

# KAIPĀTIKI EXPLORER

ACTIVE  
COMMUNITIES  
EDITION

Your guide to exploring the active destinations, walkways and tracks in the Parks, Bush and Reserves of the Kaipātiki Local Board region of Auckland

# Introduction

The bush and coastal areas in Kaipātiki provide a unique opportunity to escape from the pace of city life. Within minutes of your front door, you can leave the concrete behind and be amongst nature, with just the sounds of birds, trickling water, or your own footsteps for company.



**However, as we have kauri dieback disease in the Kaipātiki area, we need to be far more careful about where we walk, and how we walk, run or bike.**

Before you set off check that the track you want to visit is open - these traffic light symbols are a handy guide.

To make it easy for you to know where to go, all our maps show whether a reserve is closed, has partial closures, or is fully open for public use. We have used a "Stoplight" graphic on each page (see at right), plus a red line (●●●) to indicate track closed, and a green line (●●●) for tracks being open. Note, closures are subject to change, and you may find that when you arrive at a reserve, the status may be different to what is indicated in this booklet.



To check the most up to date track information and to view all the maps online go to [www.kcft.org.nz/explorer-introduction/](http://www.kcft.org.nz/explorer-introduction/)



## Legend for Walks

	Main entrance		Bridge		Fitness Trail
	Minor entrance		Notable tree		Playground
	Link to adjacent "Destination"		Wetland		Dogs ON leash
	Cleaning Station		Skateboard Facility		Dogs OFF leash
	Track Open		Major steps		BBQ Facility
	Track Closed		Public Toilet (shown on Location map - page 12-13)		Swimming
	Stream		Mountain Bike Friendly		
	Lookout		Wheelchair Accessible		
	Seat				

## Walking

To avoid spreading kauri dieback disease we all need to consider where we are going and check the track is open.

**If you are going to a reserve with kauri, wash your footwear and your dog's paws thoroughly at home or at work before you go!**

Do it again when you get back. Ensure the water is draining into the sewer not the storm water drain. When you get to the reserve:

- Use the scrubbing brush and spray at the cleaning stations
- Stay on the track

## Off-road bike riding

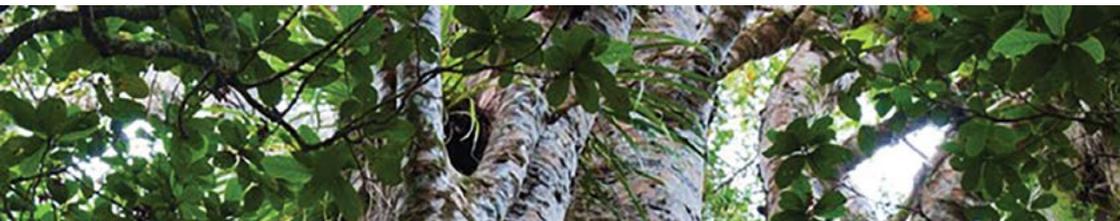
Please do not ride in any kauri reserve due to the difficulty in adequately cleaning bikes - and in particular their tyres. Onepoto Domain and Normanton Reserve 'Learn to Ride' tracks are ideal for children.

## Running the tracks

Please run in only one open kauri reserve on any outing. If you want to explore other reserves, please thoroughly wash and scrub your shoes between sites, or make use of areas without kauri.

## Dog walking

Because of kauri dieback, it's essential to thoroughly wash your pet's paws before and after each reserve visit, and to flush the dirt and water down the sewer. Go to only one kauri reserve each outing. Keep your dog on leash and on the track, especially in areas with kauri.



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For NZ Government information and guidelines on Kauri Dieback Disease go to: [www.kauridieback.co.nz](http://www.kauridieback.co.nz)



# How you can help with Kauri Dieback

The only way we can protect our kauri trees, which may be 100s or 1000s of years old, is to keep the spores away from them.

## Council is helping by:

1. Closing reserves where there is a high risk of infection.
2. Improving the tracks so they remain dry, and re-routing tracks away from kauri trees. Tracks have to be closed until this is achieved.
3. Providing cleaning stations where necessary.

## You can help by:

- Making a positive choice to protect kauri by enjoying recreational opportunities in the large number of parks and reserves without kauri.
- Scrubbing and washing your footwear thoroughly every time before you leave home and when you return.
- Using all the cleaning stations that are provided at the reserve as you go in and as you leave.
- Wait for a minute for the steriligene to have effect.
- Keeping to formed tracks at all times.
- Washing your dog's paws before and after each visit.
- Keeping your dog(s) on the leash and on the track.
- Keeping out of closed reserves and tracks.
- Not moving from one reserve to another without thoroughly washing footwear and paws between. Disposing of water used to clean shoes and paws into sewer drainage for treatment. (This applies to bike wheels as well).
- Spreading the word to neighbours, friends, visitors – anyone you meet who doesn't appear to understand what is needed to protect our kauri, in a polite and respectful manner.



## Understand more by watching the video at:

[kauridieback.co.nz/what-is-kauri-dieback/](http://kauridieback.co.nz/what-is-kauri-dieback/)



# Shepherds Park

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The park is named after the Shepherd family who farmed here for several generations. Shepherds Park has playing fields, a playground, tennis, squash and soccer clubs, a fitness trail and a regenerating bush area overlooking Hellyers (Oruamo) Creek, called Hellyers Creek Reserve.

The adjoining headland area, which is being restored to its original coastal bush environment, is well serviced by easy walking paths and tracks.

The headland coastal track entrance is at the foot of Cresta Ave. Proceed up the trail to the large rimu tree, turn left from here and the track leads to a boardwalk through the salt marsh to the Landing and the Māori midden site. Climb the steps to the upper terraces to enjoy extensive views of the estuary and upper harbour against the Greenhithe escarpment from the lookout. At low tide, the mud flats support many feeding birds.

