



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 - 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.



Auckland Council manages 28 regional parks

For more information on any of these parks: phone **09 301 0101** or visit **aucklandcouncil.govt.nz**

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.

Feature walks

Duder Sustainable Trail

1.5 hour, 4km

Learn how Duder Regional Park is walking the talk on sustainability. This 1.5 hour walk is marked by yellow markers and is a fun and practical way to learn about sustainable farming.

Farm Loop Walk

2 hours, 4.3km

Follow the red markers from the car park through the rolling farmland, with its peacefully grazing sheep, and enjoy some of the best coastal views in the Auckland region.

Whakakaiwhara Pā Walk

1 hour, 2.4km

This walk branches off the Farm Loop. Follow the blue markers to the end of the peninsula. This is an isolated and unusual triangular Māori pā site traversing the remains of a defensive ditch. Within the pā are remains of houses and pits (rua) used for storing kūmara.

Duder Coastal Walk

30 minutes, 2km

At low tide only you can walk to the park from Umupuia Beach. Please note that the land between the beach and the park is private property and there is no access above the high tide mark.

Cycling

The Farm Loop

45 minutes, 4km

Follow the red markers through the rolling farmland and enjoy some of the best coastal views in Auckland.

Orienteering

Duder Regional Park Orienteering Course

There are 24 markers spread all over the park. Maps are available from the notice board or can be downloaded from aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Sea kayaking

Duder 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. To find out more check out aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/get-outdoors/coastal-marine/Pages/te-aro-moana.aspx

Stop kauri dieback

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 and using kauri dieback disease hygiene stations when you come across them.

Dogs

Dogs are prohibited from the park and adjoining foreshore areas at all times.

For detailed information phone Auckland Council on **09 301 0101** or visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Ranger recommendations

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



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	Information		Mountain biking		Historic site
	Lookout		Canoeing / kayaking		Bach
	Parking		Horse riding		Orienteering
	Phone to contact ranger		Toilets		Nesting birds
	Camping		Walking		Cattle yard
	Certified Self-Contained (CSC) vehicle car park		Gate		No access
					No horse riding
					No dogs
					Parkland
					Bush
					Streams
					Roads
					Wetland
					Non parkland
					Sand

If you have two hours...

Duder is known for its tranquillity and views. You will get a sense of escape and a feel for this place with a stroll or ride around the Farm Loop.

If you have half a day...

Make the effort to go all the way to the end of the peninsula where you will find the Whakakaiwhara Pā. Not only is this a fascinating pā

site but you will also enjoy the sense of being on your own island, such is the feeling of isolation amongst the surrounding seascape.

If you have a full day...

As well as visiting the high areas of the park and the fabulous views, if time allows you have the opportunity to explore the rocky shore and see the abundant wading birds feeding on the tidal flats around the park at low tide. Please avoid disturbing the birds.

For something different try orienteering on the park's permanent orienteering course. If you have never tried orienteering before, this is a great chance to do so and enjoy the brilliant views from the park at the same time. Pick up your free orienteering map from the information board or download in advance from aucklandcouncil.govt.nz