

History of Point View Reserve

Ngāti Tai and Ngāti Paoa, iwi of Tainui descent, occupied the area from around 1300 AD until around the mid-1800s. The site is a former Māori pā (fortified village) and was originally named 'Puke Ariki' meaning the 'hill of the gods'.

Within the reserve there is evidence of Māori occupation from ancient times. Several kumara storage pits are still visible as well as middens (piles of shell and bone) and terracing.

Approximately 40,000 acres was purchased from Māori by missionary William Thomas Fairburn in 1836. Part of the area purchased included this reserve. The signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840 paved the way for European settlement in the area.

From the early twentieth century the hill where the lookout is situated today was given other names by European land owners, including Allardyce's Hill and Walls Hill. Point View Reserve was purchased by what was then the Manukau City Council in 1975.

Ecological restoration and community support

Community groups such as the Point View Heritage Society and local schools have played an important role in planting native vegetation within the reserve. These plantings help to create a buffer around existing native forest, reduce erosion and create a better natural habitat for wildlife.



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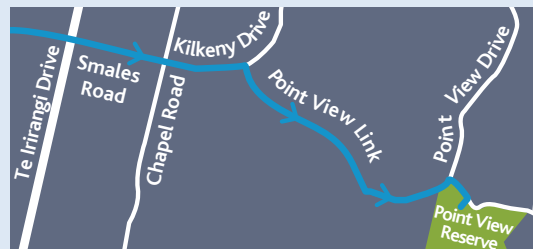
This premier park has significant ecological, cultural and scenic value. It is a 29 acre reserve with a well marked network of walking tracks through bush and pasture, boasting fantastic views over Manukau and beyond. The reserve is just 15 minutes drive from the Manukau city centre.

Point View Reserve is one of the many parks for you to enjoy in Auckland. The main entrance and car park is off Caldwell's Road, Botany.



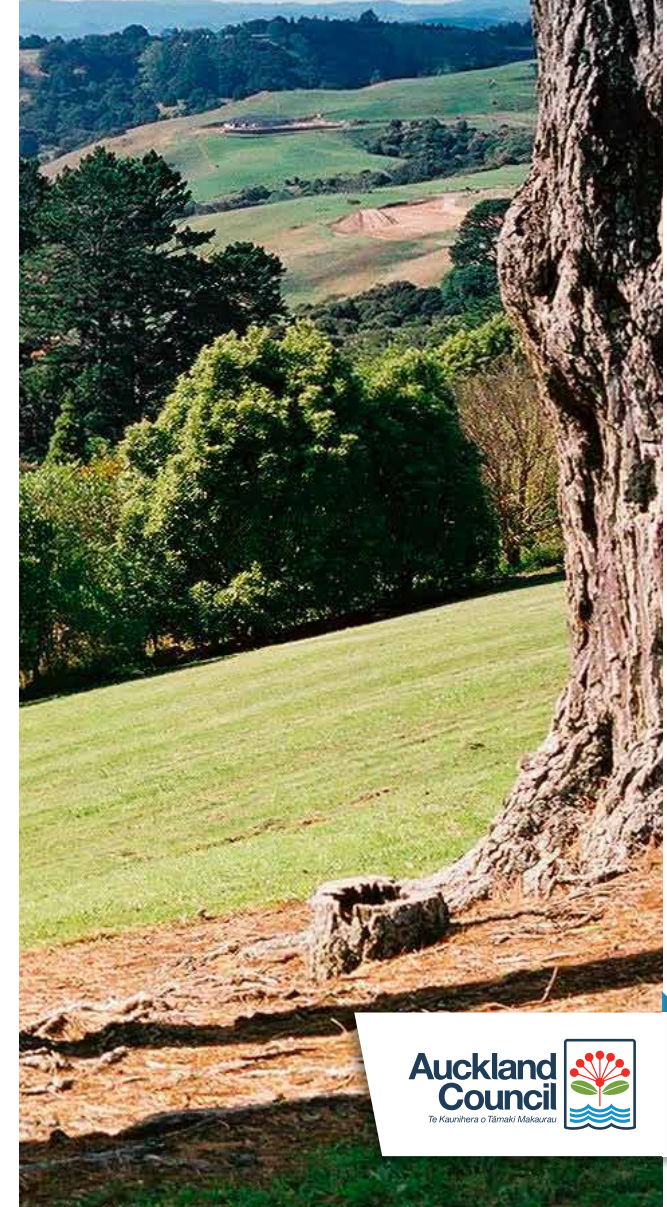
Driving directions

From the Southern Motorway/SH1: Use exit 444 and turn right (if coming from the south) or left (if coming from the north) on to East Tamaki Road. Turn right on to Smales Road and continue to Kilkenny Drive. Turn right on to Point View Link, continue straight on to Point View Drive and turn right on to Caldwell's Road. The entrance to the Point View Reserve car park is on the right.



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Flora (vegetation)

Approximately two thirds of Point View Reserve is covered in mature and regenerating native bush. The native flora is diverse and includes mature stands of mixed broadleaf such as taraire, karaka and pūriri, and scatterings of podocarp species such as rimu, tōtara and kahikatea. There is also an abundance of tree ferns, kānuka and nīkau palms dotted throughout the bush areas.

Fauna (birdlife and other animals)

The reserve is home to a variety of indigenous bird species. Walking along the bush tracks you are likely to hear or see native pigeon (kererū), tūī, grey warbler (riroriro), fantail (pīwakawaka), silvereye (tauhou) and at night morepork (ruru).

Of particular conservation interest is New Zealand's native long-tailed bat (pekapeka). This mammal is now quite rare in the Auckland region and a population is believed to live within the reserve.

The main stream is a tributary of Mangemangeroa Creek. It is the habitat for short fin eels, kōura (native freshwater crayfish) and locally threatened native fish, including banded kōkopu.





Reserve access, walkways and facilities


The reserve car park and main entrance is off Caldwell's Road, which runs off Point View Drive, in Botany.



Walkways are marked on the welcome sign at the reserve. This map is indicative only and each track is named and clearly signposted. The tracks are recommended for people with a good level of fitness, as there are steps and steep sections in some areas.


Reserve Bylaws


 Liquor bans are in place in the main carpark of the reserve on Caldwell's Road. Visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for more information.

 Dogs are permitted under control on leash in all bush areas of the reserve.

 Dogs are permitted under control off leash in all open areas of the reserve.

  Motorbikes and mountain bikes are not allowed in the reserve at any time.

 Horses are only allowed on the Kererū track and the water reservoir loop section of the Pīwakawaka track.

 It is an offence to remove or disturb any native plant or animal within the reserve.

From the main car park there is an easy five minute stroll to the lookout point where there is picnic seating.

The East Tamaki Reservoir was built in 1994 to serve the suburbs of Howick and Pakuranga. It can hold 49,000,000 litres of water and is one of around 150 reservoirs owned by Watercare Services Limited. The reservoir is not open to the public.

Please note: there are currently no public toilets within the reserve.