### 2. HATEA LOOP - HUARAHI O TE WHAI

The Hatea Loop - Huarahi o te Whai is a fully accessible 4.2km walkway beginning and ending at the Town Basin, Whangārei, a picturesque international yachting marina with restaurants, cafes and shopping. The entire loop is accessible for walking, jogging, pushbikes, mobility aids, scooters and push-chairs.

Along the walkway, enjoy the Sculpture Trail and murals by local artists. Read the history of the area on Heritage Panels. Walk across the elegant footbridge 'Kotuitui Whitinga' and the international award-winning 'Te Matau a Pohe' bascule (opening) bridge.

🔞 1 hour loop 🕝 4.2km 🕕 Easy 🐯 Wheelchair accessible

P Town Basin carparks off Lower Dent street or Bascule Carpark

📆 Dogs must be on a leash at all times or take a short detour to the Public Dog Park on Dave Culham Drive, where they can run

#### 3. ONERAHI CYCLEWAY / WALKWAY

The Onerahi cycleway/walkway is an off-road, sealed path that connects the Hatea Loop with the Boswell Track, Waimahanga Road. This shared path is fully accessible for walking, jogging, bicycles, mobility aids, scooters and push-chairs.

🔞 3.5 hours return 🕝 10km (from Town Basin) 🕕 Easy

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P Town Basin carparks off Lower Dent street or the Bascule Carpark off Port Road

nogs on leash are allowed



#### **TUNA AND KOURA**

The Hatea River was once rich in tuna (eel) and koura (crayfish) and Maori used to trap this kai (food) here. The Hatea River Walkway is marked along its length by an eel

### 4. WAIMAHANGA NETWORK including Boswell Track, Waverley Street and George Point Road Link

The Boswell Track begins at the end of Waimahanga Road and partially follows the course of a disused railway line and passes through a tidal ecosystem rich in mangroves. You can also enter or exit via George Point Road, the Waverley Street Link, or Cockburn and Pah Roads. The Boswell Track is suitable for walkers, cyclists and buggies.

1 hour return - Boswell Track to Cockburn and Pah Roads

Boswell Track 2,523m

George Point Track 155m

Waverley Street link 1189m

Easy to medium

(P) Waimahanga Road, George Point Road, Waverly Street, Beach Road, Cockburn Road, Pah Road

nogs on leash allowed

#### 5. KAMO SHARED PATH

The fully accessible Kamo Shared Path is a shared off-road route that connects residential areas north of the city to the city centre. It follows the existing railway corridor running between Rust Ave and Fisher Terrace in Kamo.

Easy - Medium

Porum North Carpark or Lupton Avenue

n Dogs on leash allowed

#### **HELP SAVE KAURI**

Kauri dieback disease is killing one of Aotearoa / New Zealand's taonga (treasures) - our unique kauri forests. Help save our kauri trees and stay on the tracks if there is a cleaning station at a track, always follow the instructions. Find out more at KauriDieback.co.nz

### 6. PARIHAKA SCENIC RESERVE

This ancient volcanic cone dominates the Whangārei skyline and the summit offers panoramic views over the city and harbour. Read the stories and history of the maunga (mountain) and other landmarks that can be seen from the viewing platform. A special carved kohatu (rock) at the lookout summit represents the mauri (life essence) of the mountain, inspiring a sense of gravity and significance to the lookout. The summit is home to the World War II War Memorial to those New Zealanders who died in World War II. The obelisk, unveiled in 1957, glows red in the night sky and is a local landmark.

There are three well-maintained bush tracks to choose from. The Dobbie and Drummond Tracks are both accessible from Mair Park. while the Ross Track begins at the top of Dundas Road.

Drummond Track 1,117m to the summit

Dobbie Track 1,487m to the summit

Ross Track 1,325m to the summit

6 1.5 hours return 2 2km Medium

Parumoki Street (Mair Park) or Dundas Road

Strictly no dogs allowed

### 6a. Goetzee Track

See native forest naturally regenerating. The exotic pine forest has been harvested and is being reverted to native forest through natural regeneration - this will take decades. Meanwhile, the gorse acts as a nurse cover and wilding pines are controlled as they grow. Whareora Road or Forest Track to Parihaka summit 2699m

P Whareora Road or Abbey Caves Road

Strictly no dogs allowed



#### **GREEN FLAG AWARD WINNER**

Parihaka Scenic Reserve is one of only 14 southern hemisphere winners of the Green Flag Award which is public recognition of good quality green spaces.

