

## 9 Auckland Domain

10 minutes from the Auckland CBD



20 Park Rd, Grafton, Auckland

The Auckland Domain is the city's oldest and largest park with 10 hectares of sports fields, formal gardens, green clearings edged by mature trees, an impressive statuary, paths through native bush, duck ponds, and numerous picnic spots. The heritage wintergardens are open all year round with temperate and tropical plant display houses, a formal courtyard and a fernery.

Activities and facilities

## 13 Cornwall Park

10 minutes from the Auckland CBD



One Tree Hill. Accessible from Greenlane Rd, Manukau Rd or Campbell Rd, Auckland  
Cornwall Park features landscaped gardens, farm animals, exotic and native trees, free barbecue facilities, and wonderful views from the summit of the adjacent One Tree Hill. Learn about Maori history at the Maungakiekie Education Centre, information about the park is available from the Information Centre in historic Huia Lodge, open daily 10am-4pm.

Activities and facilities

## 17 Mangere Mountain

25 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Main entrance on Domain Road, Mangere Bridge or for Education/Visitors Centre 100 Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge, Manukau

Forged by violent volcanic forces and chiselled by centuries of human occupation – come and experience the mystery of Mangere Mountain. Overlooking the Manukau Harbour, Mangere Mountain is a short drive from Auckland International Airport.

Activities and facilities

## 10 Auckland Botanic Gardens

35 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Hill Road, Manurewa, Auckland (off the motorway heading south)

Auckland Botanic Gardens stretches over 64 hectares and is home to over 10,000 plants. Stroll around the garden paths and discover the many plants from all around the world. If you are after refreshment, stop in at Cafe Miko, which has sweeping views of the gardens and is open for brunch, lunch and afternoon tea. Gates open 8am until dusk daily. Entry to the gardens is free.

Activities and facilities

## 14 Rangitoto Island

25 minutes by ferry from the Auckland CBD



Hauraki Gulf, Auckland

Rangitoto Island is Auckland's youngest volcano having emerged from the sea only 600 years ago. The island has developed a unique plant community including the largest pohutukawa forest in New Zealand. A number of short walks and tracks start from Rangitoto Wharf. Make sure you take plenty of water and a sunhat as the heat from the lava can be intense on sunny days.

Activities and facilities

## 18 Bruce Pulman Park

35 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Walters Rd, Takanini, Papakura

Bruce Pulman Park has world class sports grounds and indoor facilities in 52 hectares of spacious park surroundings incorporating netball, gymnastics, rugby, touch, cricket, athletics and blokarting.

Activities and facilities

## 11 Selwyn Reserve/Mission Bay

15 minutes from the Auckland CBD



48-56 Tamaki Dr, Mission Bay, Auckland

One of Auckland City's most popular waterfront locations, Selwyn Reserve is very popular during summer months for many organised events, and is great venue for those who wish to relax in the sun, swim, be active on the water, try wind surfing or go for a city walk. The 1950's fountain, a major visual attraction, is once again putting on spectacular water and light shows following restoration.

Activities and facilities

## 15 Ambury Regional Park

20 minutes from the Auckland CBD



End of Murr Avenue, Mangere Bridge, Manukau

Only 15km from central Auckland experience a working farm, with its variety of cattle and sheep breeds, and a changing assortment of goats, chickens, pigs and a horse! Children and adults alike can get close and touch animals, take part in hand milking, see sheep shearing and have a go at spinning wool.

Activities and facilities

## 19 Karioitahi Beach

50 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Head south along State Highway 1, then turn left at Highway 22 drive towards Waiuku and follow the signs from there, Franklin.

A great access point to the beautiful West Coast, 5 minutes due West from Waiuku. Excellent surfing and fishing opportunities. Showcases breath-taking views of the black sand beach.

Activities and facilities

## 12 Waiatarua Reserve

20 minutes from the Auckland CBD



98 Abbots Way, Meadowbank, Auckland

New Zealand's biggest urban wetland restoration project, this unique wetland covers 20 hectares. Of great geological, historical and ecological value, this reserve provides a wonderful sanctuary for a variety of bird life. Park facilities include a playground, skatepark, viewing platforms, toilets and a dog exercise area.

Activities and facilities

## 16 Murphy's Bush

30 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Main Entrance off Murphy's Road, Manukau

Wander amongst towering stands of kahikatea at Murphy's Bush, just seven minutes from Manukau City Centre. The lush native forest, sheltered grassy clearings and peaceful rural setting, provide a pleasant retreat for walks and picnics. The main entrance and carpark are off Murphy's Rd, Flat Bush.

Activities and facilities

## 20 Graham's Beach

90 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Head south along State Highway 1, turn left at State Highway 22 to Waiuku, from here head up the Awhitu Peninsular towards the northern tip, Franklin.

Located on the Manukau Harbour and one of Franklin's beautiful seaside reserves at Grahams Beach. Perfect for a family fun day of picnicking, swimming and kicking a ball around.

