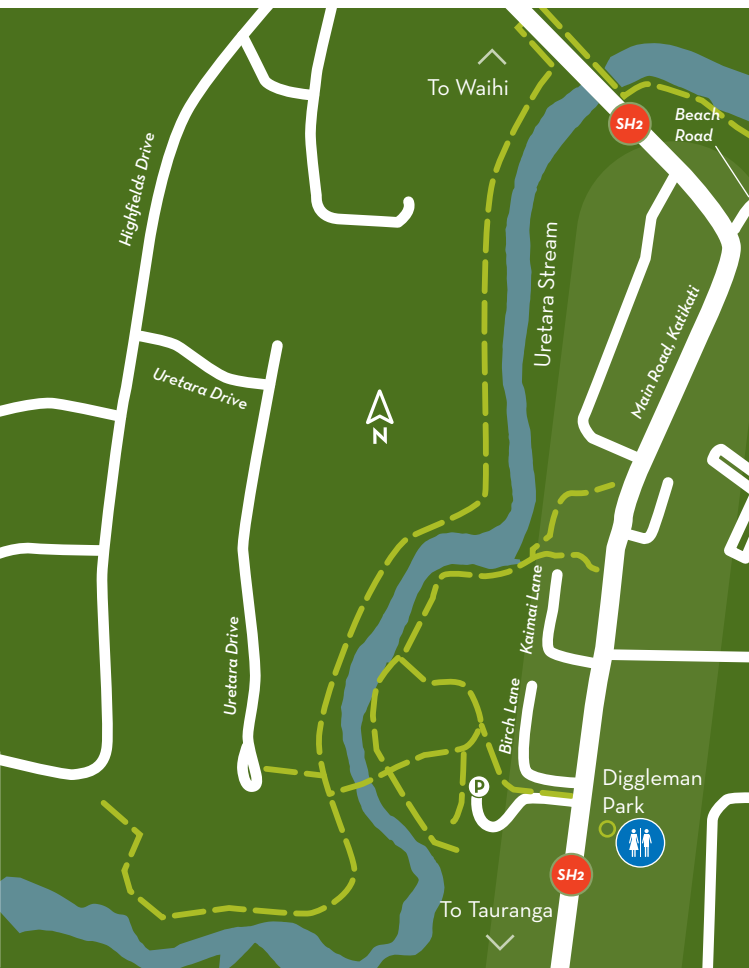
From the landing, stroll up the main street to appreciate the murals and other works of art throughout the town centre. Rest at a cafe, or at the replica kauri dam water feature in Diggelman Park, before crossing the road and returning to your vehicle.

Cyclists and walkers can now cross the Uretara Stream via the new 45 metres long single-span suspension bridge, which follows where the old railway line used to go, connecting to the footpath along the stop-bank on Uretara Drive.

The new bridge complements the growing network of cycle trails around Katikati, providing a 'loop' around the stream, and giving residents of Highfields Drive pedestrian access to the southern end of town.







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## Uretara Stream Walkway

*Where: Starts at Beach Road in Katikati  
or accessed off Levley Lane.*



45 minutes one way



**This walk follows the Uretara River to the harbour edge, starting at Beach Road at the site of the Uretara Landing which played a key role for early settlers.**

The walkway meanders downstream along the esplanade reserve, past farmland, private gardens and estuary wetlands – ending at the Park Road Reserve.

The return trip can be the same way or via residential streets.





## Beach Road Peninsular

*Where: Starts at Beach Road, Katikati,  
or from Pukakura Road.*



About 60 minutes one way



*Dogs allowed but must be on leash to protect bird life.*

**This is a delightful, scenic, easy-going walk around the harbour edge.**

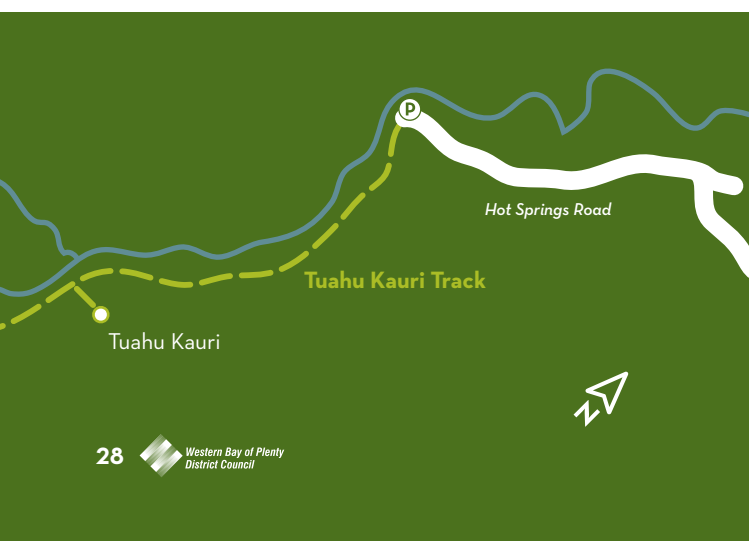
The track is four kilometres long and is all-weather, non-tidal and the footing is recycled concrete.