Alternatively follow the wheelchair-friendly Fay Sara path which skirts the sports fields starting from either the Beach Haven Road or Melba Street entrance then, by an easily negotiated bush track, carry on to the lookout over the Oruamo estuary.

There is also a Fitness Trail for all to make use of around the upper sportsfield and a childrens bike circuit around the playground.

*Follow path around shore line until you reach Beach Haven Road*



# Rangatira Reserve



The reserve covers the upper part of the Kahika Stream. Together with the bush-clad lower reach of the stream, which passes through private land, the bush in this reserve forms a significant wildlife link.

The open paths lead through native bush and provide community connections to local schools, besides a forest stream experience for visitors. All the main paths have steps, with footbridges over the stream.

An old group of kauri is closed off to protect them, but other paths pose little danger to kauri, so are free to enjoy.

The reserve has been invaded by wattles, pines and garden escapees in the past, but much original bush remains and is being restored for the future. There is plenty of food for birds and a wide range of forest birds can be seen and heard here. Part of the bush is within the grounds of Birkenhead College and students are working to restore that area.



# Fernglen Native Plant Gardens

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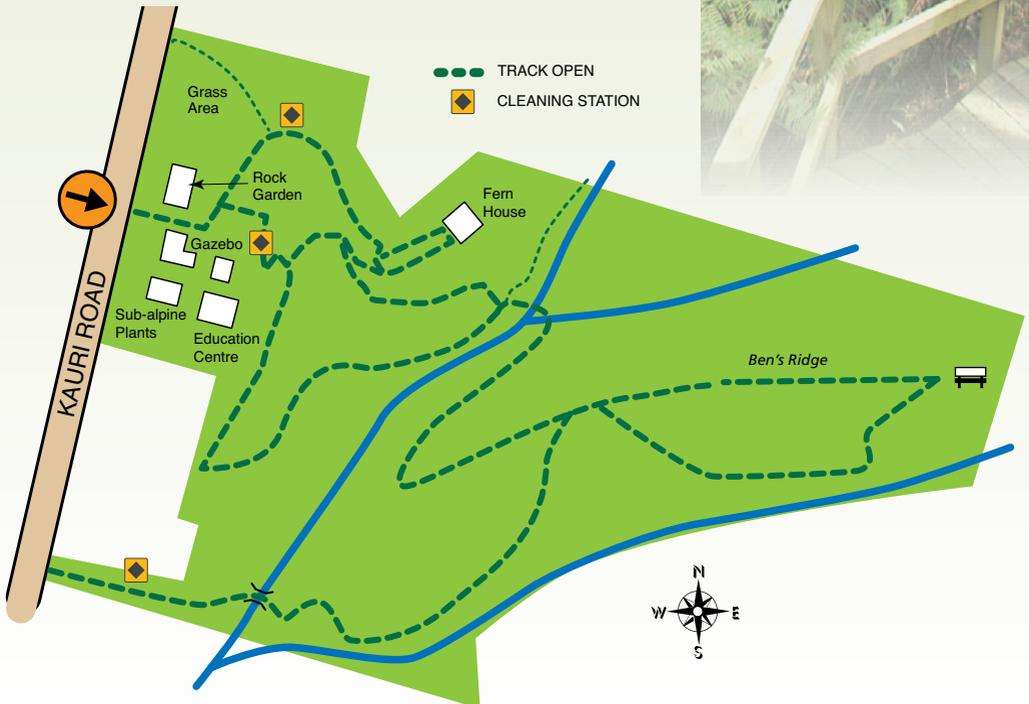


Hours open: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

Fernglen Native Plant Gardens is a unique reserve dedicated to growing collections of New Zealand native plants and trees. It was once privately owned by the Fisher family. In the 1950s Bill and Muriel Fisher began collecting native species from all over New Zealand, including some from the outlying smaller islands.

Inside the entrance gate a series of single pathways meander around tubs, rocks and rock pools featuring the native plant collections. Many of the plants in the gardens are labelled. The alpine house features sub-alpines and other plants that are difficult to grow in cultivation.

A short loop walk through the native forest leads to a 'fern house'. The walk can be accessed by a track just above the Education Centre. A longer, steeper walk descends down into a gully and over a boardwalk crossing a natural stream. The track leads up to Ben's Ridge where there is an extensive Coprosma collection, possibly the largest in New Zealand, as well as grass and divaricating (with densely interlaced stems) plant collections growing near a park bench. Retrace your steps to arrive back at the Education Centre.



# Kauri Point Domain



Kauri Point Domain is a popular walk for everyone as it is an easy walk and you get a great view out over the upper harbour. For dog owners there is plenty of room for dogs to play, either up on the grassy area at the point, or down on the beach.

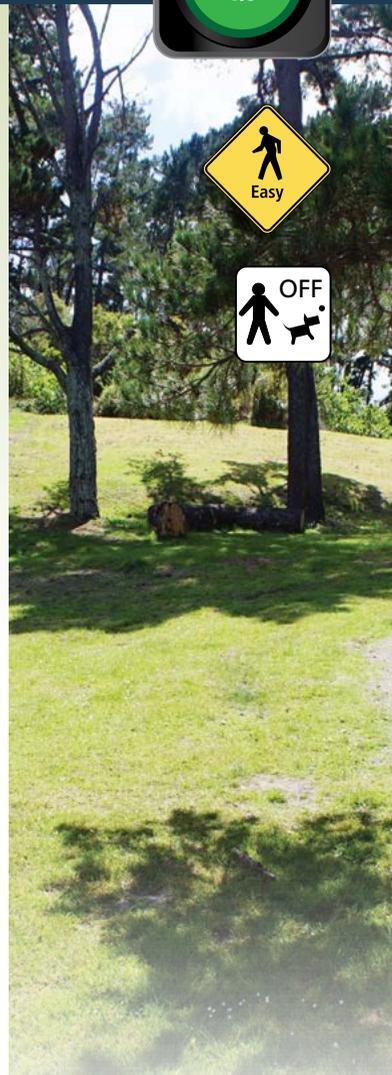
Soldiers Bay is a unique biodiversity area – from estuarine saltmarsh to a freshwater swamp forest, then to a terrestrial podocarp forest. There is also valued birdlife in the reserve, especially in and around the wetlands, so please keep your dogs to the tracks.

