

KEY



Fishing



Swimming



Surfing



Skateboard ramp



Jetskiing



Boat ramp



Sailing



Playground



BBQ



Picnic table



Lookout



Drinking water



Dogs allowed



No dogs allowed



Toilets



Information centre



Park Ranger hut



Easy Access Walks

Tauranga City Council would like you to take care when using these walkways. It is recommended you:

- secure your valuables and property from possible theft or damage
- if possible tell someone where you are going
- carry a cellphone with you in case of emergencies
- in case of fire or any other emergency call 111

For all enquiries, or to report damage to a walkway, phone the Council on:

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EASY ACCESS WALKS



Accessible - Will need a friend

Generally even surface, although likely to be undulation. There may be some obstacles on the course that people with a wheelchair will need assistance to manoeuvre around. These may include low steps or curbing.



Accessible - May need a friend

These are mainly flat, although there may be some slopes that some wheelchair users may find difficult. Some people may require assistance, while others with strong upper body function will find them acceptable. Ramps and curb crossings are in place.



Mauao (Mount Maunganui) base track (map 1)

Will need a friend. Distance: 3.6 km, 45 minutes



Wairakei Reserve Walkway (map 5)

May need a friend



Kulim Park to Maxwells Road Beach (map 13)

Will need a friend. Distance: 2.5 km, 45 minutes return



Kulim Park to Fergusson Park (map 13)

Will need a friend.

Distance: 4.3 km, one hour 25 minutes return

Kulim Park to Shaw Reserve: 2.8 km, 50 minutes return

Fergusson Park to Shaw Reserve: 1.5 km, 35 minutes return



Matua Saltmarsh (map 14)

May need a friend. Distance: 1.5 km, 35 minutes return



City on its Feet is a programme to get 'more Tauranga people, enjoying walking, more often'. This programme offers people the chance to join a local walking group and is especially for those people who may not be currently active.

Two walking co-ordinators are working from Sport Bay of Plenty Offices and are setting up new walking groups as well as supporting existing ones if they need it.

You can find out more about City on its Feet by contacting the walking co-ordinators on (07) 578 9610 or going to the website www.cityonitsfeet.org

Tauranga City Council is pleased to acknowledge other funding partners in this project. These are:

- Sport and Active Recreation New Zealand (SPARC)
- Sport Bay of Plenty
- Accident Compensation Corporation
- BOP District Health Board.

Some walks in this brochure have a "City on its Feet" logo to indicate they are suitable for people keen to get more active and not sure where to start.

1 MAUAO - MOUNT MAUNGANUI

Stroll around the base or venture higher up and admire the breathtaking views this walkway has to offer.

Mauao is the dominant feature of the Tauranga area rising 232m above sea level. Mauao means “caught by the dawn”.

The walking tracks and paths were established in the mid 1960s. The wide mostly flat track around the base is relatively easy giving spectacular views of the ocean and harbour. There are many excellent fishing and picnic spots along the way.

Tracks to the summit are steep and require reasonable fitness. An enjoyable and interesting route to take is the Oruahine Track on the way up and descend down the Waikorere Track. The Oruahine and Waikorere Tracks begin in the camping ground, behind the hot pools or at the end of the beach at the wooden steps.

Summit Road is a four-wheel drive track maintained for emergency access, and is also used as a walking track. Care should be taken when walking on Mauao.

There are interpretation panels at the entrances to the base track.

Wheelchairs and pushchairs can access the base track with a key from the Mount hot pools. A refundable deposit is required. Please close the gates to keep the sheep in. No dogs are permitted anywhere on Mauao.

**WALKING
TIME**

Base track: 45 minutes
To summit: 1 hour





No dogs are permitted anywhere on Mauao



No smoking permitted anywhere on Mauao

2 MOUNT MAUNGANUI NORTH

A variety of sights awaits those who choose this walk. Enjoy scenes of the beach, shopping centre, harbour activity, playgrounds and parks.

Moturiki Island (Leisure Island) is a short stroll from the main Mount Maunganui Beach. Popular for its views of the ocean it offers spectacular geyser-like displays from the "blow hole" when big seas are running. The surrounding waters are a popular fishing spot.

From Moturiki you can stroll across Marine Parade to Hopukiore (Mount Drury). Evidence of historic Maori occupation can be seen in the terraces.