Bird life is plentiful and there are lovely views across to Matakana Island and to Tutaetaka Island which is a sacred Māori burial (urupā) place.





*Tuahhu Kauri Track*





## Tuahu Kauri Track

Where: Off Hot Springs Road, south of Katikati.



50 minutes return



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A magnificent kauri tree is a stunning feature of this walk. The kauri is known as Tuahu, named after its location on an old Māori route that was used as a bridle path in the 1890s.

A well-benched and graded track winds through native forest of young kauri 'rickers' and juvenile rimu trees. After 20 minutes, a side track leads to a platform surrounding one of the largest kauri trees in the Bay of Plenty. Beyond this, the main track narrows and becomes more difficult, continuing to the crest of the Kaimai Range. Return by the same route.

Adventurous walkers may choose to explore more challenging tracks in the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park.

For more information on these walks visit the Department of Conservation website:  
[www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/parks-and-recreation/tracks-and-walks/bay-of-plenty/kaimai-to-coast-brochure.pdf](http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/parks-and-recreation/tracks-and-walks/bay-of-plenty/kaimai-to-coast-brochure.pdf)



Aongatete



## Aongatete walks

*Where: Walking tracks start at the carpark, on a short access road near the end of Wright Road south of Katikati. Towards the Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre there is a parking area on the access road and a toilet nearby.*

**NO DOGS OR FIRES** allowed in the park without a permit.

**Located in the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park the walks at Aongatete take you through puriri and kohekohe forest along the Aongatete Stream.**

One of the tracks provides access to the North South Track which runs along almost the whole length of the Kaimai Range. The other tracks provide walks through regenerating native forest and access to a popular swimming hole in a local stream.

Although there are no viewing points along the tracks they all provide a pleasant walk through the forest, with forest canopy covering almost the entire length of the tracks.

There are four tracks starting near the education centre, providing options from a very short nature walk to a longer loop walk. A 400 metre access track leads from the carpark to the junction of the four tracks.

### Nature Trail



 **15 minutes return**

Nature Trail is a loop starting and ending near the education centre.

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## Aongatete walks

### The Aongatete Short Loop Track



 **1 hour return**

This track shares the northern part of the Long Loop Track, with a connecting track between the two long loop tracks.

### The Aongatete Long Loop Track



 **3.5 hours return**

This track runs mainly in a north-south orientation, with an eastern leg and a western leg. The eastern leg mainly has a gentle gradient with long straight stretches. It may once have been a tramline track. The western leg runs through more uneven terrain and includes three stream crossings. Even on a winter's day after two days with rain these streams could be crossed without getting wet feet.

### Aongatete Link Track



 **1 hour to North South Track**

The Aongatete Link Track continues to the North South Track. On the way there is a branch leading to a popular swimming hole. The walk to the swimming hole is marked as a 30 minute walk each way from the Link Track.





Wright Road

Aongatete Link Track

Nature Trail

Lodge

Swimming Hole

Short Loop

Aongatete River

Long Loop





*O'Brien Tramline*





## Leyland O'Brien Tramline

*Where: Leyland O'Brien Tramline Track is in the south of the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park. It starts at the end of Whakamarama Road, north of Tauranga, off SH2, via Barrett Road.*

### Leyland O'Brien Tramline Track



**2 hours one way**

Either return the same way back to Whakamarama Road or follow the North South Track to the north and take the Ngamarama Track back to Whakamarama Road (this is a longer road trip).

**From the Whakamarama Road end, the track descends for 100m to the junction of the Leyland O'Brien Tramline and Ngamarama Tracks.**

Take the left track, which follows the old tramline beside the headwaters of the Ngamuwahine River. This section is flat. After about 90 minutes the river is crossed and the tramline climbs slightly to the junction with the Ngamuwahine track. (It is 90 minutes to Ngamuwahine Road from here).

Leyland O'Brien Tramline Track continues southwest for a further 30 minutes to meet up with the North-South Track.







