

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

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 free.

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
- Wheelchair access

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

Dogs 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 (tuna) symbol.

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

Waimahanga Road, George Point Road, Waverly Street, Beach Road, Cockburn Road, Pah Road

Dogs 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

Forum North Carpark or Lupton Avenue

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

1.5 hours return 2km Medium

Rurumoki 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

1hour one way 2,699m Medium

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.

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

One hour one way Medium

Dogs 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.

45min 1,423m Medium

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.

1 hour return 1612m Medium

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 Whangārei city.

8a. Quarry Garden Link to Whangārei 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.

One hour one way 1 km Medium to difficulty

Quarry Art Centre entrance - Selwyn Avenue

Whangārei Quarry Gardens, when open, or entrances to Coronation Reserve

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 harbour.

1.5 hours one way 3.2km Difficult

Kauika Road West or Russell Road

Strictly no dogs allowed



HELP SAVE KIWI

Whangārei 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.

8c. Selwyn Avenue to Frank Holman Track Link

Starting from the Quarry Arts Centre this track is surfaced and there are numerous steps and board walks. It weaves up the hill, through native bush and meets the Frank Holman Memorial Track at the ridge. A short detour to the pa site is signposted from the main track.

30 minutes 680 metres Difficult

Selwyn Ave (Quarry Arts Centre)

Strictly no dogs allowed

9. RAUMANGA FALLS

The Raumanga Falls are cascading 15 metre waterfalls with 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.

45 minutes return from Raumanga Valley Reserve

Approximately 1km Easy - Medium

Raumanga Valley Reserve

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



WALKING THE DOG

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

Detailed information on dog exercise areas can be found at www.wdc.govt.nz

DISCOVER WHANGAREI CITY AND ITS SURROUNDS OFF-ROAD

Whangārei 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 Whangārei Quarry Gardens. The Hatea River Walk connects Otuihau – Whangārei 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.

Whangārei Takiwa

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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 native forest.

The Hatea Walkway follows the Hatea River from Otuihau - Whangārei 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.

3 hours one way 5km Easy to medium

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 - Whangārei Falls 1,616m

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.

Dogs on leash are allowed



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



HATEA RIVER WALK

1a. Otuihau - Whangārei 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 some places.

15 to 30 minute loop 580 metres Easy to medium

Wheelchair access

Boundary Road

Dogs on leash are allowed

1b. AH Reed Memorial Park

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

Continue following the Hatea River into the Parihaka Scenic Reserve.

Allow an hour 1.4km Easy

Alexander Track 461m from the car park

Elizabeth Track 522m from the car park

McKinnon Track 362m from the car park

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



AH REED MEMORIAL PARK



OTUIHAU - WHANGĀREI FALL

LEGEND

- Approximate time to walk the track
- Distance of track
- Track grade
- Parking
- Wheelchair access
- Dogs on leash are allowed
- Strictly no dogs allowed
- Thank you for keeping Whangārei District’s parks, beaches and public spaces smokefree and vapefree.

LEGEND

- i-SITE / Info centre
- Parking
- Toilets
- Hospital
- Dog Park
- Hatea River Walk
- Hatea Loop - Huarahi o te Whai
- Onerahi Cycleway / Walkway
- Kamo Shared Path
- Parihaka Scenic Reserve
- Coronation Scenic Reserve
- Raumanga Falls Reserve

HELP SAVE KAURI
Stay on the tracks. Follow the directions and use cleaning stations where provided.

HELP SAVE KIWIS
Do not take any dog into forests that are signposted No Dogs.

DARGAVILLE
2kms to see live kiwis
10kms to motor museum in Maungatapere



***not to scale**