



# WELCOME TO THE TŪTŪKĀKĀ COAST

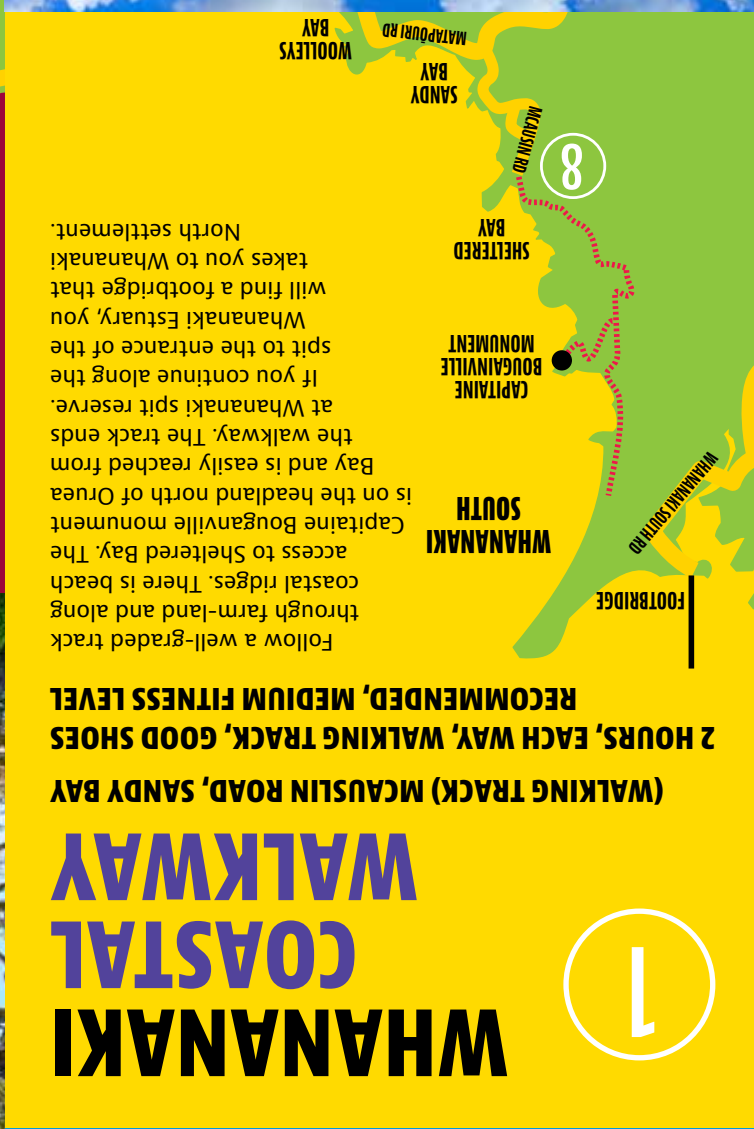
We are proud of our piece of paradise, and invite you to share it with us. We have a number of coastal walkways and special places around our district, and are pleased to tell you more about them. We have included walks for strollers, walkers, hikers, and for those confined to wheelchairs.

Enjoy our coastal walkways, but please look after yourselves. Take a water bottle, a bag for your rubbish, a sweater for changing weather and make sure your shoes are sturdy and have good grip. Most importantly, take your camera!

All native plants and birds are protected for the enjoyment of all. We ask that you respect our special places. Take your rubbish back with you, leave your dogs at home, and do not light fires. Some walkways cross private land, so please respect the privacy of those living near the tracks, and use stiles to cross fences where provided.

Welcome to our back yard, there are many stories here, and if you have any questions, ask a local!

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The Poor Knights Islands, 24 km off the Tūtūkākā Coast have been rated as one of the top ten dive sites in the world by Jacques Cousteau, and as one of the best places to see wildlife by The Guardian UK (November 2010). A complete marine and nature reserve, where marine life, bird life and native flora can be seen in a pristine state, it is also a place of deep spiritual connection that offers a window on pre-European times.

Te Araroa Walkway stretches the length of New Zealand, and the path it travels through the Tūtūkākā Coastal area takes in the largest Kauri tree on the east coast, Tāne Moana, as well as stunning coastal walks and native bush. The Buffalo Walkway in Tūtūkākā represents the story of the first settlers here, and the changing face of our harbour.

The Tūtūkākā Coast has been named as second-equal best coastal destination in the world by National Geographic Traveler Magazine (November 2010). A panel of 340 travel experts rated our coast on its authenticity, it's sustainability, and the guardianship, and also on the likelihood that it will stay this way. As locals we work hard to make it a place that holds its character but also offers a future for young people in our communities.