An easy walk underneath park pines takes you out to a shallow beach. There are plenty of small side tracks for the more adventurous to explore, either up into the pines, or out through the mangroves and saltmarsh.

There may be some kauri up in the bush, so please keep away from them and keep to the tracks.

A longer secondary track rises steeply from the southern end of the beach.

There is a large grassed area by the beach which makes it a perfect place to walk to, have a swim and a picnic lunch afterwards.



# Kauri Point Centennial Park

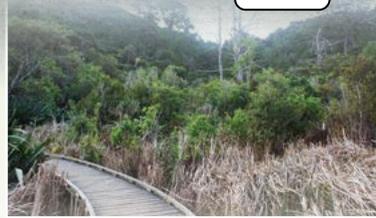


Good shingled tracks lead from entrances off Onetaunga Road down to Kendall Bay with seats placed at strategic viewpoints.

Secondary tracks are well worth a visit in dry conditions and a pleasant coastal walk connects up with the Chelsea Sugar Refinery. The walk down to Kendall Bay is reasonably steep in places, but the views out over the Waitemata Harbour as you go make the effort well worthwhile. Kendall Bay itself has gently sloping sandy beaches - ideal for small children and swimming.

All tracks are steep in parts, with sections of steps. Care is required on secondary tracks in wet weather.

This area is significant to a number of different iwi in the area, and access was contested often in the past.



# Chatswood Reserve



With entrances from surrounding streets and some well developed tracks and bridges this botanically rich reserve is a delight to visit. The reserve is a remnant of the kauri/hard beech forest that once covered much of the north shore of Auckland.

Although the area has had some of the larger trees extracted and the margins have been burned in the past, large kauri remain aged approximately 350 to 400 years. The forest association of cool climate hard beech growing beside warm climate kauri is similar to the nearby Kauri Park.

The tracks from Langstone and Portsea Places are going to be upgraded. Once reopened you will see a wide range of native bush, plus native birds like tui and woodpigeon. When you get to the bottom have a rest on the seat overlooking the upper, of a series of four, Chelsea Sugar Refinery dams dating back to when the Chatswood Reserve was the refinery's water catchment area.



# Chelsea Estate Heritage Park



Open areas only

Chelsea Estate Heritage Park combines a relaxing walk around lakes, grassland and bush walks with panoramic views across the inner harbour to the Auckland city centre. The park boasts excellent picnic spots, off-leash dog exercise areas, heritage buildings and a wide variety of ecological habitats and wildlife.

Car parking is available on Colonial Road, or park in Birkenhead Village and take a short walk down Rawene Rd and enter the park via Pine forest track (top) or Chelsea Bay track (bottom). Take a stroll around the park and lakes, visit the Sugar Cafe and Chelsea Sugar Discovery Centre or choose one of the many bush walking tracks that connect to the adjacent reserves.

Walking tracks and times: Rawene Rd to Chelsea Bay (10mins); Rawene forest to Chelsea lakes via dog park

(30mins); Chelsea track, - Duck Creek and heritage dam (45 mins return, entrance at carpark on Colonial Rd); Chelsea track loop via Fishermans Track (1hr loop, ends at tennis court); Kauri Point to Kendall Bay walk (2hr return, unformed track. From Chelsea carpark, walk past factory and up driveway marked Private Property (pedestrian access allowed) via track entrance on left, after Horse Paddock.

*Be aware: Chelsea Sugar Refinery trucks on Colonial Road; lakes, dam and stormwater outlets; steep cliffs, fallen trees; and predator control. No watercraft, hunting or fishing allowed without a permit. Please report any pollution, illegal dumping or vandalism to the Auckland Council hotline (09) 301 0101. To join CHERPA (Chelsea Regional Park Assn Inc) or join our restoration volunteers - email [cherpa.nz@gmail.com](mailto:cherpa.nz@gmail.com).*



# Location Map

Not to scale



Main entrance



Public Toilet



Main Track



STOP CLOSED



Partial Closure



Open - Go ahead





Rewi Alley Reserve

Normanton Reserve

Marlborough Park

Stancich Reserve

Smiths Bush

Linley Reserve

Tuff Crater Reserve

Onepoto Basin

Kauri Glen Park

Cecil Eady Bush

City View Reserve

Le Roys Bush

Chelsea Bay

Little Shoal Bay

STOP  
CLOSED

PARTIAL  
CLOSURE

OPEN  
GO

# Eskdale Reserve Network



The Eskdale Reserve Network is a collection of many connected reserves. From east to west lie Birkenhead Domain (entrances from Glenfield and Eskdale Roads), Hiwihau Scenic Reserve (entrance from Hiwihau Place), Eskdale Bush (entrances from Eskdale Road and Brunton Place), Lauderdale Reserve (entrance from Lauderdale Road) and Francis Kendall Reserve (entrance from Kaipātiki Road).

The upper main entrances, off Glenfield Road, both have cleaning stations, and pass down through a variety of habitat types from early regeneration to mature forest.

The other main entrance is off Eskdale Road by the substation, which has a cleaning station. Go across the bridge, turn left and you follow the new boardwalk that goes through many kauri following the stream on down past Kaipātiki Creek to the exit at Kaipātiki Road.

If you turn right from the Eskdale Rd entrance, you head into impressive mature bush and on up a not too steep climb to Glenfield Rd.

