

Icons:



River Crossing



Hours



Toilets



Grade



Lookout/
Viewpoint



Cost



Picnic Area



Adult / child,
whole Family

Please note all walks: Donations are welcomed

Grades

- 1** Suitable for most walkers / cyclists.
- 2** Suitable for most walkers / cyclists with some short steep or rough sections. Good fitness level required.
- 3** Includes short steep or rough sections. Moderate fitness level required.
- 4** Includes short steep and sometimes challenging or rough sections. Moderate to High level of fitness required.
- 5** Challenging steep sections, rough areas or river crossings. A high level of fitness

Kauri Dieback Information:

With the Kauri Dieback situation some walks may be affected. Please keep an eye on our website for details and further updates. We ask all participants to please make sure they clean their shoes and boots, walking sticks and anything else that comes into contact with the ground before entering and as you come out of the bush. Go to www.kauridieback.co.nz for details.

Photography Competition 2022

We love getting your photos! Walkers are encouraged to take their cameras/ phones with them and capture the spirit of the Festival - so don't forget to get 'snapping'! First prize \$100, second prize \$50 and People's Choice \$50. Details to enter your pics are posted on the Festivals website page, under photo competition tab.

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WALKING FESTIVAL

9th - 24th APRIL 2022



For more information on the walks or to register your place: www.echowalkfest.org.nz

Saturday, 9th April 2022

Monday, 11th April 2022

Wednesday, 13th April 2022

4-5

Pinnacles Walk

Start Time: 9:00am - Kauaeranga Road end Carpark
Cost: Donation

This popular walk leads to the Pinnacles Hut and on to the summit of the Pinnacles with spectacular views of the Coromandel Peninsula. We follow an historic packhorse route used by kauri bushmen in the 1920s

6-8

Hours



5

Tuhua/Mayor Island Day Tripper

Start Time: 8:00 am - TBC Close to Tauranga
Cost: \$126.50

FULLY BOOKED

Tuhua is also the Maori name for obsidian and is one of the few places in Aotearoa where this important pre-colonial resource can be seen. This island walk takes about 8-9 hours and is one of the most stunning walks in the country.

10

Hours



Sunday, 10th April 2022

3

Waihi Beach North End Mining History

Start Time: 9:00 am - Waihi Beach Surf Lifesaving Club car park
Cost: Donation

Discover the history of Waihi Beach Gold Mining and the Treasure Island Reef. Our guide Ian Robinson is a wealth of knowledge and has some fascinating stories. Bring lunch and sturdy shoes.

2

Hours



1

Waihi Cemetery Walk 'Mayors and Councillors'

Start Time: : 3:00 pm - Waihi Cemetery. Please meet at 2.45 pm
Cost: Donation

Guided Waihi Cemetery Walk with Waihi Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. The theme - Mayors and Councillors. A guided walk telling the stories of some of Waihi's local body representatives.

1.5

Hours



Monday, 11th April 2022

2

Duncan's Dairy Farm Walk

Start Time: 9:00 am - Farm entry at 194 Woodlands Road, Waihi (Fonterra supply number 75977).
Park in tanker track turning circle.

Cost: Donation

This walk travels through a working dairy farm to excellent views of the local district and wider Bay of Plenty at the top. Views of the wider Bay of Plenty are also available. Return via a different route past bush, riparian planting and two small ponds.

1½-2

Hours



5

Tuahu Track East to West

Start Time: 9.45 am - Te Aroha i-SITE 102 Whitaker Street, Te Aroha, Tel: 07 884 8052
Cost: \$25

Traverse the Kaimai ranges taking in views of the Bay of Plenty and Waikato Plains. Bus to Hot Springs Rd, Katikati and walk through lush native forest to the top of the Kaimai Ranges. Drop down to the Waikato side where the vegetation gives way to a harsher environment

5-6

Hours



Tuesday, 12th April 2022

3

Daly's Clearing Hut Loop

Start Time: 9:00 am - End of Franklin Road carpark, Waikino
Cost: Donation

We start our walk using the Deans Track, through some farmland. The track then follows a spur up through bush to meet the Mangakino Pack Track. A highlight along this track is the extensive groves of nīkau nestled under tall tawa, kohekohe and pukatea forest. Turn south until you reach the junction with the Daly's Clearing Track.

4-4½

Hours



2-3

Owharoa Falls Heritage Bike & Train Ride

10:00 am - Waihi Bicycle Hire for bike fitting, 126 Seddon Street, Waihi

Cost: \$69.00 (includes bike hire and train ride)

Take a scenic bike ride to the Owharoa Falls and explore some of the area's rich heritage along the way. Follow the stunning Ohinemuri River through gentle farmland as it flows from Waihi to Waikino and beyond. Then return to Waihi on Goldfields heritage railway.