Activities and facilities

A TASTE OF PARKS  
within the Auckland region

# you're invited

The Auckland region offers diverse parkland – free for you to enjoy. Inside is a sampler of some of the best parks provided by the 10 national, regional, local, and private agencies that manage the region's parks. From the volcanic cones, to rugged forest ranges, and from islands to sandy beaches and city parks; there is a park for you. Find out what they offer, how to get there and agency contacts if you'd like to know more.

Take the time to visit a few of these parks, soak up the fresh air and take pleasure in being in the great outdoors.

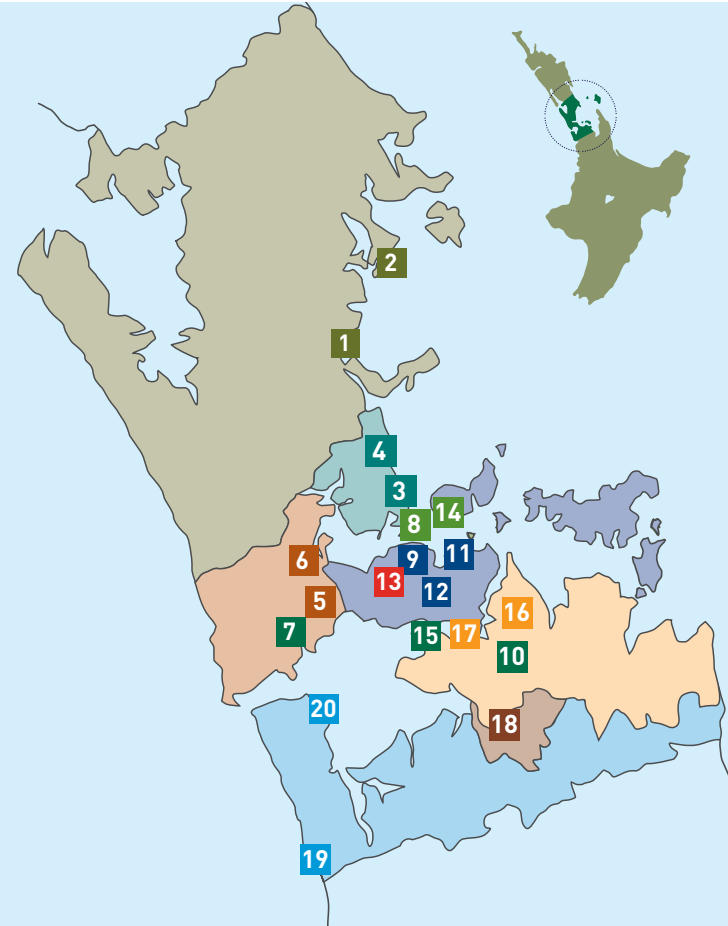


# Introduction

Park agencies of the Auckland region are responsible for the protection of natural and cultural heritage and facilitating people's recreation, knowledge, and health in the outdoors.

Whether you want to expand your mind, relax your spirit, challenge yourself physically, find solitude or enjoy the company of family and friends, this brochure will get you started.

**KIA PAI TO RA – HAVE A GREAT DAY!**



## → Department of Conservation

In the Auckland Region, DOC administers about 36,000 hectares of public conservation lands, extending from the Kaipara Harbour entrance and Mangawhai in the north, to the Waikato River and Miranda in the south. It includes many of the islands of the Hauraki Gulf. **For more information** please telephone the Auckland Visitor Centre on (09) 379 6476 or visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)

## → Auckland Regional Council

The ARC is responsible for the places that Aucklanders care about most – our coasts, beaches and natural environment. ARC protect some of the best native forest, landscape, coastal areas and wildlife habitats in the Auckland region. Regional parks offer a wide range of walking, mountain biking, horse riding and camping opportunities. **For more information** please telephone customer services on (09) 366 2000 or visit [www.arc.govt.nz](http://www.arc.govt.nz)

## → Auckland City Council

Auckland City is New Zealand's largest city at approximately 637km<sup>2</sup>. It has a huge range of quality parks and beaches for the general public to enjoy. Auckland is built on a narrow isthmus between the Waitamata and Manukau harbours, and is surrounded by extinct volcanoes and picturesque islands. **For more information** please telephone the 24hr call centre on (09) 379 2020 or visit [www.aucklandcity.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz)

## → Cornwall Park Trust

Cornwall Park is a landscaped park designed for the recreation and enjoyment of the general public. The park is centred around a volcanic cone, One tree Hill/Manunakiekie. The park is vested in the Cornwall Park Trust Board who administers the park. It is renowned for its landscape design and wide variety of mature trees. **For more information**, contact the Cornwall Park Information Centre on (09) 630 8485 or email [hualodge@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hualodge@xtra.co.nz).