## Gerald Crapp Historic Reserve and Omokoroa Peninsula

*Where: Turn right off SH2 at Omokoroa, 14 kilometres north of Tauranga. Drive along Omokoroa Road to Myrtle Drive and the reserve is at the end of Gellibrand Place.*

*Please refer to on-site signage for prohibited and restricted areas for dogs.*

**There are a number of walks on the peninsula – the most popular being a 40-minute walk around the tip that includes the Gerald Crapp Reserve.**

In 1975, Gerald Crapp of Omokoroa gifted the reserve to the nation. Gerald was born on the property and lived at Omokoroa Beach all his life. The reserve has important associations with his family (Tice Gellibrand) and the European settlement of the District as well as with pre-European occupation of the area.

This reserve covers about two hectares and has lovely views across to Matakana Island and over the Tauranga Harbour. The many trees were planted by Joseph Tice Gellibrand one of the early Crapp family settlers who brought the seedlings from Tasmania, including Moreton Bay figs, London Plane and Holm Oak. A Eucalyptus botryoides (Southern Mahogany) was felled in 2011 due to rot and its stump carved into the likeness of Rev Joseph Tice Gellibrand.

The Wai-Huri Pa is on the headland within the reserve. This is an important archaeological site and its deep trench can still be seen.

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## Gerald Crapp Historic Reserve and Omokoroa Peninsula

### Domain to Bramley Drive



**30 minutes each way via Historic Reserve**

A longer walk of about 9 kilometres continues from Bramley Drive and along Hamurana Road to a coastal walk alongside the Omokoroa Golf Course. It crosses the peninsula to the Cooney Reserve and heads back along the waterfront to the Domain. The coastal walk alongside the golf course is not passable at high tide, but there is an alternative track along the northern and eastern side of the golf course.

**This walk is tidal.**

Appropriate footwear is recommended.

Parking is available near the Domain on The Esplanade, or on the Domain off of Harbour View Road, as well as at several other locations with access to the walk. Toilets are available in the Domain and by the sports grounds on Western Avenue.



Gerald Crapp  
Historic Reserve

Omokoroa  
Domain

Jetty

The Esplanade

Hamurana Road

Omokoroa Road



Tinopai Drive

Margaret Drive

Anderley Avenue

Golf Course

Omokoroa Road

Western  
Avenue

Lakeside Terrace

Kayelene Place

Lynley Park Drive





## Te Puna Quarry Park



Main Track

Amphitheatre

Picnic

P

Picnic



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Te Puna  
Quarry Park Road







## Te Puna Quarry Park

*Where: Take the Te Puna Quarry Road turn-off (signposted), west of Te Puna, left turn off SH2.*

### Main Loop Track



45-60 minutes return

**The Quarry Park has become a destination in the Western Bay for locals and visitors. Covering about 32 hectares, it has many walking tracks – take your pick through waterways, native and exotic gardens, garden art features and picnic areas.**

From the higher climbs are stunning views from the Coromandel ranges to the eastern Bay of Plenty. Featured throughout the park are sculptures by local artists.

Walking tracks are easy for the moderately fit and this is a place to enjoy nature, peace, stunning views and great art.

The park is a quarry that was in operation from 1911 to 1970. Transforming it into a The Quarry Park and wilderness garden was a dream of local resident Shirley Sparks who used to look out at the scarred rock faces of the neglected quarry from her kitchen window in Munro Road.

On Shirley's inspiration, backed by a team of enthusiastic locals, the Te Puna Quarry Park Society was formed in 1993 and the park was granted reserve status in 1996. It was opened by the Governor General Sir Michael Hardie Boys in 2000 and has since become a world class park that is a visitor destination and a mecca for artists of all mediums to add their inspiration to the Park.

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# I'Anson Bush Reserve

Where: Loop Road, turn right off SH2 just north of Te Puna.

