

## Feature tracks and trails

### Karamatura Loop Walk

1 hour return, 2.5km

This circular forest walk begins from the Karamatura Valley picnic area and features streams, great views and impressive northern rata trees. A relic railway wagon from the timber milling days stands beside the track as a reminder of this area's history and the difficulties of getting logs out from this rugged area.

### Lower Huia Dam Road

1 hour return, 2.5km

From car park by locked gates on Huia Dam Road this service road leads up to the the dam's top, with views across the valley. The dam's spillway is particularly dramatic when the lake level is high and overflowing.

### Mt Donald McLean Walk

30 minutes return, 1km

From car park at top of Donald McLean Road, this walk leads to a lookout with unsurpassed views over the Waitākere Ranges and Manukau Harbour. A view of Mt Taranaki is possible on a clear day.

### Orpheus Graves Walk

5 minutes return, 100 metres

From Cornwallis Road this short walk leads to the graves of three sailors who drowned when HMS Orpheus floundered on the Manukau Harbour bar in 1863.

### Monument Track

20 minutes return, 1.2km

This walk begins from the end of Cornwallis Road and climbs steadily to the historic McLachlan Monument and stunning views over Cornwallis Beach.

### Omanawanui Lookout

1 hour return, 1.6km

Omanawanui Track climbs steadily from Whatipū car park to a seat at a spectacular viewpoint overlooking the Manukau Harbour entrance and Whatipū. The track continues further along the ridge but it is more rugged and challenging.

### Whatipū Caves

50 minutes return, 2.4 km

From the information shelter near Whatipū car park, the walk initially follows around campground boundary fence line to Gibbons Track, then branches off to head around a headland to a large cave in which dances used to be held.

### Paratutai Island and Coast

30 minutes return, 2km

From the information shelter near Whatipū car park, this walk crosses a wooden bridge and heads out towards the coast. At the base of Paratutai Island lie remnants of an historic wharf, a legacy of the timber milling era when kauri was loaded onto ships here.

### Other tracks



## Stop kauri dieback

[kauridieback.co.nz](http://kauridieback.co.nz)

A disease known as kauri dieback (Phytophthora taxon Agathis), which is threatening the survival of kauri trees, has been identified in the Waitākere Ranges.

Help prevent the spread of kauri dieback by keeping to defined tracks and cleaning footwear before and after your visit.

## Remember to be safe in the bush and follow these simple rules:

- carry a track map, warm clothing, food and drink
- always tell someone where you are going
- don't start your walk too late in the day as it gets dark earlier in the forest because of the dense canopy
- carry antihistamine as wasps can be a problem in summer/autumn
- detailed track maps and information are available from the Arataki Visitor Centre.



## Be safe in Regional Parks

### The water safety code

1. Be prepared
2. Watch out for yourself and others
3. Be aware of the dangers
4. Know your limits

### The outdoor safety code

1. Plan your trip
2. Tell someone
3. Be aware of the weather
4. Know your limits
5. Take sufficient supplies