The walk follows an established track through native and exotic trees. There are excellent views from the summit. The route leads down the western side to Maunganui Road, through parkland and a children's playground. Stroll from the playground to downtown Mount Maunganui where you can relax in one of the many cafes or walk through to Pilot Bay.

Pilot Bay (Waikorire) offers a sheltered beach and grass areas that are ideal for picnics. Coin operated BBQs (50c) are provided. Enjoy watching the boats come and go or stroll down to Salisbury Wharf.

Finish your walk with a soak in the Mount Maunganui hot salt water pools beneath Mauao.

**WALKING
TIME**

Moturiki Island: 30 minutes return
Hopukiore Summit: 10 minutes



Mauao

Blow Hole

Hot Pools

Boardwalk

Moturiki Island



Adams Ave

Marine Parade

Maunganui Rd

Mount Drury

Pacific Ave



The Mall

Downtown Mount



Pilot Bay



Banks Ave

Banks Reserve

Salisbury Wharf Jetty



3 OMANU COASTAL WALK

Stroll along the beach front and enjoy the beautiful coastal views Tauranga has to offer.

The beaches along the Tauranga coastline are some of Tauranga's most popular walking spots.

Designated walking areas have been created giving walkers extensive and breathtaking views of the coastline while leaving areas of this reserve untouched. The aim is to protect the environment and preserve the native vegetation and wildlife.

There are many possible startpoints, however this particular walk begins at the Omanu Surf Club off Surf Road. Follow the beach all the way down to the Girven Road beach access. From here you can choose to turn around and head back along the beach, or head down Girven Road. You will pass by Grenada Park, the site of Tauranga's new Aquatic Centre, and Bayfair Shopping Centre. Alternatively you can walk back along Oceanbeach Road to Surf Road.

No dogs are permitted in the Oceanbeach Road Reserve area.

WALKING
TIME

From Surf Road to Girven Road: 30 minutes





This walk will suit those people who enjoy strolling through natural beach environments. Two playgrounds are within walking distance from the Papamoa Beach Reserve.

The Papamoa Beach walkway follows the beachfront and provides lovely sea views. It is part of a large coastal reserve area and is popular for its recreational activities.

A good starting point is the Papamoa Domain. From here you can stroll along the beachfront to Pacific View Road beach access. Cross over Papamoa Beach Road and follow along Pacific View Road to the Hartford Drainage Reserve. The reserve walkway is less than one kilometre in length and is well planted with native plants. From here follow the walkway to Gravatt Road and then back down Domain Road to return to the starting point.

There are three childrens playgrounds within walking distance from the beachfront. The first is the Hartford Avenue Reserve accessed from Hartford Avenue. There is a variety of play equipment from a multi-structure slide with climbing combinations to tyre swings. The Waterford Downs Reserve is another attractive spot situated on the corner of Grenada Street and Pacific View Road and has a well developed childrens playground and BBQs. There is also a playground within the Royal Palm Beach Drainage Reserve area.



No swimming or surfing



Papamoa Domain

Palm Beach Plaza

Domain Rd

Tuihana Dr

Pacific New Rd

Grenada St

Waterford Downs Reserve

Hartford/Evans Drainage Reserve

Papamoa Beach Rd

Evans Rd

Hartford Ave

Santa Barbara Dr

Gravatt Rd

Palm Beach Blvd

Te Maunga Rd / SH 2

Hartford Ave Reserve

Drainage Reserve

Papamoa Beach Reserve

5 PAPAMOA / WAIRAKEI RESERVE

Meander along the coast before turning down Parton Road to enter a serene reserve area that both walkers and cyclists can enjoy.

The Papamoa Beach Reserve follows the beachfront and provides sweeping views along the coast.

Ongoing maintenance is helping to minimise the effects of coastal erosion. Designated walkways are helping to protect the natural vegetation and wildlife.

The Wairakei Reserve is best accessed from Gordon Spratt Reserve situated on Parton Road. The Wairakei Reserve is a stormwater catchment area that has been developed with extensive plantings of trees, shrubs, hebes and flaxes. A path has been formed that crosses over small streams in many places. This same path is used by cyclists as a safe route between busy roads.

Situated among a built up residential area this reserve creates a welcome relief from the hustle and bustle of suburban life and is used by nearby residents as a shortcut to shops, schools and the beach. The Papamoa Primary School pool is open to the public over the summer.