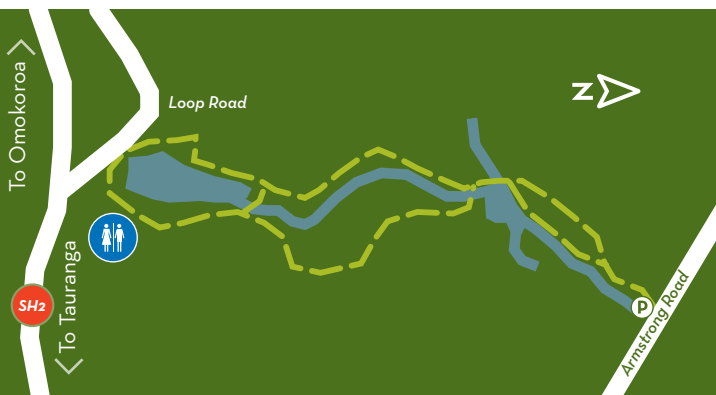
## I'Anson Bush Tracks



Up to 45 minutes return

**This reserve was gifted to the Queen Elizabeth II Trust (QEII National Trust) in 1987 by local residents Keith and Takiko I'Anson.**

This quiet picnic spot has been turned from pasture to native bush, with a small lake - Lake Taki - formed by damming the Waikaraka Stream. From the carpark, tracks circle the lake and pass through a grove of native trees. The track goes downstream to Armstrong Road and returns on the same route.





## Minden Scenic Reserve

*Where: Ainsworth Road, left off SH2  
just north of Te Puna.*

### Minden Scenic Reserve Loop

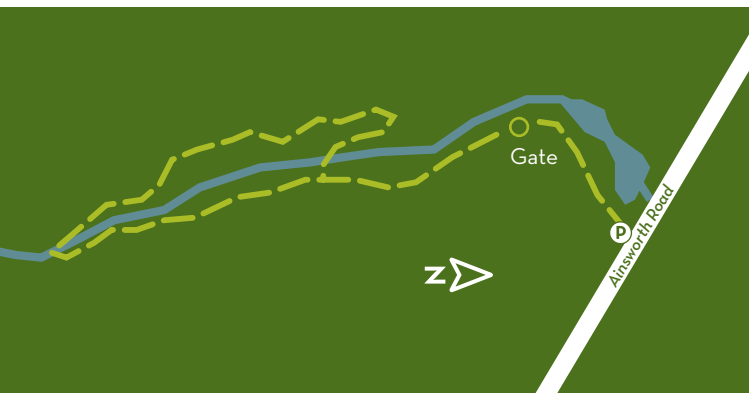


15 minutes return

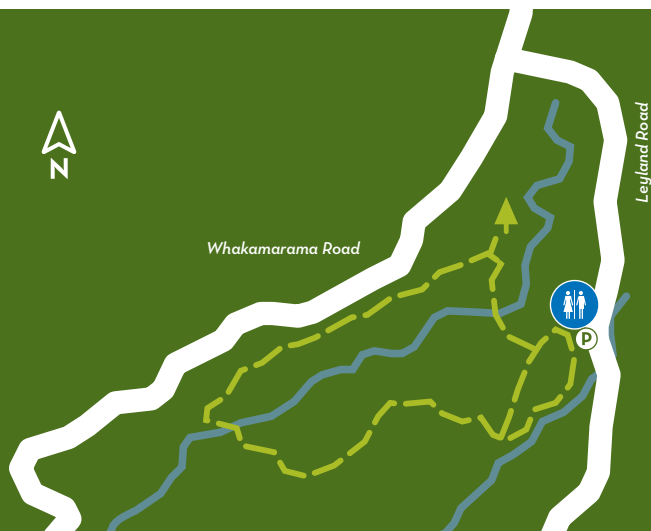
**This is a very popular short and sweet walk. A pond featuring waterfowl is below the entrance to the reserve.**

The walk follows a broad grassy avenue for 300 metres before entering a bush track that travels alongside a stream through regenerating forest dominated by rewarewa and manuka trees.

After about 10 minutes, the track crosses a small bridge and doubles back downstream to a pleasant open picnic area. A little further on, the track swings hard right down to a bridge and then climbs to rejoin the route at the grass avenue. There is an unmarked track continuing uphill from the turning point of the loop walk and ending on Minden Road near the intersection with Dawn View Place. The unmarked track up the hill gets used by walkers and by mountain bikers.



Putetoki Reserve





## Puketoki Reserve

*Where: Leyland Road, Whakamarama.*

*Turn left off SH2 at Barrett Road and follow the signs.*

### Puketoki Reserve Bush Tracks



**Short loop: 20 minutes. Long loop: 1 hour**

**This bush reserve (34 hectares) was donated to the Whakamarama Community in 1926 by Henry Sharplin of the Whakamarama Land and Timber Company.**

Before that time it was milled, so only the old surviving trees would be those not suitable for timber at that time. Tramways for transporting logs can still be seen along the walking tracks.

Puketoki is one of the oldest reserves in the Western Bay of Plenty and the Te Puna Stream, which runs past the picnic spot, provides a safe, shallow spot to cool off.