3-4

Hours



2

Coromandel Coastal Walkway

Start Time: 8:15 am - Hike and Bike Coromandel, 105 Wharf Road, Coromandel

Special ECHO Walking Festival price of \$90pp

Experience the magnificent Coromandel Coastal Walkway, an old bridle path once used by early Maori and European Settlers to link east with west at the tip of the remote yet beautiful, Northern Coromandel Peninsula. Join Leanne & Gavin from Hike and Bike Coromandel, for this trip complete with transport departing and returning to Coromandel Town.

3-4

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Bird Walk – Photography Walk

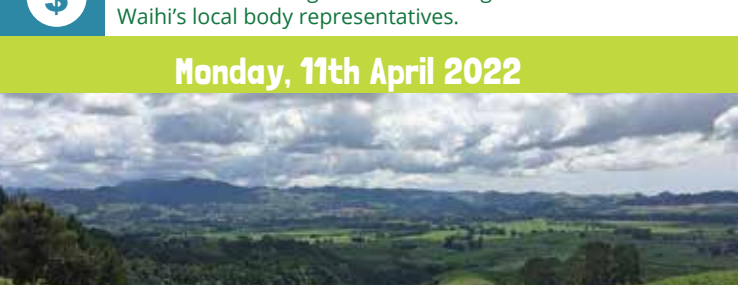
Start Time: 9:30am - Katikati War Memorial Hall, 29 Main Road, Katikati

Cost: Donation

Walk along the Uretara along the Bird Walk as far as the park at the top by Summerset, where we will have morning tea (BYO Morning Tea) before returning our walk back. Opportunities for plenty of nature and scenic photography and maybe some of the birdlife in the area.

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Lindemann Loop Track

Start Time: 8:30 am - Lindermann Lookout, End of Lindermann Road, Katikati.

Cost: Donation

Enjoy a walk through time exploring Lindemann Loop track, and appreciate the Kauri milling and dam while you take a glimpse of time, to our forebears hard work.



3-4

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McBinns Stream Track

Start Time: 9:00 am - Convenient Cow Cafe 8102 SH 26, Hikutaia

Cost: Donation

The track starts at the ford near the end of Maratoto Road and follows the Maratoto Branch of the Hikutaia River. The track follows an old cart track up the Maratoto branch of the Hikutaia River now known as McBinnns Stream.

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Uplands Road to Poupu Stream

Start Time: 9:00 am - Meeting at end of Upland Rd, Aongatete

Cost: Donation

This track through the Bush links up with a bull dozer track formed during geological investigations for the Kaimais Tunnel construction. We will head down the stream to stop and have brunch BYO.

3-4

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Papakura Bay Shipwreck

Start Time: 10:00 am - Opposite Whiritoa General Store

Cost: Donation

A fabulous walk that starts at Whiritoa Lagoon then over to Waimama Bay and then heads up into the bush and over to Papakura bay (Shipwreck Bay) and takes in the shipwreck of the "Hipi" from 1976.



3-4

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Kauri Walk to Dickey Flat

Start Time: 9:00 am - Dickey Flat Adventure Camp, Waikino

Cost: Donation

Enjoy the beautiful settings along the Dean and Mangakino Pack tracks to where the Mangakino Stream and Waitawheta River converge. River (writhing serpent) Finish with 'billy tea', a sausage and marshmallows to toast over the fire.



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Waihi Beach Orokawa Trig Walk

Start Time: 9:00 am - Waihi Beach Water Reservoir carpark, top of Pacific Road, Waihi Beach

Cost: Donation

The Orokawa Trig site offers expansive views across the Bay of Plenty and down to beautiful Orokawa Beach. Rich in history, the walk starts by criss crossing the stunning Waihi Beach Stream track, past waterfalls and up a steep bank to join the Fire Break track. From there we make our way to the stile over the fence, through a bit of farmland and then out to the Orokawa Trig.



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Sentinel Rock Walk

Start Time: 9:00 am - At the end of Hot Springs Road

Cost: Donation

We proceed along the Tuahu track, which is a well-formed track thanks to DOC who have done some recent upgrading work resulting from the Kauri dieback threat. After around 25 minutes we reach a section of board walk around a huge Kauri. After taking that in, we follow a well signed track to our left to Sentinel Rock Lookout

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Mount Karangahake Summit Walk

9:00 am - Karangahake Gorge Main Carpark by Swing Bridge

Cost: Donation

The Mount Karangahake walk is a walk around 9km. The walk starts on the gorge floor and finishes at the summit of Mount Karangahake, over 500 metres above the Waitawheta River running through the Karangahake Gorge. From the car park above, you'll be able to see the trig at the summit you're about to climb.