### 6b. Parihaka Forest Track

The Parihaka Forest Track runs from Abbey Caves Road to the Parihaka summit. The Goetzee Track links the Parihaka Forest Track and AH Reed Memorial Park.

One hour one way Medium

Parihaka summit to Abbey Caves Road 2086m plus short road section to Abbey Caves Reserve

Dogs on leash allowed on east of summit only. No dogs are allowed in Parihaka Scenic Reserves east of the summit

P Multiple entry points and parking including Abbey Caves Rd -Mountain Bike car park, AH Reed Memorial Park and Town Basin

nogs on leash allowed

#### **6c. Mackesy Bush Track**

The Mackesy Track, which features large kauri trees, connects from the Hatea Loop and Onerahi Shared Path to the greater Parihaka Reserves and Abbey Caves Reserve.

Dundas Road or Pohe Island (Riverside)

Strictly no dogs allowed

#### 7. ABBEY CAVES RESERVE

An outstanding landscape with naturally sculptured, wild and surreal limestone outcrops and bluffs that are a photographer's dream. Walk beneath the mature podocarp-hardwood forest with fine specimens of puriri trees.

Access is over a wooden stile and down a series of box steps onto a walkway of grass. Waymarks identify the walkway and there are step stiles over internal fences. Livestock may be grazing freely.

(2) At the entrance to the Reserve on Abbey Caves Road

Strictly no dogs allowed

### 8. CORONATION SCENIC RESERVE

The Coronation Scenic Reserve, also known as the Western Hills, are the green clad hills to the west of Whangarei city.

### 8a. Quarry Garden Link to Whangarei **Quarry Gardens**

From the Quarry Gardens, the track starts to the right of the cafe with the 'spiral staircase'. Turn right and up about 600m. Fork left and follow the gravel track that leads to the Frank Holman Track within the Coronation Reserve and ends at the Quarry Gardens.

6 One hour one way 2 1 km Medium to difficulty

P Quarry Art Centre entrance - Selwyn Avenue

(P) Whangarei Quarry Gardens, when open, or entrances to Coronation Reserve

R Strictly no dogs allowed

#### 8b. Frank Holman Memorial Track

From either Kauika Rd or Russell Rd there are steep inclines at both ends of this track. Making your way up to the Western Hills ridgeline, the track passes through stands of mature native trees and impressive nikau groves with viewpoints over the city and

1.5 hours one way 3.2km Difficult

P Kauika Road West or Russell Road

**R** Strictly no dogs allowed

# The Raumanga Falls are cascading 15 metre waterfalls with

680 metres ☐ Difficult

naturally formed pools and are part of the Te Hihi Stream which flows down from the Pukenui Forest. Walk through the lovely Raumanga Valley Scenic Reserve, 3kms from the city centre, to reach the waterfalls.

8c. Selwyn Avenue to Frank Holman

Starting from the Quarry Arts Centre this track is surfaced

the hill, through native bush and meets the Frank Holman

Memorial Track at the ridge. A short detour to the pa site is

and there are numerous steps and board walks. It weaves up

6 45 minutes return from Raumanga Valley Reserve

signposted from the main track.

Page 1 Selwyn Ave (Quarry Arts Centre)

9. RAUMANGA FALLS

R Strictly no dogs allowed

Paumanga Valley Reserve

Track Link

nogs are allowed and can be run off the leash but must be under the control of their owners at all times.



### **HELP SAVE KIWI**

Whangarei District is making great progress in bringing the iconic kiwi bird back to our wild forests. PLEASE, do not take your dog, even on a leash, into forests or tracks that are signposted No Dogs – any dog can kill kiwi



### WALKING THE DOG

Let your dog off the leash at the Dog Exercise Park at William Fraser Memorial Park, purpose designed and

Detailed information on dog exercise areas can be found

## **DISCOVER WHANGAREI** CITY AND ITS SURROUNDS OFF-ROAD

Whangarei city is nestled between the green hills of Pukenui Western Hills Forest and Parihaka Reserves. The city and these forests are connected by an approximately 20km network of off-road tracks.

The Hatea Loop Huarahi o te Whai at the Town Basin, connects to the Onerahi Shared Path which connects to the Boswell Track and Beach Road on the Onerahi foreshore.

The Kamo Shared Path is fully accessible 6.5km path between Rust Ave in the city and Kamo.

Enjoy more challenging forested walks and tracks between the city centre, the Quarry Art Centre and Whangarei Quarry Gardens. The Hatea River Walk connects Otuihau -Whangarei Falls, AH Reed Memorial Park, Parihaka Reserves and the summit of Mt Parihaka. The Parihaka Forest Track, Goetzee Tracks and Mackesy Tracks connect to Abbey Caves Reserve. And then back to the city centre.