There are two loop tracks, a short loop and a long loop. Most of the short loop is shared with the long loop nearest to the reserve entrance. Both loops together are about 3.2 kilometres in length and can be walked in about one hour. They are also popular fitness tracks for runners.

The short loop is an easy walk with gentle slopes and no steps. The long loop has steps in various locations, but no steep bits. Both are well marked and well formed.

Car parking, picnic area and toilets at entrance. Dogs on a leash are permitted in the reserve.

## Rapurapu Track

*Where: On SH29, about 4 kilometres past the Kaimai Range Summit towards the Waikato side, a short gravel road on the left (not signposted) leads to a parking area where the track begins.*

### Rapurapu Track



**1 hour 15 minutes over 5 kilometres  
return via same track**

**Caution** – multiple river crossings are required. These are not difficult during good weather but may become impassable after heavy rain.

#### **STOP KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE SPREADING**

*Keep to the tracks and off kauri tree roots.*

*Clean your gear before and after visiting a kauri forest.*

**NO DOGS OR FIRES** allowed in the park without a permit.

**This walking track is a beautiful cool retreat during the summer months.**

The track features a mature tawa/podocarp forest with many fern species in the understorey, a stream with swimming holes and three impressive kauri trees that are growing near their southern limit.

The track passes through pine forest before entering bush and continues on an easy grade for 20 minutes before descending to the Rapurapu Stream, which it crosses eight times before reaching the kauri grove. The largest tree measures 180 cm in diameter and 14m to the first branch.



There's a view of the three big trees from the rocks in the middle of the stream, just before climbing the boardwalk steps. Kauri have a shallow root system which can easily be damaged. Please keep to the boardwalk to avoid trampling the sensitive roots.

This area is an ecological reserve within the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park.





# Ngamuwahine Track

*Where: Ngamuwahine Road. Off SH29, on left about 9 kilometres on the Tauranga side of the Kaimai Range summit. Follow road to Ngamuwahine Lodge.*

## Ngamuwahine Track



 **90 minutes one way**

This track climbs up through the bush and crosses a river behind the lodge at the end of Ngamuwahine Road, before levelling out on a ridge. The track finishes at an intersection with the Leyland O'Brien Tramline Track. Return the same way.

**The track starts at the end of the road, past the lodge and into the forest.**

To get to the actual track, you have to climb over the locked gate which is located to the right of Ngamuwahine Lodge. Follow this track and you will get to the actual start of the Department of Conservation track. This track leads from the end of Ngamuwahine Road and takes you to a junction with the Leyland O'Brien Tramline Track.





## Papamoa Hills Cultural Heritage Regional Park - Te Rae o Papamoa

*Where: Poplar Lane, off SH2, 17 kilometres south of Tauranga. Starts at car park.*

**NO DOGS OR BIKES** allowed in the park without a permit.

**This park is significant in New Zealand's archaeological landscape as it is the most complex Māori pā site in New Zealand.**

As such it is a unique example of historical occupation in a relatively small area. This can be attributed to careful management by the McNaughton family since the late 1800s.

The McNaughton family began farming the property around 100 years ago and supported the establishment of Papamoa Hills Regional Park. The park was established in 2003 and is jointly owned by Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

Te Rae o Papamoa has witnessed waves of immigration, from the earliest ancestral waka through to Captain James Cook and the Pakeha who followed him. The area has also witnessed much conflict as control of Te Rae o Papamoa and the surrounding plains was contested between successive waves of occupants.

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## Walking the hills



 **60 minutes return**

The main walking track is from the carpark on Poplar Lane to the trig station (at 224m). This track rises fairly steeply and leads through native bush and open farmland. The main track showcases the terracing on several pā sites. The reward at the summit is a spectacular panoramic coastal view.

There are several other tracks which allow you to explore the cultural heritage of the park and make the most of the expansive views. Most tracks lead you to each of the six pā sites within the park boundary.

Although most tracks are well formed, good walking shoes are recommended, as is a reasonable level of fitness. Take a bottle of water with you as there is no drinking water supply in the park.

There is an information board in the car park that provides further information about using the park. The park is also an operational farm. Remember to always leave gates the way you found them.

Open hours: 6.30am - 7pm (winter); 6.30am - 9pm (summer). The gate to the carpark is locked overnight.





