



Rotary Walkway



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

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Discover Rotary Walkway

Gently meandering at the water's edge of the Tamaki River and Wakaaranga Creek, the Rotary Walkway in Pakuranga provides a peaceful setting for you to enjoy walking, cycling or jogging. The ebb and flow of tides, seasonal gathering of birds and the coming and going of boats, form an integral part of the ever changing scenery. The new section means walkers can meander from Pigeon Mountain (Ohuiarangi) all the way to Pakuranga Road.

There are many points of interest along the walkway from Rotary Reserve to Pigeon Mountain (Ohuiarangi) including extensive views up and down the Tamaki River (Te Wai o Mokoia), layers of ash, peat and ignimbrite, wetland areas and features of historical and cultural significance.



History of the Rotary Walkway

The walkway along the banks of the Tamaki River began as a section of footpath laid during the subdivision of Farm Cove. Struck by its tranquil location and recreational potential, the Pakuranga Rotary Club approached Manukau City Council in 1978 with a proposal to extend the foot path. The council supported the idea and agreed to contribute to the cost of materials and machinery, with Rotary providing coordination and labour. And so a partnership was forged, with a new section of the pathway being laid each year. In March 2007 the walkway extension between St Kentigern College and Pakuranga Road was officially opened to the public.

Recreational Opportunities

The walkway provides the public with a wide range of recreational opportunities:

Walking

The walkway is paved and relatively flat, making it suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and a range of fitness levels. The walkway stretches over nearly 5 kilometres, with a return trip taking around 2 hours and 45 minutes. Numerous entry points along the way make it easy to vary the length of your walk.

Beach

The small sandy beach off Bramley Drive is an ideal place to stop for a picnic or just relax and enjoy the expansive views. Parking is available nearby.

BMX

There is a BMX track on the southern side of Pigeon Mountain (Ohuiarangi).

Playground

There is a children's playground next to Prince Regent Drive.

Cycles

The Rotary Walkway is popular for walking, jogging and cycling. Established paths are not wide enough to accommodate separate pedestrian and cycle lanes. So to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all users, cyclists are requested to give way to pedestrians and to take particular care when approaching blind corners.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome along the walkway, provided they are kept under control and on a leash. Owners must also ensure that their dogs do not disturb wildlife or other park users.

Water Sports

The walkway provides convenient access for a range of water-based sport, such as fishing, wind surfing and kayaking. The Pakuranga Sailing Club is based at Bramley Drive.

Wakaaranga Creek

The tidal wetland of Wakaaranga Creek is an important habitat for a variety of wildlife. The mangroves at the entrance to the creek have strong horizontal root systems that stabilise the mud banks, and pencil-like aerial breathing roots protruding from the mud. The canopy of the mangroves provides a protective breeding area for many crustaceans and fish. At low tide, white faced herons can be seen feasting on tiny crabs emerging from the myriad of pockmarks in the mud. Fantails (piwakawaka), kingfishers (kotare) and pukeko are a common sight along the creek margins.

Tamaki River

The Tamaki River provides feeding and roosting areas for a range of coastal bird species. Large flocks of wading birds frequent the spit and a stretch of coast near the entrance to the estuary, such as the South Island Pied Oystercatcher (Torea) that return in late summer after breeding on South Island riverbeds.

Geological Interest (ash and peat)

Along the walkway between St Kentigern College and Pakuranga Sailing Club, you are able to see white volcanic pumice deposits (ignimbrite) in the cliff adjacent to the walkway. These deposits of ignimbrite are up to 1.2 million years old. In some places along the Tamaki River, the ignimbrite is up to 6 metres thick. This gives an indication of the large scale eruptions in the lake Taupo-Rotorua areas which deposited material over a large area of our land.

Interbedded with the white volcanic ash and pumice is a distinctive brown material. This is peat, resulting from the smothering and decomposition of flora and fauna during periods of volcanic activity.

Further volcanic activity in Auckland (Tamaki Makau Rau) region is evident in the many volcanoes dotting the isthmus. The Panmure Basin, Mt Wellington (Maungarei), Pigeon Mountain (Ohuiarangi), Rangitoto, Motutapu and Browns Island (Motukorea) are all volcanoes that can be seen from the walkway.