This reserve extends from Parton Road through to Domain Road and is approximately two kilometres in length.



Papamoa Surf Club



Parkdale Reserve



Topaz Dr Reserve

Papamoa Beach Rd

Papamoa Beach Reserve

Domain Rd

Wairakei Reserve

Alice Johnson Reserve

Simpson Reserve

Gordon Spratt Reserve



Tara Rd

Parton Rd

Papamoa Primary School



6 WELCOME BAY

This walkway is spread out and covers a wide area. Features include open grassed areas and playgrounds with wonderful views from picnic spots.

A series of walking tracks and boardwalks run through Johnson Reserve providing links to Waipuna Park.

Waipuna Park has sports grounds and a playground area. There is also a grove of Japanese walnuts that is ideal for exploring.

The tracks in Johnson Reserve follow streams, wetland areas, native bush and open grassed areas. Access at the top of Johnson Reserve onto Pelorus Street provides a connection to Pelorus Street Reserve, where a playground, coin operated BBQ and picnic table are available.

A map of the Welcome Bay area may be needed as the parks and reserves are spread across a large area. Most have playgrounds and all are worth visiting.

Allow two hours to explore these areas completely. 40 minutes will enable you to walk from James Cook Drive through Johnson Reserve to Victory St, or complete the smaller loops. These are best accessed off Kaitemako Road, where a carpark is located behind a 100 year old walnut grove.

7 McLAREN FALLS PARK

Walkways are only a small part of the magic of this place. Stay overnight and capture the spirit of this captivating environment.

McLaren Falls consists of 170 hectares of lakeland park set among farm land and contains one of the best botanical collections of trees in the North Island.

The lake offers year round trout fishing and a fishing license can be obtained from some sports shops. The park provides open spaces, stunning views, and walking tracks through native bush. To visit the park from Tauranga, take State Highway 29 which is the main road heading towards Hamilton and turn left into McLaren Falls Road.

The park has extensive walkways. **For further information pick up a McLaren Falls Park map from the Council office in Willow Street, Tauranga.**

The three accommodation hostels are well suited for backpackers and large groups. Camping is also permitted. Bookings are made at the Tauranga City Council office. The park is patrolled by park rangers.

Slow vehicle access is available throughout the park providing easy access to picnic and BBQ sites. Gas BBQs are operated with a 50c coin.

Marshall's Animal Park is accessed through the park and is a must for children to see. Dogs are not permitted in the park.

Open: 7.30am

Close: Winter 5.30pm / Summer 7.30pm

8 PAPAMOA HILLS CULTURAL HERITAGE REGIONAL PARK

This park is a unique mix of pa sites, stands of native forest and farmland.

The summit offers outstanding panoramic views of the Bay of Plenty coastline. To the west is Mauao (Mount Maunganui) and Te Awanui (Tauranga Harbour), to the south-east is the Te Puke area, with Mount Ngongotaha visible to the south. Also visible are Mayor (Tuhua) and Motiti Islands and the still active volcano, Whakaari (White Island). The Coromandel Peninsula extends as a backdrop to the north with East Cape carving its way into the Pacific Ocean to the east.

A map of this park can be obtained from Tauranga City Council.

Some tracks in the park are steep and the weather can change quickly. Make sure you wear suitable clothing and shoes, and have a reasonable level of fitness. Contact the Park Ranger on 577 7000 if you require special assistance.

How to get there

From Tauranga or Mount Maunganui head south on State Highway 2 towards Te Puke for about 20km. Turn right into Poplar Lane. The parking area is 800m off the main highway on your right. From Te Puke, head north for approximately 5km before turning left into Poplar Lane.

Open: 7.30am

Close: Winter 6.00pm (Easter to Labour Weekend)

Summer 8.30pm (Labour Weekend to Easter)

This walkway has historical significance to Tauranga. View some of the North Island's oldest trees while you picnic next to landscaped gardens.

Yatton Park contains some of the North Island's oldest trees. Planted by John Chadwick last century, he named the park in memory of his birth place "Yatton". Yatton Park has a water feature and BBQs (50c) set among grassed areas and landscaped gardens. An ideal place to have a picnic and unwind.

A good starting point for this walk is from Yatton Park. Follow the vehicle access track through the park and around the Estuary.