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Waihi Beach Trig Glowworm Walk

Start Time: 6:00pm - Waihi Beach Water Reservoir carpark, top of Pacific Road, Waihi Beach

Cost: Donation

Join us near sunset for a short trek up to the Waihi Beach Trig where we will watch the sun set over our 9km stretch of paradise. Once darkness has fallen resident bat, glow worms and maybe even a morepork or two may appear

Tuesday, 19th April 2022

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Night time in the Bush

*Start Time: 7pm Te Aroha Domain gates
Cost: Donation*

Adventure for the little people as we make our way into the forest as the stars and night creatures come out. We will follow the Upper Domain Track and look for titiwai (glow worms) and ruru (morepork). Bring a torch.

Wednesday 20th April 2022



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Walk through Martha Mine Pit fence

*Start Time: 10:00 am - The Martha Mine Entrance, 140 Kenny Street, Waihi, across from the basketball court. Gate open from 9.30am to 9.55am.
Cost: Donation*

OceanaGold is offering a walk inside the Martha mine pit fence, around our perimeter road. Get views of the Martha mine like never before. We will stop off and take a look at some of our local Waihi icons, exiting on the north-western side of the pit rim. We will then return via the popular Pit Rim Walkway, back to the car park.

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Waiorongomai Wander

*Start Time: 9:30 am - Waiorongomai car park, Te Aroha
Cost: Donation*

Join in this leisurely walk around Waiorongomai Low Level Loop and learn about the history and flora of this old goldmining area. With mining relics, regenerating bush and a few small streams, this valley is one of the North Island's best kept secrets.

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Butlers Track

*Start Time: 1:00 pm - Karangahake School Carpark
Cost: Donation*

Join us to explore this track that once gave access between Paeroa and Waihi for both horse and bullock teams. From the Karangahake School carpark we head up the steep track that eventually levels out and exposes wonderful views of the Karangahake Gorge road a long way below. Not for those with a fear of heights.

Thursday, 21st April 2022

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The Discovery Mine & Short Loop Track

*Start Time: 9:00 am -Waihi Beach Water Reservoir carpark at the top of Pacific Road, Waihi Beach
Cost: Donation*

Passing the site of the Discovery Mine, we will learn about this little known early mining venture at Waihi Beach, before continuing up the Waihi Beach Stream. We cross the stream a few times, and then continue past waterfalls. A 10 minute ascent leads to views over the Orokawa Reserve before returning via the Reservoir-Old Firebreak Track. A great walk for fit kids!



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Tuahu Kauri Loop

*Start Time: 10:00 am - At the end of Hot Springs Road
Cost: Donation*

A magnificent kauri tree is a stunning feature of this walk. The kauri is known as Tuahu, named after its location on an old Māori route that was used as a bridle path in the 1890s. A side track will lead us to a platform surrounding us with BOP's oldest Kauri.

Friday, 22nd April 2022



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Waihi Beach Wires Loop Track

*Start Time: 9:00 am - Waihi Beach Water Reservoir carpark, top of Pacific Road, Waihi Beach
Cost: Donation*

Discover the remnants of the Waihi Beach section of the Old Wires Track as it came via Waihi Beach and connected telegraphic communication between Auckland and Wellington. The track follows a ridge behind the old dam with lots to see on the way, including a beautiful stand of Rewarewa Trees.

Friday, 22nd April 2022

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Tui Domain track Waterfall

*Start Time: 9:00 am - Te Aroha i-SITE
Cost: Donation*

Slightly uphill, this walk will take you along the gentle Tui Domain Track on Mt Te Aroha. A 10 minute detour takes you to Tutumangao Falls. Continue on towards Tui Rd where a side track leads to another waterfall and the Mayflower Mine. Return the same way for a soak in the hot pools

Saturday 23rd April 2022

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Dubbo 96 Track Loop Walk

*Start Time: 9:00 am - Karangahake Gorge Car park
Cost: Donation*

From the Karangahake Gorge carpark we cross the first swing bridge and then take the upper right hand trail to the Scotsman Gully track before heading left on the country road on a gradual climb for around 1km. The Dubbo 96 track branches off the County Road/No 7 Level track.

Sunday, 24th April 2022



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Historic Shortland Wharf & Historic Sites

*Start Time: 9:00 am - Shortland Wharf (Southern end of Thames)
Cost: Donation*

The walk will commence at the historic Shortland wharf (in use continuously since 1867) and will include the wharf itself, and numerous historic sites in the vicinity, including first Methodist church service (1867), first European cemetery in Thames, early railway infrastructure (c. 1890s), Shortland Sawmilling Co mill and Stone's Boatyard sites, Shortland Hotel.