## → Franklin District Council

Franklin District has wide open spaces and a rural lifestyle. There are lots of recreational options in Franklin. There is beautiful coast including the black sand beach of Karioitahi, and the beaches of Port Waikato and the Awhitu Peninsula. Its close proximity to Auckland, the International Airport and two busy ports allow for easy access. **For more information** please telephone customer services on (09) 237 1300 or visit [www.franklindistrict.co.nz](http://www.franklindistrict.co.nz)

## → Manukau City Council

Manukau city is the gateway to the Auckland region and home to the Auckland International Airport. To the west is the vast shallow Manukau harbour renowned for fishing and boating. While to the east are the playgrounds of the Hauraki Gulf, the Firth of Thames and the splendid farmlands of Whitford and Clevedon. **For more information** please contact the 24hr call centre on (09) 262 5104.

## → North Shore City Council

North of the Auckland harbour bridge, North Shore City is New Zealand's fourth largest city known for its magnificent beaches and lifestyle. Surrounded by sea, the city has an unbroken 140km of urban coastline to enjoy. Plus more than 400 parks and walkways through native bush surroundings. **For more information** please telephone customer services on (09) 486 8600 or email [actionline@northshorecity.govt.nz](mailto:actionline@northshorecity.govt.nz).

## → Papakura District Council

Papakura enjoys a good all year round climate which makes it ideal for relaxing in the great outdoors. The District has a large number of well maintained parks and reserves for the community and visitors to enjoy. **For more information** please telephone customer service on (09) 295 1300 or email [customerservices@papakura.govt.nz](mailto:customerservices@papakura.govt.nz).

## → Rodney District Council

Only 30min from the Auckland CBD, The Rodney District has over 1000km of stunning coastline, from the calm waters of the East coast to the awesome surf in the west. Rodney offers a multitude of water-based activities as well as a wide range of beautiful inland parks to enjoy. **For more information** please contact the Rodney customer services team on 0800 426 5169 or (09) 426 5169. Email: [info@rodney.govt.nz](mailto:info@rodney.govt.nz).

## → Waitakere City Council

Waitakere City is made up of three broad geographic areas, defined by topography and land use: the Waitakere Ranges, Eastern foothills and lowlands. Waitakere City has a number of open spaces scattered throughout the city for the public to utilise. **For more information** please telephone customer services on (09) 839 0400 or email [info@waitakere.govt.nz](mailto:info@waitakere.govt.nz).

## 1 Orewa Reserve

30 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Activities and facilities

State Highway 1, Orewa, Rodney

The reserve of 10 hectares comprises a large beach front strip and a mixture of specimen trees and grove planting. The northern part of the reserve caters for public use. It has two regional parks in close proximity - their scenic walks and pleasant picnic areas adding variety to the experience.

## 2 Martins Bay

75 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Activities and facilities

East of Algies Bay at the end of Mahurangi East Rd, near Warkworth, Rodney

Overlooking the Mahurangi Peninsula, popular boat cruising areas and the rich fishing grounds of the historic Kawau Island, Martins Bay has become one of Rodney District's favourite holiday spots. Fronting the bay is a public camping ground known as Martins Bay Holiday Park. The vast open spaces make it a popular recreation area.

## 3 Takapuna Beach

10 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Activities and facilities

The Strand, Takapuna, North Shore

Takapuna Beach Reserve, adjacent to the beach in the heart of Takapuna, boasts stunning views of Rangitoto and other Hauraki Gulf islands. Takapuna Beach has good parking, a large boat ramp, toilets and a changing block.

## 4 Browns Bay

20 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Activities and facilities

Beachfront Lane, Browns Bay, North Shore

Located on the beach front reserve at the north end of Browns Bay is an innovative playground and skatebowl. Links from the playground to the nearby skate bowl has made the Browns Bay beachfront a destination for children and young people alike.

## 5 Olympic Park

20 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Activities and facilities

Cnr Portage Rd and Clark St, Waitakere

Recently upgraded with a new adventure playground that can be used by the whole family.

## 6 Waitakere Stadium

15 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Activities and facilities

65-67 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Waitakere

The esplanade reserve on the shores of the Henderson Creek has some wonderful trees and vegetation, and the Chris Timms Jetty over looks the Henderson Creek. Access is via gate entry 3, with a walkway between sports fields 2 and 3.

## 7 Arataki Visitor Centre (Waitakere Ranges Regional Park)

30 minutes from the Auckland CBD



Activities and facilities

Off Scenic Drive, Waitakere

Arataki Visitor Centre in Auckland's beautiful Waitakere Ranges features breathtaking 360° views of Auckland, and is an informative and fun place to visit. Learn about the environment, our heritage, and find out what there is to see and do in the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park.

## 8 North Head Historic Reserve

10 minutes by ferry from the Auckland



Activities and facilities

Devonport, North Shore

North Head is considered to be the most significant historical coastal defence site in New Zealand. It's commanding views over the Hauraki Gulf and inner harbour have made it an important lookout. Spend some time walking the coastal track and exploring the tunnels, guns, searchlights and defences spread across the reserve. In the Stone Kitchen you can view the fascinating story of North Head and its many layers of human history.