For a short walk turn left into Esk Street Reserve, which follows a small stream through open areas and native plantings. Turn left again to head back along Fraser Street to Yatton Park.

For a longer walk follow the Estuary around to Fraser Street and either walk through the Intermediate School, or continue along Fraser Street to 18th Avenue. From here enjoy the attractive tree lined streets before heading back down to the estuary. The walkway finishes before the motor camp on Turret Road.

Dogs are permitted on a lead. Please avoid walking through the school during school hours.



Tauranga Intermediate School

Fraser St
Eighteenth Ave
Grace Rd
Sixteenth Ave
Fifteenth Ave



Motuopuhi Island

Turret Rd

Waimapu Estuary

Esk St Reserve

Esk St



Yatton Park



Waimapu Salt Marsh



This walkway shows how the history of Tauranga still has a powerful influence over the downtown business district today.

A variety of points of interest are all within easy walking distance in the downtown area.

The Elms Mission house in Mission Street is the oldest building in Tauranga. It stands on the site of the former Te Papa Mission Station. Although privately owned the public are welcome to walk around it during the day.

From Cliff Road you can visit the Mission Cemetery, Monmouth Redoubt, Robbins Park or simply picnic in the rose gardens. From this elevated position lovely views of the harbour can be enjoyed.

Follow the steps down from the Redoubt to the Te Awanui Waka on The Strand.

Walk along The Strand reclamation that follows the waterfront, and continue along the path before walking up the stairs to Elizabeth Street. Continue across the Cameron Road intersection and join onto the Waikareao Walkway or stroll through The Domain.

Alternatively you can adjourn your walk and savour downtown Tauranga's atmosphere from one of the many sidewalk cafes.



Chapel St

Mitrelees

Harbour Bridge

The Elms

Mission St

Mission Cemetery

Tauranga Domain

Robbins Park (rose gardens)

Monmouth Redoubt

Waka

Overbridge

Cliff Rd

Stairs

Hamilton St



Wharf St



Takitimu Dr

Cameron Rd

The Strand

Devonport Rd

Stairs

Elizabeth St



Rail Bridge

11 SULPHUR POINT AND MARINE PARK

This walkway will suit people interested in boat watching and water activities. Enjoy spectacular views of the harbour entrance, harbour and Pilot Bay.

This walk is accessed from the Dive Crescent roundabout by driving onto Mirrielees Road and turning into Cross Road.

Recreational boating is a major activity in Tauranga and Marine Park is seen as a key small boat launching site. The provision of quality boat servicing facilities in close proximity to launching ramps has encouraged locals to use this area. Generous parking for boat trailers and a floating pontoon add to the area's popularity giving onlookers an interesting view of the variety of fishing boats and fish that can be caught.

At the top end of Sulphur Point is one of Tauranga's marinas, which shows an array of large powerboats and yachts. The yachting and boating clubs have their premises here and onlookers can watch their regattas and races.

There is a coin operated BBQ (50c) facility at Sulphur Point.

Cycling is a popular activity around this area. A BMX track is located in Marine Park and caters for BMX enthusiasts.



12 WAIKAREAO ESTUARY

A unique walkway that meanders through tidal mangroves. All ages and abilities can enjoy the flat winding boardwalks.

A unique wilderness close to the city. Boardwalks and tracks wind around the shores and mangrove tidal zones. All ages and abilities can enjoy the flat walk and superb scenery. No powerboating is permitted in the estuary.

There are many access and exit points to this walkway with Maxwells Road and Coach Drive providing areas to park your car.

The complete walkway is approximately 9.5km in length.

Faulkner Park

One of the city's earliest families lived here. Access is off Waihi Road. Planted with native and exotic trees it runs between Robins Road and an industrial subdivision. A loop walk combines a citrus grove, herb and alpine gardens and open grass areas.

Waikareao Estuary complete loop: 2 hours
Maxwells Road to Coach Drive: 30 minutes
Coach Drive to Waihi Road: 45 minutes
Waihi Road to Tauranga Domain: 30 minutes
Tauranga Domain to Maxwells Road: 15 minutes
Faulkner Park: 20 minutes

WALKING
TIME





Otumoetai Golf Course

Vale St

Maxwells Rd

Rail Bridge

to Sulphur Point Walkway

Chapel St

Pillans Rd

Grange Rd

Milton Rd

Goods Rd

Coach Dr



Overbridge



Tauranga Domain



Waikareao Estuary

Overbridge

Taktitini Dr

Cameron Rd

Otumoetai Rd

Darraghs Rd

Matahoroa Park

Waihi Rd

Robins Rd

Faulkner Park

Birch Ave

Eleventh Ave

Graham Park

Memorial Park

13 OTUMOETAI FORESHORE

This walkway follows the foreshore providing breathtaking views of the inner harbour, Rangiwaea and Matakana Island. A popular picnic and paddling area.

