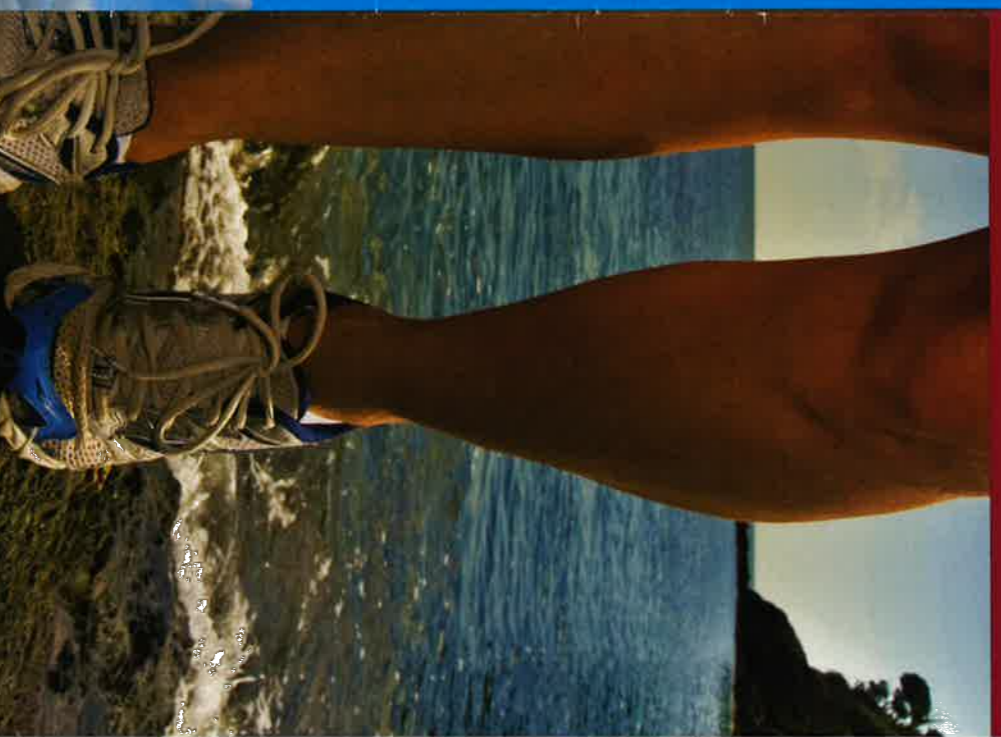




# TUTUKAKA COAST



# TUTUKAKA COAST TRACKS & WALKS



# WHANGAREI NORTHLAND



# 1 WHANANAKI COASTAL WALKWAY

(WALKING TRACK) MCAUSLIN ROAD, SANDY BAY  
2 HOURS, EACH-WAY, WALKING TRACK, GOOD SHOES RECOMMENDED, MEDIUM FITNESS LEVEL

Follow a well-graded track through farm-land and along coastal ridges. There is beach access to Sheltered Bay. The Capitaine Bougainville monument is on the headland north of Oruea Bay and is easily reached from the walkway. The track ends at Whananaki spit reserve. If you continue along the spit to the entrance of the Whananaki Estuary, you will find a footbridge that takes you to Whananaki North settlement.

The Te Araroa Walkway stretches the length of New Zealand, and the path it travels through the Tutukaka Coastal area takes in the largest Kauri tree on the east coast, Tane Moana, as well as stunning coastal walks and native bush. The Buffalo Walkway in Tutukaka represents the story of the first settlers here, and the changing face of our harbour.

The Tutukaka Coast has been named as second-equal best coastal destination in the world by National Geographic Traveler Magazine (November 2010). A panel of 340 travel experts rated our coast on its authenticity, its sustainability, and the guardianship, and also on the likelihood that it will stay this way. As locals we work hard to make it a place that holds its character but also offers a future for young people in our communities.

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# WHALE BAY

(PATH)

# 30 MINUTES RETURN, WELL MAINTAINED TRACK, EASY WALK

Popular picnic and swimming beach. Track leads from the car park off Matapouru Road, through native bush affording spectacular views of Whale Bay and up the coast towards Cape Brett.



# WELCOME TO THE TUTUKAKA COAST

We are proud of our piece of paradise, and invite you to share it with us. We have a number of coastal walkways and special places around our district, and are pleased to tell you more about them. We have included walks for strollers, walkers, hikers, and for those confined to wheelchairs.

Enjoy our coastal walkways, but please look after yourselves. Take a water bottle, a bag for your rubbish, a sweater for changing weather and make sure your shoes are sturdy and have good grip. Most importantly, take your camera!