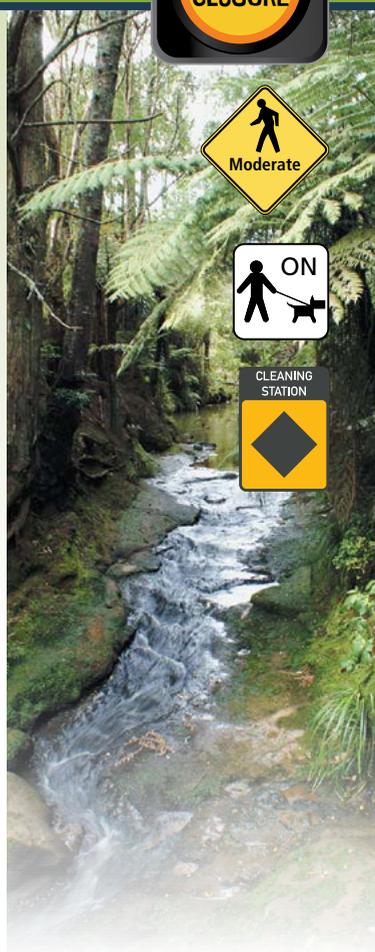
There is also a bridge providing access from Lauderdale Reserve. This small grass reserve is surrounded by tall kanuka with native jasmine and clematis. Downstream, the stream falls in a small cascade to a wide pool. A vantage point above the far end of this pool provides a good view into the mangrove-lined Kaipātiki Creek.

**PARTIAL CLOSURE**

Moderate



CLEANING STATION



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- TRACK OPEN
- ◆ CLEANING STATION

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- 3. STAY ON THE TRACK**  
AND off kauri roots

# Witheford Reserve



Located right along Kaipātiki Road, Witheford Scenic Reserve takes you on an extensive walk (or run) through regenerating bush along the stream, and then up into more mature trees at the upper end.

Be warned the stairs at the top are steep, but if you are looking for an all round fitness walk in a lovely bush environment, then you will be pleasantly surprised.

The reserve links into the Coastal Walkway, which will take you all the way around to Manuka Reserve then on to Lynn Reserve.



# Kauri Glen & Cecil Eady Bush

**PARTIAL CLOSURE**



Kauri Glen was established as a reserve in 1907 and Cecil Eady Bush some time later when further subdivision occurred. These reserves are contiguous and linked together by a good walking track running from Kauri Glen Road by Northcote College Gymnasium, through a newly opened track and on to Woodside Avenue.

Although the forest has been milled for kauri, some large trees of 200 to 300 years in age remain along with many other large native tree specimens. This track largely avoids being too close to the kauri but the new stage is of good grade as it takes you up near the college sports fields. As you near Woodside Avenue it follows an interesting boardwalk along the banks of the Onepoto Stream and its adjacent wetland.

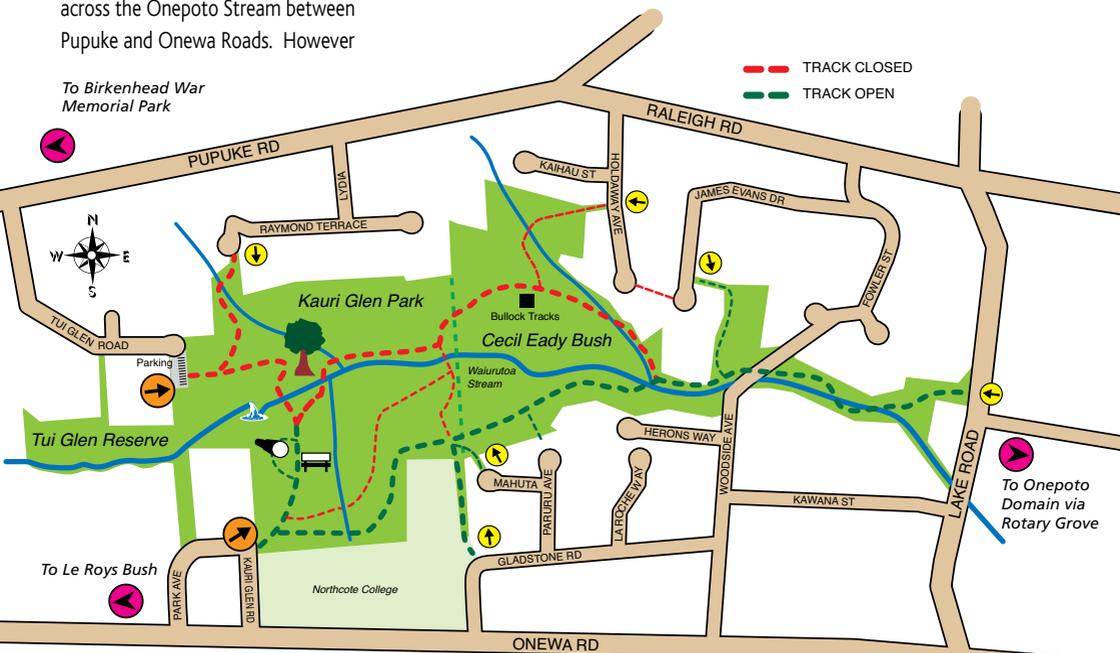
There is also a link from Kauri Glen Road through to Tui Glen Avenue and Raymond Terrace. This latter track is regularly used by college students and local residents as a through route across the Onepoto Stream between Pupuke and Onewa Roads. However

the main track from Tui Glen contains some fine stands of kauri and is due to be upgraded to minimise risk of kauri Dieback, and may well be closed for a season soon while works are carried out. There are also large totaras and tanekaha and some fine specimens of nikau palms - occurring particularly on the track to Raymond Terrace.

There are several other tracks providing an internal 1.5 km loop walk and connections through to Holdaway Avenue. However, these are temporarily closed - again because of the risk of Kauri Dieback, and users need to check for such closures and to respect the barriers and signage.