This brochure has just a small sample of the wonderful walks you can enjoy in Whangārei city and the wider district.

Visit WhangareiNZ.com/walks to find out more and, our information centres can provide valuable local knowledge.

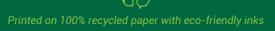


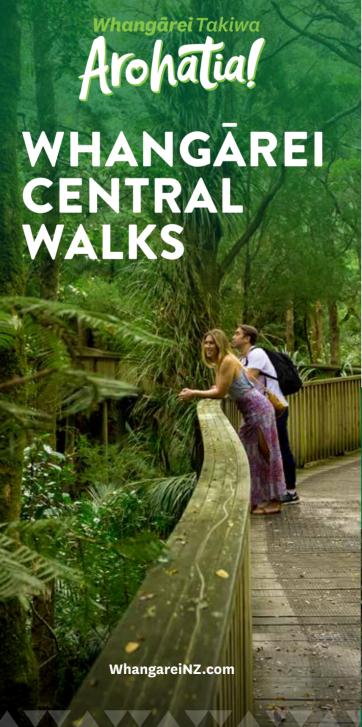
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Whangarei i-SITE Visitor Centre Tarewa Park, 92 Otaika Road, Whangarei Tel 64 9 438 1079 info@WhangareiNZ.com

Te Manawa The Hub Information Centre Town Basin, 91 Dent St, Whangārei Tel 64 9 430 1188 thehub@WhangareiNZ.com







#### 1. HATEA RIVER WALK

Follow the river from the city through forest and farmland, cross bridges and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of beautiful

The Hatea Walkway follows the Hatea River from Otuihau -Whangarei Falls through the award-winning Parihaka Scenic Reserve, alongside Mair Park and then through the mangroves at the tidal limit before reaching the Town Basin.

The walk can be done in its entirety or enjoyed in shorter sections by accessing it at Mair Park, Whareora Road and/or AH Reed Memorial Park.

Town Basin to Ewing Road and Vale Road 1 km

∠ Vale Road to AH Reed Memorial Park 2,100m

AH Reed Memorial Park to Otuihau – Whangarei Falls 1,616m

P Town Basin, Rurumoki Street, Whareora Road or Boundary Road When parking, make sure you are parked legally for the length of time required to complete the walk.

nogs on leash are allowed



Start this walk at either end and parking is available at both. If you start at Otuihau - Whangarei Falls, you will be travelling 'downhill' and can finish your journey with welldeserved refreshments at the Town Basin. Catch the 3A or 3 CityLink bus www.CityLink.co.nz

### 1a. Otuihau - Whangarei Falls

A loop walkway around a stunning 26 metre high waterfall. Three viewing spots along the track offer fantastic photo opportunities and there are many picnic spots within the reserve. The viewing platform closest to the carpark is wheelchair accessible. The gravel track leading down to the base of the waterfall is fairly steep in

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#### 1b. AH Reed Memorial Park

forest. 500-year-old maturing kauri trees can be viewed from a boardwalk in the forest canopy. The bubbling Wai Koromiko Stream runs through the middle of the park and take a short detour to the 23m high Paranui Falls.

Continue following the Hatea River into the Parihaka Scenic Reserve.

P Alexander Track 461m from the car park

### 1c. Parihaka Scenic Reserve

Cross the stone footbridge into Mair Park or continue on to the boardwalk through a mangrove forest, Ewing Road and to the Town Basin via the Aquatic Centre carpark and the Canopy Bridge to the

From the Town Basin, cross the river over the Victoria Canopy bridge to Riverside Drive and the Aquatic Centre car park.

Homestead Track 76m

Monument Track 286m

Hatea River Walk 197m 

P Town Basin and city carparks, Rurumoki Street

nogs on leash are allowed

### **LEGEND**

Approximate time to walk the track



allowed

Track grade Parking

Distance of track



Thank you for keeping Whangarei District's parks,









some places.

🔞 15 to 30 minute loop 🕝 580 metres 🕕 Easy to medium Wheelchair access
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Boundary Road

AH Reed Memorial Park is a remnant of the original Northland kauri

Allow an hour 1.4km Easy

P Elizabeth Track 522m from the car park

P McKinnon Track 362m from the carpark There are three carparks for visitors to use. The main Lower Car Park is on the left, 1.5km from the turn into Whareora Road, the Middle Car Park is 300 metres further on the left and the Upper Car Park just off Clapham Road, is another 300 metres along the road.

Strictly no dogs allowed

beaches and public spaces smokefree and vapefree.





