



Duder Regional Park.

How to get there

Take State Highway 1 south, turn off at Te Irirangi Drive and veer left. At the fourth set of traffic lights turn right into Ormiston Road and head towards Whitford. Turn left into Whitford and right at the roundabout onto Whitford - Maraetai Road. Continue through Maraetai and take Maraetai Coast Road to Umupuia. The park is just to the south of Umupuia, on North Road.

For public transport information: phone Auckland Transport on **09 366 6400** or visit **at.govt.nz**

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Duder Regional Park is located on the pōhutukawa-fringed Whakakaiwhara Peninsula, which extends out into the Tāmaki Strait. Visitors may feel like they are on their own island as they enjoy the 360-degree views extending to the Brookby/Maraetai hills, the Hunua Ranges and Hauraki Gulf islands.

Plants and animals



View towards Whakakaiwhara Pā.

While the park is mainly pasture, pōhutukawa line parts of the coast and there are remnants of original native forest cover in the gullies. Patches of coastal forest mostly consist of taraire, tawa, kānuka, pūriri and karaka with the occasional remaining kauri.

Resident native birds include silvereye (tauhou), kererū, morepork (rūrū), tūi, fantail (pīwakawaka), grey warbler (riroriro) and kingfisher (kōtare).

Inter-tidal mudflats around the park are important feeding and roosting areas for shore and wading birds such as pied shag (kāruhiruhi), white-faced heron, South Island pied oystercatcher (tōrea), pied stilt (poaka), godwit (kūaka) and gulls (tarāpunga).

Small numbers of tūturi whatu, the New Zealand dotterel, breed on beaches around the park including the shell banks south of the park. There are only about 1500 of these birds in the world. The southern shell banks are not accessible to the public.



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Ranger contact details

If using a mobile phone call **09 301 0101**.

History

In the 14th century, this was the first place in the Waitemata Harbour to be visited by the Tainui canoe. Its crew went ashore and harvested forest foods, which led to the peninsula's name – Whaka-kai-whara meaning 'to eat the bracts of the kiekie vine'.

Some of the descendants of the crew settled in the area and became known as Ngāi Tai Tāmaki. They lived on the peninsula until the 1860s, taking advantage of its abundant food resources (including seasonal shark fishing) and its strategic location near the Wairoa River mouth.

Ngāi Tai's affiliation to the land is reflected in the many archaeological sites on and near the park. The most significant of these are Whakakaiwhara Pā at the tip of the peninsula and Que Pā several kilometres to the south, which can be seen from the park.

The kauri forest on the peninsula was logged in the 1850s. In 1866 the Duder family began its association with the area when Thomas Duder, a survivor of the HMS Buffalo wreck (1840), bought the 243-hectare property from Ngāi Tai. His descendants farmed the property until it was sold to the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) and became a regional park in 1995.

Volunteering

We would love to have your help with work in regional parks. Age and physical ability is no barrier as there are tasks and projects to suit all individuals and groups.

For more information on volunteering: phone **09 301 0101** or visit **aucklandcouncil.govt.nz**

Park facilities

Prime picnic spots

You can find your own favourite spot and picnic with friends and family any time at Duder Regional Park. Please do not bring your own solid fuel BBQs due to the fire risk of disposing of the hot embers. This includes but is not limited to wood fire, coal and pellet BBQs.



View over the regional park.

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Campgrounds

Te Wharau (Malua Bay) Campground

At Te Wharau (Malua Bay), is the sea kayak/waka campground with no vehicle access. Adjacent to the camping area is an archaeological site – please do not camp in this area. A toilet and water supply is just up the steps. A short walk south along the coast will take you to the park's track network. Horse riding is available from 1 October to 30 June. Don't forget to get your free regional park horse riding permit to access the park, visit **aucklandcouncil.govt.nz**

Please ensure when using cooking equipment you choose your spot carefully and clear long grass and other flammable materials away to prevent the change of ignition.

No fires are permitted at any time.

Staying overnight in selected car parks

Duder has Certified Self-Contained (CSC) campervan sites for up to 5 CSC campervans in the car park, at the end of the main entrance to Duder Regional Park.

Bookings

For camping or bach information and bookings phone **09 301 0101** or visit **aucklandcouncil.govt.nz**

Other accommodation

Te Kuiti Cottage (capacity four) and Te Whetuki House (capacity six) are located on the stunning Umupuia Beach nestled below Duder Regional Park. The bach offers a unique setting for your getaway. Access into Duder Regional Park is only a short five minute walk away.

Discover this beautiful park with extensive views over the inner Tamaki Straits. The nearby villages of Clevedon and Maraetai offer cafes and shops.



Te Whetuki House.