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To Birkenhead War Memorial Park



# Le Roys Bush | Little Shoal Bay



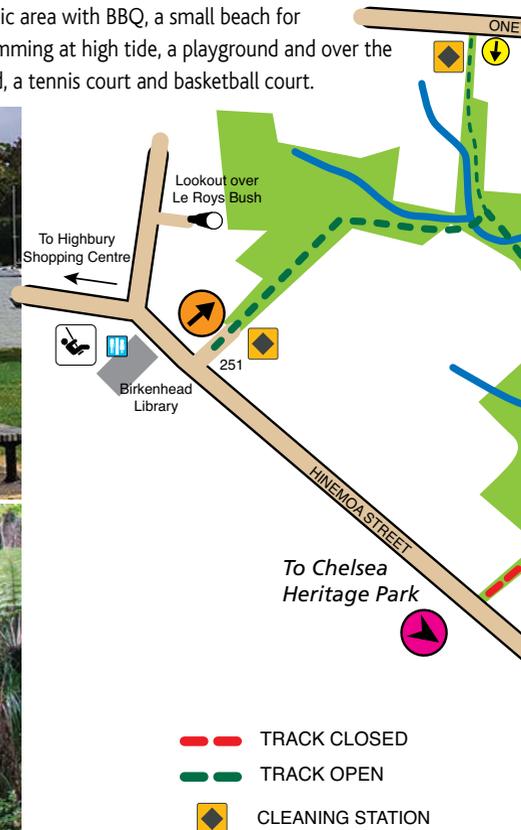
The main entrance is at 251 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead (opposite the library). The boardwalk follows the stream down to the Onewa Road track and across a waterfall and into the valley floor where one footbridge leads down the valley to Little Shoal Bay. The entrance from Hinemoa Street near Le Roy Terrace is closed for kauri protection.

The Little Shoal Bay track runs alongside the upper wetland down to cross tracks between Valley Road and Glade Place. Following down the valley, the track runs

above the north side of the lower wetlands to a junction. Continue straight ahead to Wilding Ave or cross the fields to Little Shoal Bay itself.

The viewing platform, Kaimataara ō Wai Manawa, is located up on Birkenhead Avenue and provides panoramic views of Le Roys Bush, Rangitoto and looking east and south across Auckland.

Little Shoal Bay is a destination on its own, having a picnic area with BBQ, a small beach for swimming at high tide, a playground and over the road, a tennis court and basketball court.





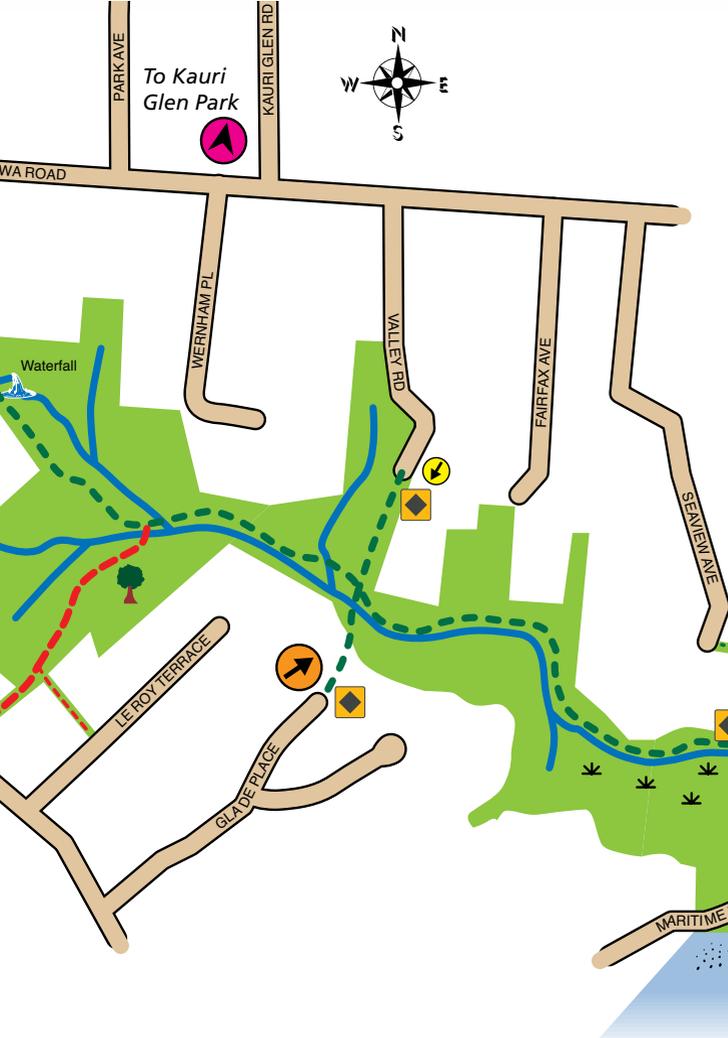
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# Birkenhead War Memorial Park



The Birkenhead War Memorial Park has several entrances to native bush walks. The tracks are predominately firm underfoot and includes some boardwalks and bridges.

The most popular entrances are linked together by open green space within the park. You can enter at the end of Mahara Ave (the park's main entrance), beside the Birkenhead Heritage Society Museum for a short walk to the lower playing fields. On the far side of the playing field, you can enter the bush which will take you through to Park Hill Road, or you can head towards Recreation Drive and as you come out of the gully on the gravel road, there is another entrance which also takes you through to Park Hill Road.

The Birkenhead Pump Track is a marvellous facility for bike riders and skateboarders.



# Onepoto Domain



The main entrance is from Sylvan Avenue into a cul-de-sac spur road. There is foot access from Exmouth Road, from Tarahanga Street and Sylvan Avenue (2 entrances). Another track leads in from Lake Road past the Northcote Tennis Club courts and through a patch of bush and can be exited at Puawai Place or continue along the Onepoto Stream emerging at the southern end of Tarahanga Street.

