



Feature tracks and trails

Arataki Nature Trail

1 hour 15 minutes, 1.6km

This loop walk starts by the Arataki Education Centre and provides an ideal introduction to the native flora and fauna of the Waitākere Ranges. Signs along the trail provide information on features of the surrounding forest.

Beveridge Track

1 hour return, 1.8km

This walk starts near the entrance to the Visitor Centre car park and leads to a lookout with views of the Manukau and Waitematā Harbours (10 minutes). Further on it

crosses a gravel driveway and continues on to meet Exhibition Drive. Note this is a shared track with cyclists.

Slip Track - Pipeline Track - Pipeline Road - Beveridge Tracks circuit

2 hours, 5.5km

An interesting circuit starting at the Visitor Centre. Take Slip Track up to the lookout (2 minutes) then descend into the Nihotupu Valley to Pipeline Track. Head left 100m to meet Pipeline Road. Turn left and follow the undulating service road to Exhibition Drive near the intersection with Huia Road. Turn left up Exhibition Drive (caution this section is a public road) to the small car park and lookout at Mackies Rest. Return to Arataki via Beveridge Track.

Exhibition Drive

1 hour 30 minutes return, 3.2km

This historic road begins from the gate of the disused Nihotupu Filter Station, at the junction of Scenic Drive and Woodlands Park Road, and leads through to Mackies Rest. It is an easy level walk with scenic views of the surrounding bush and Manukau Harbour. Interpretation panels along the walk tell the story of this historic area. Note this is a shared track with cyclists.

Upper Nihotupu Walk

1 hour 20 minutes return, 4.2km

One of the most pleasant walks in the Waitākere Ranges. This walk begins from Upper Nihotupu Dam car park on

Piha Road. The track heads to the spectacular Upper Nihotupu Dam through stunning native forest and includes a number of delightful waterfalls and scenic views.

Fairy Falls-Old Coach Road Tracks circuit

2.5 hours, 5.6km

An excellent tramp starting from Scenic Drive, descending steeply in places, passing Fairy Falls along the way (45 minutes). On reaching Mountain Road (1.5 hrs), complete this circuit by returning to Scenic Drive via Old Coach Road Track. This track runs on the original alignment of the Old Coach Road that once connected Henderson to the West Coast.

Waitākere Dam Walk

1 hour return, 2.8km

From Scenic Drive a sealed driveway (steep in places) leads to the Waitākere Dam with its panoramic views. This walk can be extended by continuing along the scenic Waitākere Tramline Walk, return the same way.

Other tracks

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