Lower Kaiate Falls



Lower Falls

Upper Falls

Kaiate Falls Road

Kaiate Stream





## Te Rerekawau (Kaiate Falls)

Where: Off Kaiate Falls Road

### Te Rerekawau (Kaiate Falls)



60 minutes return

**In a pretty, bush-filled ravine where the Kaiate Stream drops over ignimbrite bluffs, a series of cascades and waterfalls combine to create Te Rerekawau Falls. They are sign-posted from Welcome Bay Road as “Kaiate Falls”.**

Drive up Waitao Road and after about 4.9 kilometres turn left at Kaiate Falls Road. The scenic reserve containing the falls is a further 1 kilometre and a vehicle track leads to the car park.

Above the car park there is a picnic area, with tables and toilet, offering good views towards Mount Maunganui and the Port of Tauranga.

The walking tracks are well formed, although quite steep in some places. The main track leads to the top, and then to the base of the upper series of falls before continuing downhill to the lower falls. Another track, just below the car park, follows the stream back to the road bridge. Track junctions are well sign-posted.

Please take note of all signage about water quality and safety.

## Otawa Scenic Reserve

*Where: A well defined track starts at the end of Manoeka Road, off SH2 between Te Puke and Papamoa.*

There is a picnic area and sealed car park at the end of Manoeka Road.

A detailed map of the tracks in Ottawa Scenic Reserve can be found on the Department of Conservation website:

**[www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/bay-of-plenty/places/otawa-scenic-reserve/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/bay-of-plenty/places/otawa-scenic-reserve/)**

### Manoeka Road to reservoir



 **15 minutes one way**

A track leads to a small clearing beside Te Puke's original water source. The track crosses a stream before entering the reserve. It continues through a pūriri grove to a small clearing beside Te Puke's original water reservoir.

Return via the same track

### Manoeka Road to Ottawa Trig



 **1 hour 45 minutes one way**

Take a left hand turn below the reservoir to join with the Ottawa Trig Track





## Te Puke Quarry Road to Ottawa Trig



**4 hours return to Te Puke Quarry Road**

A longer half-day walk starts from the top of Te Puke Quarry Road. This walk crosses private farm land to the reserve where the track leads to the Wharetetaraheho Trig and follows the gently undulating ridgeline to Ottawa Trig. Visitors can retrace their steps or continue along the track, which then descends steeply to meet the Ottawa Reservoir Track.

400 metres past the Ottawa Trig, a branch to the right leads to Otanewainuku. This track crosses private land and is not regularly maintained by DOC.

**NO DOGS OR FIRES** allowed in the park without a permit.



## Kaituna Wetland

*Where: Turn off SH2 onto Maketu Road. Turn left onto Te Tumu Road. At the end of the road, turn left again onto Kaituna Road. At the northern end of Kaituna Road, turn right over the bridge onto Pah Road – the carpark is immediately to the right.*

### Main Loop Track\*



1 hour 15 minutes return

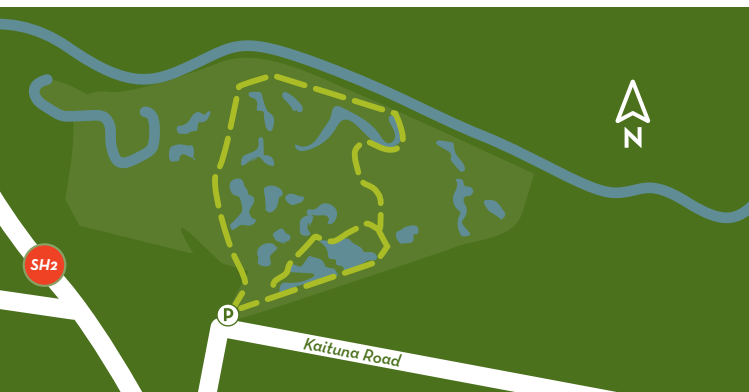
**NO DOGS** allowed.

**The walk meanders through the wetland for just over 6 kilometres.**

Signage at the carpark has information about the Lower Kaituna Wildlife Management Reserve. The wetland has an abundant supply of waterfowl. Two loop tracks and a viewing hide have been built to get close up and personal with the wetland.

Note: Hunters occupy the area for the hunting season, from the first weekend in May until the end of June.

**\* Check with DOC before venturing out on this trip to ensure it is open: [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)**





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## Raparapahoe Stream

*Where: 7 kilometres from Te Puke, off No 4 Road.*

### Raparapahoe Stream



60 minutes return

**This trail takes you down to the picturesque Raparapahoe Stream, running through a narrow, densely-bushed gorge.**

The descent from the road and the climb back up are very steep in places, so only those who are fit and agile should attempt this walk. To get to the starting point, drive up No. 3 Road and turn into No. 4 Road. Cross the bridge, turn immediately left and drive for 2.4 kilometres where there is a sign-posted roadside parking bay.