All native plants and birds are protected for the enjoyment of all. We ask that you respect our special places. Take your rubbish back with you, leave your dogs at home, and do not light fires. Some walkways cross private land, so please respect the privacy of those living near the tracks, and use stiles to cross fences where provided.

Welcome to our back yard, there are many stories here, and if you have any questions, ask a local!





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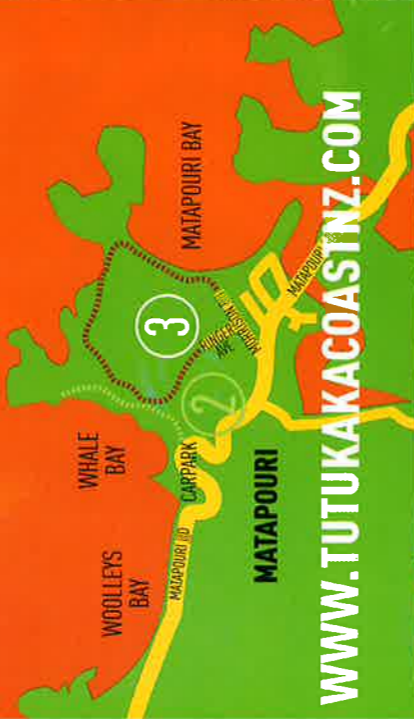
## MATAPOURI BAY TO WHALE BAY

(WALKING TRACK) 45 MINUTES LOOP / RETURN

You will probably want to stay on the beach for a while, good shoes recommended, somewhat steep if you access from Pebbly Bay, at the north end of Matapouri Bay.

Accessing from the carpark at the end of Ringer Avenue, allows a loop route returning via Pebbly Bay and Matapouri Beach, or vice versa. The clearly defined track is a steady climb through native bush. On reaching the signposted intersection, follow the track down to Whale Bay.

Alternatively walk north along Matapouri Beach towards Pebbly Bay, and on your left you will find a stepped track. Enjoy the views through the native tropical bush and across the water to Woolley's Bay and beyond. The track leads along the ridge and down to Whale Bay. The entire area is a public reserve, and the beach provides safe swimming, good snorkeling and the peace of no road access.



## TUTUKAKA HEADLAND

TO THE LIGHTHOUSE  
(WALKING TRACK)  
1 HOUR RETURN, GOOD SHOES RECOMMENDED,  
CHOOSE AN HOUR EITHER SIDE OF LOW TIDE (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Access to the car park and reserve is via Landowners Lane, about north past the turn off to Tutukaka Marina.

A grassy track follows the salt pond out across the reserve where native trees have been planted by local school children. Seating is provided in several spots, there are views to the left of the track of the Poor Knights Islands.

The descent to the beach is a stepped and well maintained path, leading to a rocky/pebbly causeway across to Kukutaiawhao Island. You can reach this beach whatever the tide is doing, but low tide is best to cross the causeway and follow the well marked track which climbs up the side of the island to the lighthouse, and great coastal views.

The return via the causeway gives you the opportunity to explore some of the rocks and inlet beaches, which stretch to the right of the track before returning to the grassy reserve.



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## RAUHOMAUMAU BAY

WILLIAM PARATA WALKWAY

30 MINUTES EACH WAY, STEEP CLIMBING TRACK, GOOD SHOES RECOMMENDED

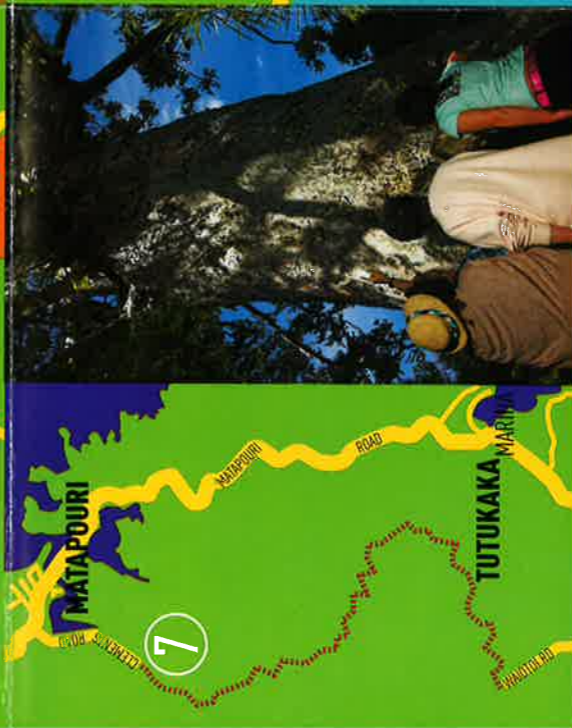
Grass track access at the end of Rauhomaumu Road descends steeply and at times is slippery. Dolphin Bay is a pebbly beach with rock pools to explore, and access is also via Dolphin Place where the track is grassed but well maintained. 50 metres from the street entry to the beach in Dolphin Place is the William Parata Walkway, taking you on a stepped and steep climb to the trig station, where you will find the 360 views panoramic, and taking in the Poor Knights Islands, Ngunguru Sandspit, and the Tutukaka Harbour.

