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|  | Bach  |  | Lookout                                       |
|  | Self-containment Certificate (SCC) campground |  | Mountain biking                               |
|  | Camping                                       |  | No access                                     |
|  | Gate  |  | Parking                                       |
|  | Barbecue                                      |  | Phone to contact ranger                       |
|  | Canoeing / Kayaking                           |  | Self-containment Certificate (SCC) campground |
|  | Disc golf                                     |  | Shelter                                       |
|  | Fishing                                       |  | Toilets                                       |
|  | Historic site                                 |  | Wharf / jetty                                 |
|  | Horse riding                                  |  | Park Extent                                   |
|  | Information                                   |  |   |

Waitawa Regional Park

0 120 240 360  
Meters

Scale @ A3  
= VARIABLE

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## Feature walks from Mātaitai Bay

### Kererū Loop

1.25 hours, 4km

The shortest of the loops, Kererū Loop follows the Waitawa Bay Track from Mātaitai Bay up and through the native forest then down the steps before branching off onto the Farm Track, which descends along an open ridgeline. It continues along the ridgeline amongst grazing sheep with views across farmland on both sides, then descends to a sheltered picnic area and toilets. It then joins the Valley Track alongside wetlands to the head of the valley, before a short climb up to the road near Tikapa Moana carpark to rejoin the Waitawa Bay Track for the descent back to Mātaitai Bay.

### Kōtare Loop

1.5 hours, 6km

This loop follows the Waitawa Bay Track from Mātaitai Bay, then connects to the Pāwhetau Pā Track. After crossing the park road by the main entrance, it follows a wide track along a valley to a picnic and toilet area. It then joins the Valley Track alongside a wetland area and travels to the head of the valley before a short climb up to the road near the Tikapa Moana carpark. It joins back onto the Waitawa Bay Track for the descent back to Mātaitai Bay.

### Pīwakawaka Loop

2.25 hours, 8km

This loop follows the Waitawa Bay Track from Mātaitai Bay up and through the native forest then down the steps before branching off onto the Farm Track, which it follows all the way round to Tikapa Moana carpark before joining onto Waitawa Bay Track back down to Mātaitai Bay. The first part of the walk has magnificent views and snippets of native forest with the chance of encountering friendly fantails flitting along the track. It then passes by grazing farm animals, before ambling through regenerating mānuka.

### Pūweto Loop

2.5 hours, 10km

The longest of the loop tracks, Pūweto Loop follows Waitawa Bay Track onto Pāwhetau Pā Track crossing the park road at the main entrance and joining Farm Track to go up the open ridge-line, with views across neighbouring farmland and down between tall eucalyptus trees to a picnic area with toilets. It then joins Valley Track to take in the wetland area before rejoining the Farm Track up and along the ridgeline to join back onto Waitawa Bay Track for the final descent to Mātaitai Bay.

## Mountain biking

The mountain bike tracks have been designed with families in mind, offering a good range of beginner and easier grade tracks. Intermediate tracks are designed for those with a bit more experience behind the handlebars.

Tracks have been created throughout the varied landscape on the park, in areas of former pine forest and regenerating native bush, up and down steep hills and through pasture. Some are shared with walkers, horse riders and other park users, please show respect to your fellow track users. There are also many important cultural and heritage sites on this park, so please keep to the formed tracks.

Enjoy your time out on the park, take care and visit again in the future, as we're planning more tracks as the park develops. Ride within your limits.

## Sea kayaking

Waitawa 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. Book and camp at the Waitawa Bay Sea Kayak Campsite.

You can launch your kayak from the beach at Mātaitai Bay and paddle to the jetty and beyond if visiting for the day.



### Key

- Barbecue
- Camping
- Self-containment certificate (SCC) carpark
- Information
- Lookout
- Parking
- Fishing; surf casting
- Disc golf
- Phone to contact ranger
- Picnic area
- Mountain biking
- Canoeing / kayaking
- Toilets
- Walking
- Historic site
- Bach
- Shelter
- Horsing
- No swimming
- No self-containment vehicles
- No access
- Streams
- Roads
- Parkland
- Bush
- Wetland
- Non parkland
- Sand
- Grade 1: Easiest
- Grade 2: Easy
- Grade 3: Intermediate
- Grade 4: Advanced

### 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

## Ranger contact details

To contact a park ranger call Auckland Council from your mobile phone, on 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.