When beginning your walk or run from the parking area on the spur road, follow the shingle path past the children's play area leading to the track and boardwalk.

A variety of landforms can be seen along the way – areas of native plants now regenerating on the crater rim and in a wetland area where maritime rush and coastal cutty grass are recovering following the removal of invasive pampas grass giving cover to pheasant, quail and pukeko.



To complete a circumnavigation of the Domain take the 'high path' along the rim before descending to skirt the sports arena and then crossing the small bridge over the man-made lake where model yachts are raced and ducks and eels wait to be fed!

# Spinella & Bonito Reserves



The entrance is off Spinella Drive.  
Keep clear of any kauri.

Spinella & Bonito Reserves combine into a small area of bush with a small stream running down the middle. Off Spinella Drive there is a playground and small grassed area for kids to play in. The entrance to the bush area is at the upper end. There are some large rimu and kanuka to be seen while you walk up a gently sloping pathway.

# Smiths Bush



The main entrance is near the cricket clubrooms, off Northcote Road, from where you head east along the track (150m) to reach the start of a loop nature trail.

The nature trail is an elevated boardwalk which is easy walking, and helps protect regenerating native plants. There are some very large puriri trees in the centre of the bush which are well worth seeing. Please stay on the boardwalk and keep dogs on a lead.

# Lynn & Leigh Reserves



Coastal Walkway  
(To Manuka Reserve)



## Lynn Reserve

With grassed areas either side of Lynn Road, Lynn Reserve has a playground, bike trail and outdoor basketball court which provides a great location for the family to enjoy, have a picnic or just run around.

The track is **ONLY** open in the bushed area of Leigh Reserve up to Lynn Road.

**Most of Leigh Reserve is CLOSED.**

# Tuff Crater



Access from Exmouth Road end near No. 74, Arahia St, St Peters St and at two points off The Warehouse Way.

To take on the full walk make a start at the bottom end of Exmouth Road through Heath Reserve, where, to your left the shingle path begins, separating the mangrove filled salt marsh crater from the mingled native and exotic plants growing along the rim. A boardwalk takes over further along, leading to the viewing platform and seating at the cul-de-sac end of St Peters Street. A wide grassy pathway will take you the rest of the way to The Warehouse Way and Akoranga Drive.



# Smaller Destinations

## Ridgewood Reserve

Entrances off Ridgewood Crescent and Roseberry Avenue cul de sac.

A small reserve with plenty of mature native trees and ferns, the track follows a small stream down a gully so you are soon well away from suburbia. There are some steep parts to the track, but not too challenging, and it is well worth the effort.



## Stancich Reserve

The main entrance is off Ocean View Road. Please keep to tracks.

Stancich Reserve is an easy walk with level concrete paths and raised boardwalks throughout. It is a lovely bushed area to walk the dog, or just listen to the bird song and get away from the pressures of city living.



## Rewi Alley

The entrance is off Trias Road.

Rewi Alley Reserve is an open space ideal for a walk or a picnic on the weekend. There is a playground for the kids and a bridge over the pond at the bottom of the reserve. A memorial to Rewi Alley is situated at the main entrance, with shaded seating and a garden.



## Hinemoa Park

The entrance is at end of Hinemoa Street.

Hinemoa Park is a great destination for a family outing – there is a playground, a small beach area and great views of the harbour and Auckland City. You can watch the ferries come and go, and there's always fisherman on the wharf. A small bush reserve has walks up to the top of Birkenhead Point.



## Stokes Point / Te Onewa Pā

The entrance is at end of Princes Street.

This small historic headland is dwarfed by the Auckland Harbour bridge. Kids will love the cars rumbling just metres above them. This vantage spot was occupied for many centuries and remnants of the pā site can still be seen today. The boardwalk leads to a waka-shaped pou whenua that acknowledges the gods, future leaders and community.



## Manuka Reserve

The entrance is off Manuka Road.

A delightful family picnic spot with playground, easy access boatramp to launch canoes, kayaks, etc. at high-tide. Some easy bushwalks are at the upper end of the reserve. At the top part of the playground area, there is a wide walkway that takes you into a secluded grassed area which is perfect for picnics. There is also a dedicated dog park to exercise your dog.

Dog Park



# Active Communities



## Marlborough Park

The main entrance is off Chartwell Avenue.

With a playground, BBQ area, flying fox, rope climbing frame and skate boarding bowl – Marlborough Park has a great range of amenities for the whole family. With plenty of grassed areas to play on as well, and walkways through native bush, the park is a great destination for all ages. There is plenty of parking at the main entrance so make a plan to visit soon.



## Normanton Reserve

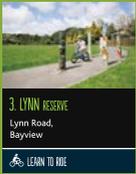
The entrance is off Normanton Street.

Normanton Reserve has something for everyone. There's a great playground for the kids, a bike circuit, a basketball court for the teenagers, and an exercise circuit for people looking to improve their health.

But even if you just want a relaxing walk or a seat to read the paper, the park has a peaceful, quiet feel to it that appeals to everyone.



# Active Communities



# Playgrounds

A selection of our many playgrounds in Kaipātiki.

## Camelot Reserve

38 Kaipātiki Road, Glenfield



## Locket Reserve

Archers Road, Glenfield



## Inwards Reserve

57 Salisbury Road, Birkdale



## Portsea Reserve

104 Chelsea View Drive, Chatswood



## Island Bay Reserve

113 Island Bay Road, Beach Haven



## Tamahere Reserve

55 Tamahere Drive, Glenfield



## Jean Sampson Reserve

25 Queen Street, Northcote Point



## Tui Park

Rambler Crescent, Beach Haven



## Little Shoal Bay Reserve

Council Terrace, Birkenhead



## Windy Ridge Reserve

Seaview Road, Glenfield



## Lynn Reserve

Lynn Road, Bayview



## Vandeleur Reserve

39 Vandeleur Avenue, Birkdale



# Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society

Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society (PFK), is a community-led initiative in the Kaipātiki Local Board area.

