











SHORT WALKS AND PICNIC SPOTS ON THE KAPITI COAST

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Otaki	
1. Pare-o-matenga Reserve	Pare-O-Matenga Reserve: Rahui Rd - just off SH1. New Native planting, several levels, walk up from Rahui Road.
2. Haruatai Park  (sections)	Haruatai Park: Mill Road, Otaki. Picnic and play area. Heated indoor swimming pool. Tennis & squash courts. Large park for games.
3. Otaki Beach & River mouth	Otaki Beach and river mouth: Good walking along beach. Safe swimming within flagged area beside the Surf Club. Fishing at river mouth.
4. Otaki River walkways – North & South banks	Otaki River: (West side of highway) South bank – Stop bank walkway from SH1 – 3km. North bank pathway being developed – probably open by late 2005, please use with care.
5. Otaki Forks	Otaki Forks: 15km up Otaki Gorge Rd. While Otaki Forks is best know as the starting point for many longer and overnight tramps into the Tararuas it is also a great picnic area with opportunities for short walks. Picnic tables.
Waikanae & Waikanae Beach	
6. Rutherford Drive to Peka Peka	Rutherford Dr, to Peka Peka: Loop Walk 3kms 1 – 1½ hrs. North end of Waikanae Beach to Marram Way or Peka Peka Rd and return via beach. NB: Horses and cyclists also use this route. Suitable for mobility scooters but too steep for most wheelchairs.
7. Nga Manu Nature Reserve  (sections)	Nga Manu Nature Reserve: Allow 2 to 4 hours 3 to 4 kms north along Ngarara Rd. Birds (including kiwis), eels, lakes, and extensive walks through native bush. Islands of rare and endangered native plants and ferns. All facilities – entrance fee.
8. Waikanae Park  (sections)	Waikanae Park: Ngarara Road, Waikanae. Park area – walking and picnic spots. Playground, skateboards, swimming pool.
9. Waikanae Central	There are three small reserves in Waikanae that have short walks through them; beautiful native bush and trees. Russell Reserve: west end of Ngaio Road. Motuiti Reserve: between Ngaio Road and Iti Grove. Wi Parata Reserve: accessed from Kapanui Rd, Kanawa St, Tawa St, and Rimu St.
10. Kohekohe Walk	Kohekohe Walk: 20 mins each way. Tui Crescent to Kakariki Grove. This walk is the first section of the Hemi Matenga track (see Kapiti Coast Walks). Stream, native bush, and views.
11. Waimeha Lagoon	Waimeha Lagoon: ½ hr loop walk. Queens Rd, Waikanae Beach – north of Waimanu Lagoons. Bird hide, wetland boardwalk, playground.
12. Waimanu Lagoons  (sections)	Waimanu Lagoons: ¾ to 1 hr for full loop walk. Waikanae Beach – next to River Estuary. Main access Tutere St, but also from Barrett Drive and the coastal/river track from Otaihanga Picnic tables.
13. Waikanae River Estuary – Scientific reserve	Waikanae River Scientific Reserve: 1km – ½ hr North end of Manly Street, Paraparaumu Beach.
14. & 15. Waikanae River walkways (North & South banks)	Waikanae River South Bank: Otaihanga Domain to SH1 4.6km – 1¼ hrs one way. North Bank: Access from most roads that turn south off Te Moana Rd, however, main entrances are: Fleetwood Grove, Nimmo Ave West, Greenaway Road, and Tutere St. Waikanae Beach to Otaihanga footbridge: 1.1km (25 mins) Otaihanga to Jim Cooke Park, Nimmo Ave West: 2.7km (40 mins) Jim Cooke Park to Edgewater Reserve., Fleetwood Grove: 1.3km (25mins) Edgewater Reserve to Highway: 0.7km (15 mins)
Otaihanga	
16. Otaihanga Domain	Otaihanga Domain: Picnic areas by the Waikanae River – swimming, open fields, fishing. No dogs in Domain.
17. Greendale Reserve	Greendale Reserve: ¼ hr walk. King Arthur Drive. Can be combined with a visit to Southward Car Museum which also has a short but well established bush walk, lakes, picnic tables and restaurant/café.
Paraparaumu to Raumati	
18. Te-Atiawa Park North Beach Area	Te-Atiawa Park: Main access Donovan Rd. Sports grounds, BMX Track, open fields, tennis and netball courts.
19. Mazengarb Reserve  (sections)	Mazengarb Reserve: 2km of tracks – walkway/cycleways. Main entrance, Scaife Drive, off Mazengarb Rd, access also from Realm Dr, and Guildford Dr. Open space – sports facilities extensive playground.
20. Nikau Reserve	Nikau Reserve: Round trip 30 minutes State Highway 1, 1.5km north of Paraparaumu. Very steep track in places. Picnic benches at top and bottom.
21. Maclean Park 	Maclean Park: Paraparaumu Beach. Duck Ponds, playground, skateboard rink, picnic tables.
22. Wesley Knight Park 	Wesley Knight Park: Main entrance Ocean Rd (next to No. 26) Quiet reserve with mature trees; a welcome retreat on a hot or windy day. Tui and Monarch Butterflies are often seen in abundance. Picnic table and park benches.
23. Wharemauku Stream  (sections)	Wharemauku Stream: 1.5 hrs return; approx 6 km return trip. Access from Rimu Road, Paraparaumu; (behind the library), or Weka Park, Raumati.
24. Raumati Marine Gardens & Beach area  (sections)	Raumati Marine Gardens: Beach end of Raumati Road. Next to Indoor Pool and Beach. Miniature Train rides in weekend, playground, picnic tables.
25. Kaitawa Reserve & pathway network	Kaitawa Reserve: entrances Kaitawa Cres and Riwai St. Sheltered open space with native plantings, stream, flying fox, picnic tables. 1 to 2km of tracks.
26. Raumati escarpment to stone cairn.	(Half Mataihuka Walk) Raumati Escarpment to Stone Cairn: 2km ½ to ¾ hour each way Waterfall Rd, - over railway line from SH1 1.8km south of Poplar Ave, keep left at fork, continue for 0.5km to car park on left. Hard walk but great views.
Raumati South to Paekakariki	
27. Queen Elizabeth Park	Queen Elizabeth Park: Loop walks 1½ to 1¾ hrs. Entrances at Wellington Rd, Paekakariki; McKays Crossing, SH1; The Esplanade, Raumati Beach South; Rainbow Court, Raumati South. Coastal and Inland tracks: circular routes can be undertaken as there are numerous links between the two tracks NB: Inland track is shared with bicycles and horses.
28. Fisherman's Table To Paekakariki	Fisherman's Table to Paekakariki: 3kms: ¾ to 1 hr round trip. SH1 just north of Restaurant. (Or from Paekakariki Railway Station). Circular route: into bush, out at Ames St. down to Beach Rd, then back along beach – tide permitting. Picnic table, toilet (Paekakariki)