This walk shows views of Tauranga Harbour, Mount Maunganui, the Port of Tauranga, the harbour entrance and Matakana Island. A grassed area follows the foreshore beside Harbour Drive and Beach Road and links three reserves.

Beach Road Reserve is a grassed foreshore area with mature pohutukawa trees. The steep northern area was the site of the Otumoetai Pa and Mission Station. An excellent cycling track runs through this entire park area from the Chapel Street bridge to the Matua foreshore.

Information panels are found in Fergusson and Kulim Parks. These parks have children's play areas, coin operated BBQs (50c) and boat ramps. Both parks are popular waterfront picnic spots with safe paddling areas for children.

Kulim Park has a petanque court, playground and a one-on-one basketball pad. Fergusson Park has a large sports ground. All parks are closed to vehicles during the hours of darkness. The Otumoetai Railway Reserve has recently been developed with a walnut and chestnut tree grove.

You can create a loop walk by continuing from Fergusson Park through the streets of Matua back to Harbour Drive.

Maxwells Road Reserve to Kulim Park: 15 minutes
Kulim Park to Beach Road Reserve: 10 minutes
Beach Road Reserve to Fergusson Park: 15 minutes

WALKING
TIME



Tauranga Harbour



14 MATUA SALTMARSH

This walkway takes you through a beautiful natural resource of saltmarsh land that has permanent protection for its ecological value to Tauranga.

The Matua Saltmarsh walkway from Fergusson Park links to Otumoetai Intermediate School and the neighbouring college through Tilby and Sylvania Drive in Matua. Within this link is the Matua Saltmarsh. This walkway is regularly used by pedestrians and cyclists, especially school children, as a shortcut to schools, shops and recreational activities.

The car park and entrance to the saltmarsh is in Sylvania Drive, Matua. There is also an access way from Hall Road.

The Matua Saltmarsh is a coastal wetland of approximately 21 hectares in size. This area is home to a diverse range of plant, insect, fish and bird life.

Two birds in particular, the North Island Fernbird and Banded Rail are thriving in the environment that has been created here. The former is a regionally threatened species, the latter is nationally threatened.

Tauranga City Council coordinates a management team for this area which includes several important restoration and development works at the saltmarsh.

There are interpretation panels in this area. No dogs are allowed.

WALKING
TIME

10 - 15 minutes through the saltmarsh





15 BETHLEHEM WETLANDS

The Bethlehem wetland is a restoration project that has created a natural environment for native animals and plant life.

Accessed from Beaumaris Boulevard this development has been based around preserving existing natural features and land contours.

There is a children's playground area on Beaumaris Boulevard.

To get to the wetland reserve continue down Beaumaris Boulevard. The wetland can also be accessed from several other points including Waihi Road and Orange Lane. Vehicle noise has been reduced by intensive plantings of large trees and shrubs that have blocked out any view of the road. Large ponds and water areas have been enhanced with the planting of native flax around their borders.

Pathways have been formed through existing ponga areas. Small bridges have been constructed over water areas at various points and there is also a viewing platform. Boardwalks have been created allowing walkers access to most areas within this reserve.

**WALKING
TIME**

30 minutes return to starting point at
Beaumaris Boulevard playground





Waihi Rd

Bethlehem Heights Reserve (drainage)

Beaumaris Boulevard Reserve



Beaumaris Boulevard

Bethlehem Heights

Waihi Rd

Bethlehem Wetland Reserve

Duck pond

Bethlehem Heights Reserve

Sterling Gate Dr

Moffat Rd

Mills Reef Winery

Milbrook Rd

Orange Lane

St Andrews Dr

Cambridge Rd

We welcome any feedback on the walking tracks and/or the information provided in this booklet so please feel free to contact us directly or via the website: **www.tauranga.govt.nz**
If you would like more copies of this brochure please call our customer call centre on

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