



Cascade Walkway



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Entry to the Cascade Walkway is via numerous entry points along the walkway (see inside map).

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Discover Cascade Walkway

The Cascade Walkway is full of surprises. Along its 6km stretch you can enjoy the sweet scent of pine trees, rest beside a gentle stream, step back in time at the Howick Historical Village or catch a game of sport at one of the many fine facilities in Lloyd Elsmore Park, Millhouse and Meadowlands Reserves. If you like bird watching, jogging, walking or exploring, the Cascade Walkway has plenty to offer.

Howick Historical Village

The Cascade Walkway runs next to the Howick Historical Village, where you can experience life in Howick back in the 1800s. Over 25 buildings dating from 1840 to 1880, are authentically set among old fashioned gardens. The village is brought to life by historical interpreters dressed in period costume. Opening hours are 10am-4pm during winter and 10am-5pm in summer, seven days a week. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch or to dine at the Homestead Café.

Recreational Opportunities

Walking

Bush clad gullies, wide open spaces, stands of tall trees and cascading creeks create a peaceful setting for walking or jogging. Sturdy footwear is recommended for some unpaved areas during wet weather.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome along the walkway provided they are kept under control, and do not disturb wildlife or other park users. Dogs are not permitted on sport fields or near children's playgrounds.

Playgrounds

A modern children's playground can be found off Gosford Drive, set on a large open grassed area, with a row of tall pine trees forming a pleasant backdrop. There are also three playgrounds within the vicinity of Lloyd Elsmore Park, the equal access playground opposite the swimming complex, Nanbells playground on Ladymarie Drive, and the award winning Ellerslie Flower Show Children's Heritage Park adjacent to the Howick Historical Village.

Sports

At both ends of the Cascade Walkway there are opportunities for sport. At the renowned Lloyd Elsmore Park there is a wide range of sporting facilities such as cricket, rugby and soccer grounds. There are also tennis courts and an established swimming pool complex. At Millhouse and Meadowlands Reserves you will also find excellent sporting facilities.



Hattaway Bridge

The handsome stone and wood construction of the Hattaway bridge forms a proud link with the area's rich colonial history. Near the bridge you can see scoria paving stones which are the remains of an old coach road once leading to the Cascade Farm, owned by Captain Robert Hattaway in the 1860s. The macrocarpa trees by the bridge were planted by Maria Hattaway.

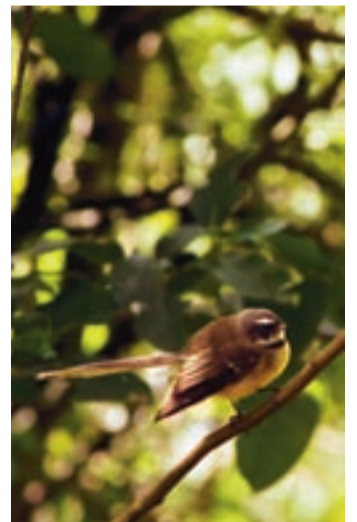


Viewing Platform

Nestled above a gully of ponga and cabbage trees, a wooden platform provides you with a view over the Cascade waterfall, where Botany Creek empties into a sheltered tidal amphitheatre. Behind the grass terrace is a 'ditch and bank' hawthorn hedge that once protected the Cascade farm orchard, said to have grown Lord Nelson apples as big as a child's head.

Wildlife

You are often treated to a chorus of birdsong while enjoying a leisurely stroll along the walkway, particularly in spring. The varying terrain and vegetation attract a diverse bird population. Among the native plants you may see fantail (piwakawaka) and tui, around stream beds white faced heron, kingfisher (kotare) and pukeko. Red crowned parakeet can occasionally be seen in the tree tops and pheasant in the grasslands.



Clusters of monarch butterflies can be found among groups of large trees along the walkway. On warm days they can be seen fluttering from plant to plant.

Vegetation

Many of the large trees along the walkway are part of the legacy of the Hattaway's 19th century settlement. The oak trees by Lochend Place are over a hundred years old and are near where the Cascade farm homestead once stood. Parts of the walkway are gradually being revegetated and many of the established native trees and shrubs have been planted by local school children.