## Our vision

The vision is to be pest free by 2026; to create a Kaipātiki where birds and other native wildlife flourish, and everyone works together to support our natural heritage.

## What we do

We're incredibly lucky in Kaipātiki to have 530 hectares of reserves and walkways and 32% forest cover - much more than any other inner-city suburb. Unfortunately, these forests are under threat from introduced species which, if left unchecked, could drive to extinction some very special taonga. To counter this, Kaipātiki locals have mobilised to form PFK - focussing on four main areas of activity:

1. Removing pest plants - currently targeting wild ginger, woolly nightshade and moth plant,
2. Eradicating introduced predators such as rats, possums, and stoats - to give our birds a fighting chance
3. Minimising the spread of kauri dieback disease
4. Restoration of natural areas to make them more attractive to native birds, bats and other native wildlife

In recent times, managing the threat of kauri dieback has been a major focus for PFK. Strongly proactive about protecting the kauri of Kaipātiki, PFK have lobbied hard for track and reserve closures to minimise the transmission of the disease.

Although the disease has no known cure, it is generally accepted that healthier ecosystems are more resilient to disease than ones under stress, e.g. the stress resulting from ecological pests, or from tree roots being cut or walked over.

With this in mind, PFK created the Ecological Halo - the integration of pest plant, pest animal and pest free schools programmes to create a well-supported buffer of kaitiaki households around sensitive kauri areas. Funding for traps and other resources was provided from Auckland Council to deliver the project.

Ecological Halo were designed to encourage behaviour change within the community while encompassing action against weeds and predators. By reducing the environmental burden of pests, native biodiversity is supported, giving our precious kauri the best chance of resistance. The objective is not only improved ecosystem health and resilience, but also engaged and strengthened communities who feel more connected to their environment and with each other.



There are many local groups working in local reserves: trapping, weeding and planting. PFK hosts a bimonthly meeting of people working in these reserves so ideas can be swapped and new initiatives can be discussed.

PFK also facilitate the distribution of funds for contractor assistance to volunteer groups to assist in projects that may be too difficult or too big for volunteers.

## How can you get involved

If you know of a reserve in need of some TLC please get in touch; we can provide expert advice, tools, contractors, and assistance to get you going. Alternatively join one of the existing groups already working on the land. See page 26 for the contact details of a reserve group near you that would love your support.

Citizen Science month is a great way to get involved in the annual monitoring programme. There are lots of family friendly activities that will interest young and old while contributing to our monitoring work.

Alternatively people are always needed to assist in running the tool shed, or helping at our community events. There are many ways to get involved.

## Getting more information and staying in touch

- Subscribe to the PFK newsletter to stay in touch with our work and events
- Attending a training session.
- Connect with us on Facebook [facebook.com/pestfreekaipatiki](https://facebook.com/pestfreekaipatiki)
- Become a member by completing the form at [www.pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz](http://www.pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz)



# Getting resources and advice

Help make your patch pest free by borrowing equipment from the Pest Free Kaipatiki Tool Shed.

**Time:** 9am - 11am (drop in)

**Date:** Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

**Venue:** Birkenhead Senior Citizens Hall, 251 Hinemoa St, Birkenhead (opposite Birkenhead Library - go down the driveway - the BSCA hall is on your left as you go down to the Le Roys Bush boardwalk)



*Tool shed*



*Predator monitoring equipment*



*Predator control - traps*



*Predator control - bait stations*



*Weeding/planting tools and equipment*



*Weeding - herbicide*

## There is a wide variety of tools to choose from:

- Tools for weeding
- Poisons for weeds
- Weed bags for composting at home (limited numbers)
- Ginger barrels for composting at home (limited numbers)
- Traps for a variety of predators such as rats and possums
- Bait for predator bait stations
- Gas powered predator devices for purchase
- Sterigene spray for cleaning boots against kauri dieback
- Educational material for weeds, predators, kauri dieback and tracks
- Helpful tips and suggestions

For more information visit [www.pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz/toolshed](http://www.pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz/toolshed)

## Pest plants: recognise, report, remove & restore

Moth plant, wild ginger, woolly nightshade and other pest plants are invading the Kaipatiki Local Board area! Controlling them when they are small is easy and cheap. However if they are left to grow, they can harbour rats and spread across your property and to nearby reserves, smothering our native bush.

### Take action as soon as possible:

1. Recognise pest plants using the Forest & Bird guide and other resources available on the Pest Free Kaipātiki website.
2. Report pest plant sites using the Ecotrack app: <https://ecotrack.nz>.

3. Remove pest plants, following best practice outlined in the Forest & Bird guide. Ensure that pods and seed heads are securely disposed of in landfill or in one of our community pest plant disposal bins.
4. Restore native biodiversity by joining a restoration group.

If engaging a contractor to control pests, please ensure that they are aware of best practice. We can provide you with our list of recommended weed control and restoration contractors.

For further information and advice:

Visit [pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz/pestplants](http://pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz/pestplants)

Email [pestplants@pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:pestplants@pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz)

## Free training & certification

Pest Free Kaipātiki runs the following professional courses for anyone living in the Kaipātiki area:

### Kauri Hygiene Training & Certification

Run under the auspices of Auckland Council. The training is available to residents, volunteers and contractors who are involved in pest control in kauri reserves or on private property.

### Caring for your Kauri

This workshop is designed for people who have kauri on their property and want to learn how to protect them.

### Pest Plant & Predator Training

Learn about the pest plants and predators in your neighbourhood and the practical actions you can take to regenerate our native forest.