## TUTUKAKA ESTATES

OFF LAWSON DRIVE (PATH)

5 minutes each way through a Security Gate with public pedestrian access up the concrete driveway to the top where a seated area enjoys magnificent views out to the Hen and Chickens Islands, Little Barrier, and off shore islands.

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## WHANGAUMU BAY

### NGUNGURU ESTUARY

TE MAIKA ROAD (WALKING TRACK)  
40 MINUTES EACH WAY, EASY BEACH WALKING,  
CHOOSE TWO HOURS EITHER SIDE OF LOW TIDE FOR YOUR WALK

The access to the Lookout is from the south end of Whangaumu Bay where a well maintained stepped track leads you to the lookout. A seat and 360 degree views of Whangaumu Bay, Ngunguru Sandspit, Goat Island, Hora Hora, Pataua, Taiharuru, and Whangarei Heads. This is a great place for storm surge and surf views. The grass ridge track leads you gently down to Red Rock Bay. Stroll along these secluded beaches to Ngunguru; rocky outcrops and sheltered sandy bays make this walk a beachcomber's favourite.



## TANE MOANA/ TE ARAROA WALKWAY

ENTRY FROM CLEMENTS ROAD

2 HOURS, OR 4 RETURN, WALKING TRACK, GOOD SHOES RECOMMENDED

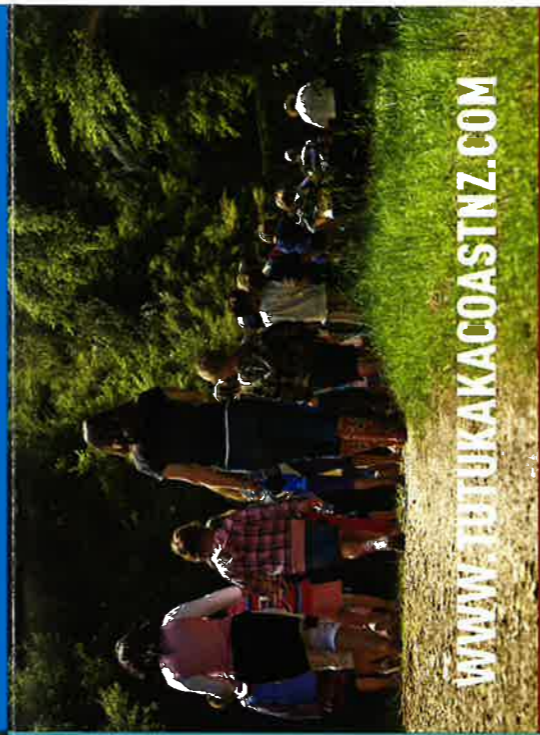
Wide tracks through grass farmland start this walk in Clements Road, keep an eye out for the Te Araroa Walkway signs. Good, but sometimes narrow, pathways through native bush, with gulleys and streams to cross, and incredible native birdlife. The walk takes you through untouched native tracts, to pleasant logging plantations. A fork in the road directs you to the largest kauri tree remaining on the east coast, Tane Moana. Measuring over 11 metres in circumference, he stands head and shoulders above the ridge line, and has a boardwalk built around him to protect his roots and base. Locals used to picnic beneath his shade on Christmas Day. Continuing past the kauri, takes you into logging forest and out on to Waitotoi Road. If travelling with friends, a recommendation is to drop a car at one end, to save the walk back.

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## NGUNGURU MANGROVE WALKWAY

(PATH) 20 MINUTES RETURN, EASY STROLLING, WHEELCHAIR AND PUSHCHAIR ACCESS

Access the walkway either beside the Ngunguru Library or from Munroe Place. This walkway was created and is cheerfully maintained by the local community with the elderly and physically challenged in mind. A pleasant stroll through bush and across boardwalks through the mangroves. The grass is mown and the native plantings create a safe and sheltered walk. Seating is provided.



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