

BRANFORD PARK EDIBLE WALK - THE ADVENTURE YOU CAN EAT!

1. The Amazing Fig Tree: Its branches and roots have created caves and secret pathways. Check it out!
2. Fig & Feijoa Gateway: Now follow the road to a gate, take the track straight ahead to the track junction, go right, up the Maitai Valley lookout track. Look for the orienteering post, go left here up to the top of the track. Look for the gateway made by the feijoa and fig trees, what can you see?
3. Food for Humans: On the left side of the track, look for macadamia nut trees, olive trees and carob trees!
4. Food for Birds: How many native trees can you identify on the right of the track? They provide food for birds and insects.
5. Old Man Pine Lookout: Look up!! You'll see a big OLD pine tree. Here you can see the Maitai River below too. How far have you climbed?
6. Grandmother oak: This beautiful oak tree produces acorns. Can you find any? Now follow the track with the oaks, not the steep track.
7. Pūtangitangi/Paradise Duck: Back in the grassy area, near a small creek, look left, there is a tree that has a hole in it, sometimes the pūtangitangi nest in it!
8. Nut trees: Yummy walnuts are good to eat! Horse chestnuts are not, but you can use these nuts to play conkers!
9. The second Orchard: Across the road there are heaps more fruit trees. But if the fruit isn't ripe, come back later in the season!

Directions: Branford Park is situated on both sides of the Maitai River Road, this walk starts on the left side of the road as you are heading up the valley. Look for the fig tree next to the driveway, the walk starts here.

Health and Safety:

While it is not very busy on the road, it is important to keep a careful eye on children, and to cross safely.

For smaller children, the Maitai river could be a hazard and all children should only access it with full parental supervision.

Track network – it is possible to get confused about the multitude of trails on offer, ask children to stay with their caregivers and not run off on their own

In winter or after rain some of the track can get a bit slippery – please wear appropriate footwear.