### Kaipātiki School's Training Program

This initiative provides both teachers and property managers with skills and resources to go pest free and live more sustainably. If your school would like to get involved please contact us.

# Volunteer Groups



## Support your local groups

There are more than 50 active volunteer groups in Kaipātiki. They are working together to keep our backyards, shared spaces, parks and reserves pest-free. If you would like to get involved please contact your local group:

For more information visit [www.pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz/getinvolved](http://www.pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz/getinvolved)

Group	Contact details /facebook
(CHERPA) Chelsea Heritage Estate Regional Park Assn	facebook.com/CHERPANZ/
Onepoto Residents Association Inc (Onepoto Basin)	sb@datumgroup.co.nz
Akoranga Reserve	cyclergernz@gmail.com
Arcadia Reserve	facebook.com/livingbayview/
Beyond the Fence	facebook.com/beyondthefencebirkenhead/
Birkenhead War Memorial Park	facebook.com/BirkenheadWarMemorialPark/
Eksdale Reserve	kaipatiki.org.nz/
Fernglen	facebook.com/fernglengardens
Friends of Le Roys Bush	facebook.com/groups/FriendsOfLeRoysBush/
Friends of Linley Reserve	facebook.com/linleyreserve/
Friends of Monarch Park	facebook.com/friendsofmonarchpark
Friends of Shepherd park	facebook.com/groups/FriendsofShepherdsPark/about/
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Kaipātiki Project	kaipatiki.org.nz/
Kauri Glen	facebook.com/groups/1509081389389669/
Kauri Park Restoration Group	facebook.com/groups/kauriparkconservation/
Kauri Point & Chatswood	kpcpcr@gmail.com
Living Bayview	www.facebook.com/livingbayview/
Bayview - Leigh & Lynn Reserve	www.facebook.com/livingbayview/
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Stancich Reserve Trappers	rgouldstone@xtra.co.nz
Tuff Crater	forestandbird.org.nz/branches/north-shore/tuff-crater-restoration-project
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Witheford Reserve	kaipatiki.org.nz/
Society Totally Against Moth Plant	mothplantlocations@gmail.com

# Kaipātiki Project

## Growing sustainable future for people and nature

Kaipātiki Project is an innovative eco-hub, growing a sustainable future for people and nature. We do this by empowering people, inspiring connection with nature and enabling sustainable living.

Along with over 800 volunteers annually, we run a thriving native plant nursery where we grow 40,000+ native plants every year and plant them back in the local reserves. We facilitate forest, stream and estuary regeneration days, promote zero waste and encourage growing your own food.

We started in 1998, when a small group of enthusiastic volunteers weeded a local reserve to prevent the small forest fragment degrading further. Soon the neighbours were regularly volunteering their time and energy restoring local bush reserves.

We have steadily grown over the years, and as north Auckland's eco-hub, we continue to inspire communities to restore local bush reserves and live sustainably.



**Kaipātiki Project**  
share in nature's revival

### Contact Us:

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## Environment Centre and two nursery sites

Our EcoHub at 17 Lauderdale Road in Birkdale serves as our office, classroom and a meeting venue. The building is being demolished and rebuilt to become fit for purpose and help us achieve our vision.

Our main nursery is adjacent to our EcoHub and the Engine Bay Community Plant Nursery is on Bomb Point Drive in Hobsonville Point.

Every year, we eco-source, propagate and pot up tens of thousands of native plants to help restore the bush for our native birds, animals and plants, and remove carbon from our atmosphere. Our community-driven, chemical-free kaupapa is part of our regenerative, whole system approach.

We welcome weekly volunteers at both nursery sites.



## Teaching Garden & Compost Hub

Our vision is that everyone's food needs are met from local sources, and therefore we seek to support and enable people to grow locally as well as sustainably.

Building a sustainable edible garden is a circular process starting with improving soil fertility, planting

strong seeds, maintaining plant health organically to produce nutrient dense food, harvesting and sharing this abundance with community, saving seeds for the next growing season, and working to the environmental conditions. All our organic material including food scraps are composted to go back into the soil, drawing down carbon and reversing climate change.



## Eskdale Reserve restoration

The initial inspiration and continued focus for Kaipātiki Project's restoration work lies in the Eskdale Reserve Network. These reserves combined (approx. 74h) are one of the most unique urban forest eco systems and the largest urban forest in Tāmaki Makaurau ecological region. Forming part of the North-West Wildlink, they provide large areas of continuous urban native vegetation. We facilitate volunteer activities year round in the reserve that contribute to Predator Free 2050, the reduction of invasive weed species and improving native eco-systems.



# Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust



The Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust (KCFT) has a partnering agreement with the Kaipātiki Local Board to provide a connected community approach through the community development work model. Through this model, KCFT provides a variety of community activations, projects, programmes and key events that meet the needs of our Kaipātiki residents, while also increasing neighbourhood sustainability.

The Trust provides support around Tikanga Māori, and all that increases Te Ao Māori, shared outcomes and benefits through collaboration with mataawaka/mana whenua driven kaupapa. The Trust will ensure that local Māori are involved within the leadership of appropriate consultation/ hui and projects.

We use the "Five Wellbeings" approach in our community development activities to firstly, increase connections within our community, and then to encourage participation, enable the transfer of skills between people, develop self-reliance, build organisational capacity thus ensuring local ownership of projects and decisions. KCFT utilises local resources to solve local problems and, in the end, effectively increases the amount of social capital available within our community.

Key areas of engagement include:

- Strategic Partnerships and Collaboration
- Community Development and Wellbeing for all sectors
- Projects, events and activations that meet community needs
- Summertime and Wintertime Programme in Parks and Reserves
- Kaipātiki Community Networks
- Kaipātiki Youth Projects
- Arts and Culture Projects
- Media Resources / Communications



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## KCFT online

You can now access a huge range of resources and information online at our website [www.kcft.org.nz](http://www.kcft.org.nz).