**Proudly supported by the Tutukaka Coast Promotions Society**  
A passionate group of like-minded businesses and residents, who Take Action and Do Things, establishing meaningful connections with our people, our place and our stories and are focussed on promoting and developing the resources of the Tutukaka Coast in a sustainable manner. We meet monthly if you would like to join us!  
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**TŪTŪKĀKĀ COAST**  
VOTED 2ND EQUAL IN TOP COASTLINES IN THE WORLD, ACCORDING TO THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELLER (2010)

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# TŪTŪKĀKĀ COAST TRACKS & WALKS

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## MATAPŌURI BAY TO WHALE BAY

**(WALKING TRACK) 45 MINUTES LOOP / RETURN**

You will probably want to stay on the beach for a while, good shoes recommended, somewhat steep if you access from Pebbly Bay, at the north end of Matapouri Bay.

Accessing from the carpark at the end of Ringer Avenue, allows a loop route returning via Pebbly Bay and Matapouri Beach, or vice versa. The clearly defined track is a steady climb through native bush. On reaching the signposted intersection, follow the track down to Whale Bay.

Alternatively walk north along Matapouri Beach towards Pebbly Bay, and on your left you will find a stepped track. Enjoy the views through the native tropical bush and across the water to Woolley's Bay and beyond. The track leads along the ridge and down to Whale Bay. The entire area is a public reserve, and the beach provides sheltered swimming, good snorkeling and the peace of no road access.



## TĀNE MOANA/ TE ARAROA WALKWAY

**ENTRY FROM WAIOTAI ROAD**

**1 HOUR, OR 2 RETURN, WALKING TRACK, GOOD SHOES RECOMMENDED**

Follow the orange markers, firstly through a paddock, then to the track running through a pine forest that eventually widens into a forestry road (Oyster Track). Take the left fork, and in about ten minutes, you will enter a small kauri grove and impressive Tāne Moana will be revealed. Access from Waiotai Road is from an unsealed road and there is very little parking.

## HELP STOP KAURI DISEASE AND PROTECT KAURI

- Scrub all soil off shoes and gear.
- Use cleaning stations.
- Always stay on the track.

## TŪTŪKĀKĀ HEADLAND

### TO THE LIGHTHOUSE

**(WALKING TRACK) 1 HOUR RETURN, GOOD SHOES RECOMMENDED, CHOOSE AN HOUR EITHER SIDE OF LOW TIDE (WEATHER PERMITTING)**

Access to the car park and reserve is via Landowners Lane, 400m north past the turn off to Tūtūkākā Marina.

A grassy track follows the headland out across the reserve where native trees have been planted by local schoolchildren.

Seating is provided in several spots; there are views to the left of the track of the Poor Knights Islands.

The descent to the beach is a stepped and well maintained path, leading to a rocky/pebbly causeway across to Kukutauwhao Island. You can reach this beach whatever the tide is doing, but low tide is best to cross the causeway and follow the well marked track which climbs up the side of the island to the lighthouse, and great coastal views.

The return via the causeway gives you the opportunity to explore some of the nooks and inlet beaches which stretch to the right of the track before returning to the grassy reserve.



## WHANGAUMU BAY NGUNGURU ESTUARY

**TE MAIKA ROAD (WALKING TRACK)**

**40 MINUTES EACH WAY, EASY BEACH WALKING, CHOOSE TWO HOURS EITHER SIDE OF LOW TIDE FOR YOUR WALK**

The access to the Lookout is from the south end of Whangāumu Bay where a well maintained stepped track leads you to the lookout, a seat and 360 degree views of Whangāumu Bay, Ngunguru Sandspit, Goat Island, Hora Hora, Pataua, Taiharuru, and Whangārei Heads. This is a great place for storm surge and surf views. The grass ridge track leads you gently down to Red Rock Bay. Stroll along these secluded beaches to Ngunguru; rocky outcrops and sheltered sandy bays make this walk a beachcomber's favourite.



## RAUHOMAUMAU BAY

**WILLIAM PARATA WALKWAY**

**30 MINUTES EACH WAY, STEEP CLIMBING TRACK, GOOD SHOES RECOMMENDED**

Grass track access at the end of Rauhomaumu Road descends steeply and at times is slippery. Dolphin Bay is a pebbly beach with rock pools to explore, and access is also via Dolphin Place where the track is grassed and well maintained. 50 metres from the street entry to the beach in Dolphin Place is the William Parata Walkway, taking you on a stepped and steep climb to the trig station, where you will find the 360 views panoramic, and taking in the Poor Knights Islands, Ngunguru Sandspit, and the Tūtūkākā Harbour.

## TŪTŪKĀKĀ ESTATES

**OFF LAWSON DRIVE (PATH)**

5 minutes each way through a Security Gate with public pedestrian access up the concrete driveway to the top where a seated area enjoys magnificent views out to the Hen and Chickens Islands, Little Barrier, and off shore islands.



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## NGUNGURU MANGROVE WALKWAY

**(PATH) 20 MINUTES RETURN, EASY STROLLING, WHEELCHAIR AND PUSHCHAIR ACCESS**

Access the walkway either beside the Ngunguru Library or from Munroe Place. This walkway was created and is cheerfully maintained by the local community with the elderly and physically challenged in mind. A pleasant stroll through bush and across boardwalks through the mangroves. The grass is mown and the native plantings create a safe and sheltered walk. Seating is provided.

