must return the same way that you came. Bream Head with the Hen and Chicken Islands behind. You Whangarei Harbour towards the city, and a great view of accessible point. The views are two-fold: north-east over Mear the top a wooden staircase leads to the highest

with fantastic viewing - caution required. quarters of the way up, where you will find a rock plateau to the top. Don't miss the spur track on your right three Then the steps begin, which continue almost continuously memorial and continues into the bush at an easy grade. begins with a lovely view south from the early settlers' peaks towering 420m above sea level. The Mt Manaia track Mt Manaia is one of a cluster of jagged, bush covered

- Spectacular views of harbour and ocean Toilets at this car park Lower car park next to the Manaia Club
  - - :HZINIA & TAATZ 💡
    - Medium fitness lots of steps

**NUNRO BAY** 

McLEOD BAY

- 1.5 hours return

m912 Mt Aubrey

> Where Giants Gather journey map for activities and highlights of Whangarei Heads.

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**AIANAM TM** 

- ♥ START: Tiller Park car park, Reotahi Road

- - Medium fitness lots of steps

@ 2 hours - 1.5 km

**MT AUBREY** 

- FINISH: Little Munro Bay

- o 360 degree panoramic views
- Mt Manaia to the south. Walk quietly and birds of all sorts be seen to the east, together with Whangarei Heads and and admire the views. Pataua and the Pacific coastline can rest spots with seats and plenty of opportunities to stand surrounding bush keeps you cool in the shade. There are two large boulders and quickly has you climbing. The From the Tiller Park car park this track passes between

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This track can be extended to include the to look at and admire. will serenade you. This is a truly spectacular walk with plenty

Reotahi Coastal Walkway.

you started. Heads Road. Turn left and follow the footpath back to where you follow Bay View Rd up the hill until it meets Whangarei The walkway continues towards Little Munro Bay where

Reserve and then the historic remains of the Meat Freezing

form a longer coastal track passing by the Reotahi Marine

Reotahi Coastal walkway. This combines the two walks to

and Norfolk Avenue Link to Beach Rd to join up with the

onto Reotahi Rd which will take you back to Whangarei

Bay and follows the coastline along a Department of

This walk begins at the end of Stuart Road in McLeod

Toilets in McLeod Bay and also at Reotahi START & FINISH: Stuart Road, McLeod Bay

Beautiful mature pohutukawa trees

Heads Rd. The other option is to follow the Matuku St Link

option is to walk to the end of Darch Point Rd and turn left

Once you reach Darch Point Rd you have two options; One

Works with views to Marsden Point.

Conservation (DOC) reserve.

Reserve car park

Easy walk - some steps 2 hours return - 2.8 km

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# WELCOME TO WHANGAREI **HEADS**

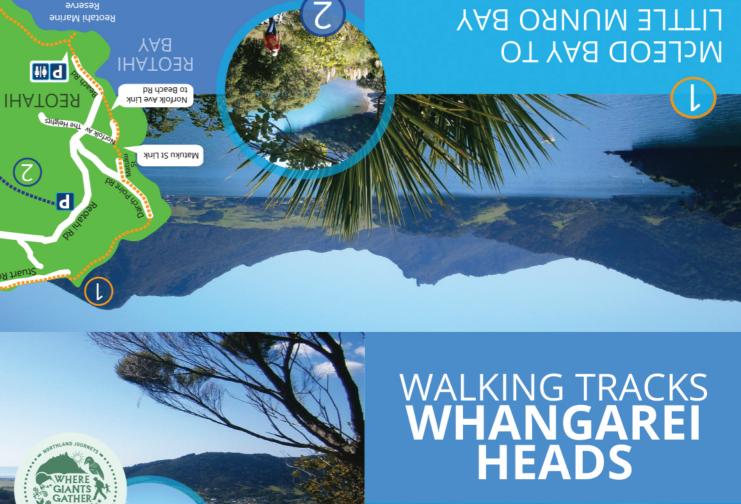
With our subtropical climate and remnants of ancient volcanoes rising from a deep water harbour, the Whangarei Heads peninsula offers a wide variety of fantastic walks ranging from an easy stroll along the beach to a challenging 5 hour hike up and along the unique heritage Bream Head Scenic Reserve Ridge

Our coastal tracks are all well maintained but please take care and supervise children. Grab your water bottle, sturdy shoes with good grip, a bag for your rubbish and a sweater in case the weather changes. Remember to bring your camera and head out for a great experience! Note that the tracks can be slippery after rain and rocky outcrops have steep drop offs.

Whangarei Heads is one of only five kiwi sanctuaries in New Zealand, so please be aware that dogs are not permitted on any Department of Conservation (DOC) tracks. When in Whangarei Heads your dog should be on a lead at all times. Please don't light fires.

Our tracks cross both DOC Reserve and Council land. with all plants and birds protected for the enjoyment of all. Please stay on the marked tracks and take notice of the signs and information boards at the beginning of the

PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR AND HIDE YOUR VALUABLES.



MT AUBREY WALK



#### 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.



#### PATAUA SOUTH TRACKS

- Prom 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.

Pataua offers safe swimming in the estuary, although be careful of tidal pull. There is also fun for the older kids on the ocean side.

Pataua St

Pataua Mountain

Prog Town Beach

Mahanga Rd

PATAUA SOUTH





# **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.

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#### SMUGGLERS BAY

- 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.

## 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

- 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

- ② 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

- **O** 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.