

We follow in the footsteps of the children of Manaia.



BREAM HEAD SCENIC RESERVE

Bream Head rises steeply out of the waters at the end of Bream Bay and cuts a jagged line across the sky. Bream Head Scenic Reserve is classified as a significant natural heritage environment. Its forest is the largest and highest quality pohutukawa-broadleaf coastal forest in Northland and is home to the North Island Brown Kiwi and many other native birds.

Bream Head Scenic Reserve is managed by a community Trust on behalf of the Department of Conservation and the public of New Zealand.

www.breamheadtrust.org.nz

KAURI MOUNTAIN BEACH WALK

- Walk as far as you want - easy walk
It takes 1.5 hours to walk the length of the beach
- START & FINISH: Access via Kauri Mountain Rd
Toilets in the car park at Ocean Beach
- Endless sandy beach, oystercatchers and dotterels

Kauri Mountain Beach offers a spectacular experience with approximately 6 kms of white sandy Ocean Beach. Be sure to bring supplies if you wish to walk the whole beach and back, or organise a driver to pick you up at the other end. The driver will have 1.5 hours to enjoy local cafes and sights before picking you up at the other end.

SMUGGLERS BAY 7

- 40 minutes return - easy walk
- START & FINISH: Urquhart Bay car park
Toilets at this car park
- Beautiful white sandy beach

From Urquhart Bay car park head left over the farmland; you might meet the friendly cows along the way. We recommend you bring a picnic and your swim gear and stay for a while.

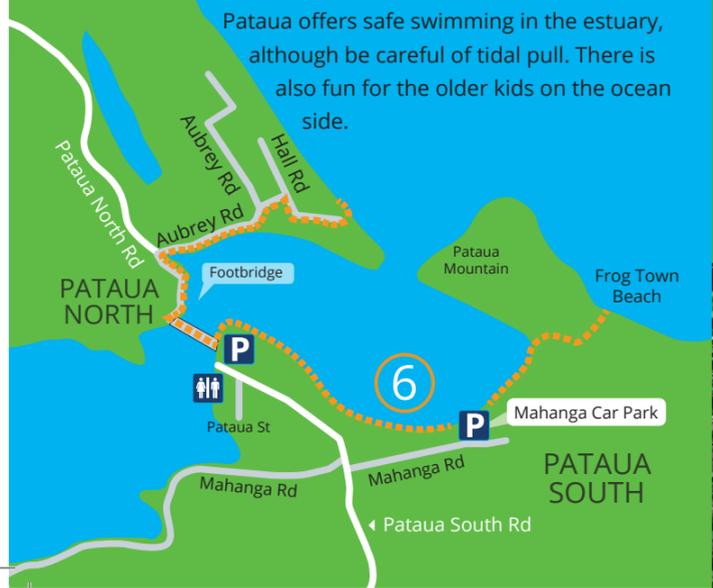


PATAUA SOUTH TRACKS

- From 20 minutes to 1 hour - easy Walk
- START & FINISH: Mahanga Rd car park
Toilets at the footbridge
- Beaches, estuary, picturesque footbridge

Start from the Mahanga Rd car park and take a short walk along the Pataua Estuary and over a low hill to a lovely beach known as "Frog Town".

If you turn left from Mahanga car park and walk along the water's edge you will get to the Pataua Footbridge. This is a popular spot. The bridge takes you across to Pataua North and a further 20 minute stroll will get you to the Pataua North surf beach. You will have to return the same way but can do a loop walk by heading back on Pataua South Road and turning left into Mahanga Rd.



BUSBY HEAD TRACK 8

- 1.5 hours return - 3 km - easy walk
- START & FINISH: Urquhart Bay car park
Toilets at this car park
- Beautiful coastal and beach views

An easy loop walk that takes you to the historic gun emplacement at Home Point at the harbour entrance. Carry on through the coastal forest track and you will arrive at beautiful Smugglers Cove. Stop for a swim and a picnic before heading back over the farmland to the car park again.

PEACH COVE TRACK 9

- 2 hours one way - lots of steps - high fitness
- START: Peach Cove car park 1 km before Ocean Beach
FINISH: Peach Cove DOC Hut
- Panoramic view and beautiful secluded cove

Start from the sign posted car park located 1 km before Ocean Beach. Please park just inside the entrance as this carpark is a private driveway. Follow the track to the ridge and head right. The track becomes a formed gravel path broken up by sets of wooden steps descending steeply to Peach Cove. A Department of Conservation (DOC) serviced hut with 8 bunks can be booked in advance by phoning 09 470 3300. The track only goes one way, up and over, so unless you can arrange pick up by boat, you must return by the same route.



BREAM HEAD/TE WHARA TRACK

- 5 to 7 hours one way - 7.5 km - high fitness
- START: Urquhart Bay car park
FINISH: Ocean Beach
- 360 degree views and heritage coastal forest

This track follows an ancient Maori trail. From Urquhart Bay carpark head left and follow the track as it climbs steeply up Mt Lion. Walking through the reserve you will experience some of the best coastal forest in the North Island. The undulating ridge track eventually intercepts the Peach Cove track. Carry on and climb the Te Whara/Bream Head Summit at 476m above sea level, and enjoy a spectacular, coastal 360 degree panorama taking in Motu Kōkako (Cape Brett) in the North to Tāwharanui (Cape Rodney) in the South. In between you can see Tawhiti Rahi and Aorangi (Poor Knights), Marotere (Hen and Chickens group), Hauturu (Little Barrier) and Aotea (Great Barrier) in the far east. Heading towards Ocean Beach you will pass the WWII naval radar station. Take in the views looking north towards Kauri Mountain. A well earned swim in the clear waters at Ocean Beach is highly recommended.



TE WHARA LOOP WALK

- 4 hours return - lots of steps - high fitness
- START & FINISH: Peach Cove car park 1 km before Ocean Beach
- Spectacular 360 degree panoramic views

This is a popular walk that combines parts of Walk 10 (BREAM HEAD/TE WHARA TRACK) and Walk 9 (PEACH COVE TRACK) to form a loop walk. Follow the Peach Cove track until it is intercepted by the Bream Head/Te Whara track. At this point, head left on to the Te Whara Track and carry on to climb the Te Whara/Bream Head Summit at 476m above sea level and enjoy spectacular coastal 360 degree panoramic views. This vantage point, with one of the best views in Northland, is reached via a spur track which follows the ridge line just as you start to descend. Look out for this track at the top of the first set of descending stairs having just traversed around a large rock. The summit rock is a short distance along the track. Climbing the rock is challenging but well worth the effort. Care should be taken as there are steep drop offs in this area.

Heading towards Ocean Beach you will pass the WWII naval radar station and lighthouse. Once you have arrived at Ocean Beach, walk along the water's edge until you are aligned with Ocean Beach Surf Club on the side of the hill. Look out for a sandy track that will take you over the sand dunes and along to Ocean Beach car park and toilets. Walk through the car park and follow the road up to Ocean Beach Road. Turn left and follow the road back to the Peach Cove car park.