The track drops steeply through mature tawa forest. When it reaches the bottom of the gorge it continues upstream to a large pool at the base of a three metre waterfall - perfect for a refreshing dip before tackling the climb back up to the road.



## Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway

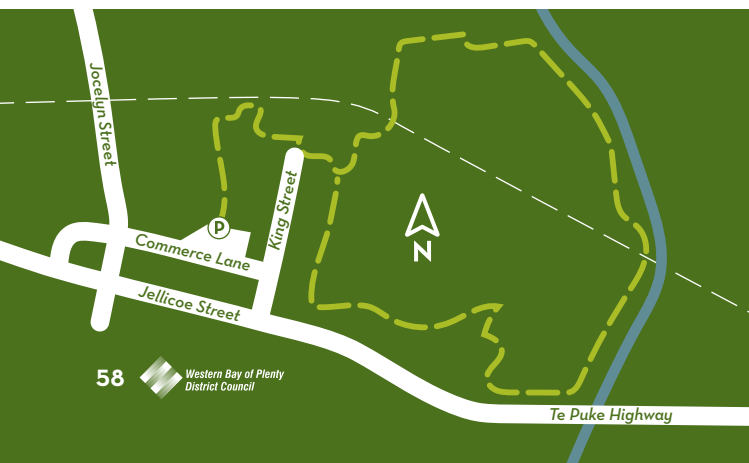
*Where: Begins at the Hera Memorial, Commerce Lane in Te Puke or can link from Landscape Road on the southern fringe of Te Puke township.*

**The 4 kilometre running, walking or cycling route starts at the Hera Memorial in Jubilee Park and includes Lawrence Oliver Park, the historic Raymond Bridge and the old Te Puke Cemetery pathway.**

The pathway travels alongside Te Puke Highway, follows the Waiari Stream and heads around the Te Puke dog shelter and wastewater plant via a boardwalk and returns under the railway line to the northern end of Lawrence Oliver Park and back to Jubilee Park.

The route covers former grazing and wetland and has been planted with a mix of exotic natives such as kahikatea, manuka, pohutukawa, rimu, totara, flax plants and 250 tenax flaxes. A small pond, home to duck and pukeko, has been created near the cemetery.

This pathway was built with assistance from many voluntary groups including Environment Te Puke, Te Puke Rotary, Te Puke Forest and Bird, Creative Te Puke, Sunday Riders and Women on Wheels.



*Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway - Te Puke*





*Whataroa Falls - Otanewainuku Forest*





## Ōtanewainuku Forest

Where: 619/667 Mountain Road, Oropi.

**DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED.** *This is a kiwi sanctuary.*

**Ōtanewainuku is covered in virgin unlogged forest and is home to a variety of native birds and animals. Large emergent rimu trees are common. Tawa, kamahi and rewarewa form a high canopy and bird species such as robin and bell bird are readily seen and heard.**

Since 2002 a volunteer trust, Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust, has helped conserve the precious wildlife of Ōtanewainuku. Kiwi, whiteheads and forest gecko are all found here. Recent releases of kiwi and kōkako have proved successful.

### Rimu Loop Walk



 **45 minutes return**

Starts from the opposite side of the road near the carpark.

This gently graded walk with some impressively large rimu trees is suitable for walking children. It's not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.

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## Ōtanewainuku Forest

### Summit Track



**90 minutes return**

The loop track to the summit starts behind the shelter and is reasonably steep in parts, but the view from the top is worth the climb. A tower constructed on the summit (640 metres) offers panoramic views from East Cape to Mount Tarawera and Rotorua, and across the Mamaku Plateau to Mount Ruapehu.

### Whataroa Falls



**1 hour each way**

For the slightly more agile, a well marked route branches off the Rimu Loop Track after 15 minutes and undulates through the forest to the Whataroa Falls. The waterfall is a popular swimming hole and picnic spot. Explore this lovely stream with cascades and pools before returning the same way.



To Otawa

Whataroa  
Waterfall

Whataroa  
Stream

Mountain Road

Whataroa  
Falls Track

Rimu  
Loop  
Walk

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No. 2 Road

Summit Track

Otanewainuku

Mangatoi Road

## TECT All Terrain Park



**As much time as you can spare**

For more detailed information, directions and maps please visit the TECT All Terrain Park website:  
**[www.tectallterrainpark.co.nz](http://www.tectallterrainpark.co.nz)**

### **Park Safety Message**

Please note that the park is relatively remote and the ranger is not always available to help, so plan your trip accordingly. **Cellphone coverage is limited** and gates are locked at night. No hunting allowed, anywhere or at any time.

