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|  | Bach  |  | Gate          |  | No vehicle access       |  | Shelter     |
|  | Self-containment Certificate (SCC) campground |  | Cemetery      |  | Parking                 |  | Toilets     |
|  | Camping                                       |  | Historic site |  | Phone to contact ranger |  | Park Extent |

### Tāpapakanga Regional Park

0 90 180 270  
Meters

Scale @ A3  
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## Feature walks

### Farm Walk - - -

2 hours, 6km

Follow the orange markers from the carpark up the road before branching off just beyond the cattle stop. This walk takes you to the highest point of the park through open pasture where sheep graze.

### Historic Loop Track - - -

30 minutes, 1.5km

Follow the blue markers from the carpark. The Historic Loop Track takes you past the pā site and historic stone fields and returns to the carpark.

### Tāpapakanga Coastal Walk - - -

2 hours, 7.5km

Follow the red markers along the coast from the carpark. At high tide the Tāpapakanga Stream, which flows around the impressive Māori pā, can be difficult to cross. An alternative route heads inland past the pā and then rejoins the track.

## Cycling

### Mountain Bike Track (intermediate) - - -

1 hour, 7km

This basic route is mostly through farmland, following the yellow markers. Only small sections of the track are on formed surfaces. The track will lead you up to the highest part of the park and to the southern fringes. There are great views and plenty of shady rest spots along the way. The track is a basic cross-country route only, and involves cross-slope and undulating terrain. A moderate level of fitness and experience is required.

## Sea kayaking

You can launch your kayak from the beaches at Tāpapakanga. Kayaking is best at high tide.

Tāpapakanga is part of Te Ara Moana – ‘the sea-going pathway’. This is a self-guided five day sea kayak tour along approximately 51km of Auckland’s picturesque south eastern coastline, connecting five of Auckland’s charming Regional Parks.

## Ranger recommendations

Tips on how to make the most of your visit to Tāpapakanga Regional Park.

### If you have two hours...

You will have a chance to take in the park’s highlights and get a feel for its history by viewing the carved pou at the entrance and the historic homestead by the beach. Relax and enjoy a swim at the beach and the shade of the beautiful pōhutukawa.

### If you have half a day...

Tāpapakanga is a great park for a family picnic or barbecue, but there is nothing like a swim, walk or mountain bike ride to whet the appetite, so take the chance to explore the park. Beyond the beach you will find more of the area’s history in the form of two Māori pā sites and a family cemetery. Please treat these areas with respect.

### If you have a full day...

As well as exploring the park you may want to bring your kayak or fishing gear for some water-based activities. If you’re kayaking we recommend you go north around the coast to Ōrere Point and if you are feeling really energetic, continue on to the beautiful remote beach at Tawhitokino Regional Park.



### 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

### Key

Parking	Canoeing / kayaking	Historic site	Bach	Cemetery	Streams
Phone to contact ranger	Toilets	Mountain biking	Picnic area	No cars	Roads
Camping	Walking	Information	Swimming	Parkland	Non parkland
Self-containment certificate (SCC) carpark	Gate	Lookout	Barbecue	Bush	Sand

## Ranger contact details

To contact a park ranger use the phone at the information board just inside the park entrance and follow the instructions. If using a mobile phone, call 09 301 0101.

## 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.