**Te Rerenga Trail - TECT All Terrain Park**





## TECT All Terrain Park

*Where: TECT All Terrain Park Arrival Centre car park. The Park is situated about 26 kilometres up Pyes Pa Road (State Highway 36), the main road link between Tauranga and Rotorua.*

**The TECT All Terrain Park covers 1,650 hectares, including forestry and native bush.**

The park is divided into zones, catering for the needs of the different users and the activities they undertake. There are places for quiet, active recreation like walking, horse-riding or mountain-biking and others for the noisier, more boisterous activities like motorcycling, target shooting and rally car driving.

### Public walks and facilities include:

**Te Rerenga Trail** is a 3.2 kilometre medium grade loop track which is popular with walkers and runners. *See overleaf for more details*

**Lost Tank Track** is a 1 kilometre return, flat native bush track, located near the mountain bike car park in TECT Park (The mountain bike area is well sign posted from the TECT Park entrance).

**Mountain Biking & Equestrian tracks:** Many of the horse riding and mountain biking trails in the park are shared with hikers, including the 10 kilometre long Buffalo Girl Track. Please take care and respect the rights of other users.

**The Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area** is about 1 hectare, fully fenced and is suitable for all types and sizes of dogs, over the age of four months.

**Dogs on leash** are allowed on all public tracks within the park.

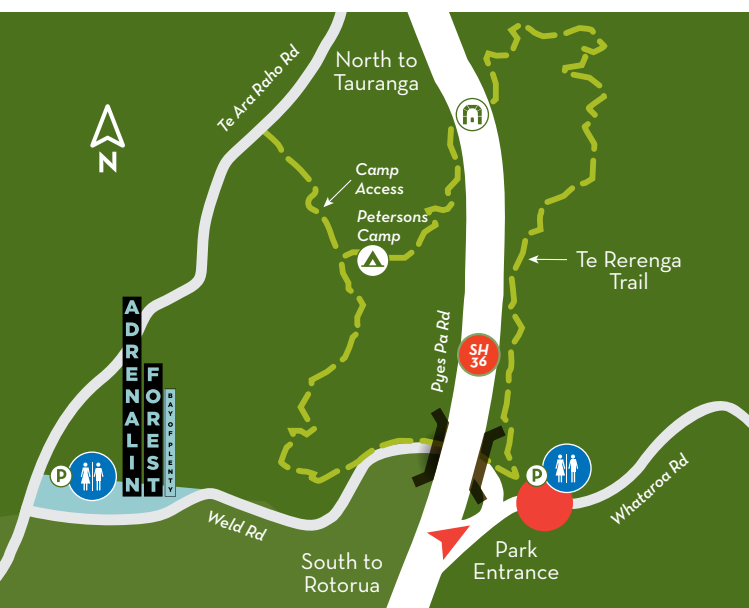
## Te Rerenga Trail



 1.5-2 hour loop track

**Please note** - that the glowworms do not like too much noise!

Te Rerenga Trail- TECT All Terrain Park





## TECT All Terrain Park

### Te Rerenga Trail

**If you are looking for light at the end of the tunnel then this walk is for you.**

This 3.2 kilometre medium grade loop track is popular with walkers and runners. It winds through mature pine forest and the bush clad gully of the Te Rerenga Stream.

The gully is reasonably steep but the track is well formed with stairs on steeper sections. The trail follows the stream on the gully floor over a series of boardwalks.

To begin the ascent you enter a 60 metre tunnel, dug in the last century, to divert the stream under the Tauranga/Rotorua (SH36) road, that was being built at the time.

The tunnel was built by hand over a three-year period and the walls and roof show evidence of the hand tools used to excavate.

Glowworms feature on the tunnel roof and cave weta inhabit the crevices and holes. A short climb goes to Peterson's Camp where Mr Peterson and his road crew lived during the tunnel construction. The trail follows the creek bed and breaks in to cutover forest before once again entering a mature pine forest. The trail follows Weld Road back to the start of the trail at the Arrival Centre carpark.

There are slippery sections and stairs, so good footwear is essential. It's useful to have a torch to navigate the tunnel and always take a jacket for protection as the wind and rain can be very chilly at this elevation.

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