

Waiheke Walking Festival Calendar 2011

Including...

THE GREAT WAIHEKE TREASURE QUEST

Love quizzes and puzzles?

The Quest, open to all, can be done anytime throughout the Festival. Completed forms go into a prize draw.

Whether you are a team or questing alone collect your form at the Waiheke Island i-SITE Visitor Centre. Each entry is \$20, proceeds to The Hauraki Gulf Conservation Trust to maintain and preserve the natural environment.

For more information go to www.waihekewalkingfestival.org



SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

1. MEDITATION WALK

Meditate to the rhythm of your walk, taking in 3 bays and McKenzie Reserve, spectacular views.

Duration: 1.5 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 9am, catch regular bus to Palm Beach. Bus \$3

Start time: 10am

Meet: Bus stop 'Pope's Corner' Hauraki Rd

Ends: 'Pope's Corner'

Return: Regular bus service back to ferry



2. ONEROA OUTBACK

Out the back of Oneroa is a secret bush reserve, with a winding bush track, a freshwater stream, a hilltop lookout, a local hero and a choice of vineyards. Heaven!

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 9am

Start time: 10am

Meet: Matiatia ferry terminal

Ends: Oneroa

Return: 15 minute walk from Oneroa to ferry

3. 'RAINBOW BRIDGE' CHILDREN'S STORY WALK WHAKANEWA REGIONAL PARK

With guest guide, famous storyteller Tanya Batt. Suitable for children 3-10 years. Arrive 15 mins before your session, start times will be prompt.

Duration: (each session 1hr)

Walk grade: Walkway (sorry not suitable for pushchairs)

Cost: \$5 per person, \$20 per family, this is a fundraiser for the Once Upon an Island Trust

Start time: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm

Meet: Car park Whakanewha Regional Park, Gordon's Road, Rocky Bay

Ends: The Pond

Return: Own transport



4. MADAME-ROUGE

Amazing views from private land in the heart of Waiheke's wine country. Cat Vosper, Casita Miro restaurateur, Metro magazine's Personality of the Year will be ready to serve tasty food after the walk (bookings essential 09 372 7854), wine tastings available. If coming by ferry and bus, walk up the hill to Miro Vineyard (20 mins).

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 12pm or earlier, regular bus to Onetangi, get off cnr Strand / 7th Ave Bus \$4.20

Start time: 2pm

Meet: Casita Miro, Miro Vineyard, Brown's Road, off Seaview Road

Ends: Casita Miro

Return: Walk down to Strand/7th Ave.

Regular bus back to ferry



SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

◆ 5. PIONEER COUNTRY

Waiheke's pioneer settlers made their home here. Now it is one of the island's biggest and best bush reserves and owned by Forest & Bird. Only open once in a blue moon. Book early.

Duration: 2.5 hours

Walk grade: Tramping Track

Ferry time: 9am then take Special bus return fare \$20

Start time: 10.30am

Meet: Pioneer Cemetery, Orapiu Road

Ends: Oneroa Village

Return: Special bus to ferry



6. TOP OF THE TOP KNOT

Rangihoua (Top Knot) is a sacred site for Ngati Paoa, join us to hear why. Walk to the top, feel the history and breathe in the views.

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Tramping Track

Ferry time: 2pm take Special bus return fare \$20

Start time: 3pm

Meet: Onetangi Sports Pavilion

Ends: Onetangi Sports Pavilion

Return: Special bus

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER

7. BUNKERS, SUBMARINES & STEALING THE BEACH - AN OWHANAKE HISTORY LESSON

Hidden above Matiatia is a concrete bunker, part of Auckland's defence against naval invasion. Enjoy a stunning harbour view and find out how part of Waiheke became Grafton Bridge.

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 9am

Start time: 9.45am

Meet: Matiatia ferry terminal

Ends: Oneroa Village

Return: Regular bus service or walk to ferry

8. MAKING TRACKS IN ONETANGI RESERVE

Less than 1km from Onetangi Beach is the best bush in the busy end of the island. Brand new walkways have opened up new areas, revealed hidden gems and made exploring this reserve a whole lot easier.

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 1pm, take the regular bus to Onetangi. Bus \$4.20

Start time: 2pm

Meet & End: Charlie Farleys cafe

Return: Regular bus to ferry



TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

9. CROSS-ISLAND WALK

Our 'coast-to-coast' runs from the graceful sweep of Half Moon Bay at Whakanewha, over the bush-clad hills to the endless rolling waves at Onetangi Beach.

Duration: 2.5 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 9am, take regular bus to Rocky Bay. Bus \$4.20

Start time: 10.30am

Meet: Rocky Bay bus stop

Ends: Beach Front Cafe

Return: Regular bus service from Onetangi



10. SNAP & STRIDE, PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

Explore Oneroa through the eye of your camera lens. Local photographer and walking guide, Janine James, will show you some of her

favourite photo opportunities.

Duration: 1.5 hours

Walk grade: Road

Ferry time: 12pm, walk or regular bus to Oneroa

Start time: 2pm

Meet: Oneroa i-SITE, Oceanview Road

Ends: Oneroa

Return: Walk or regular bus service to ferry

11. JOURNEY TO THE LOST CENTRE

Deep in the eastern end lies undeveloped reserve, one for the battle-hardened bush-whacker. Slog up a swampy valley so long you'll think we are lost. Finally emerge into a farm block so big you can't see the road. Hard work, but you'll be able to say you were there the first time...

Duration: 4 hours

Walk grade: Tramping Track Extreme

Ferry time: 12noon, meeting Special Bus.

Return fare: \$20.

Start time: 2pm

Meet: 1.20pm Onetangi Residents Hall, locals car share and follow the bus

Ends: Cowes Bay Road

Return: Special bus to Matiatia (locals car share)



WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

12. TARATA TRACK

Whakanewha's loop track, newly refurbished with a route that has a bit of everything. Join the Rangers to hear about this mature coastal forest.

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 3pm, meeting Special bus to Whakanewha. Return fare \$20

Start time: 4.30, 5pm, 5.30pm

Meet: Car park, Whakanewha Regional Park

Ends: Car park

Return: Special bus to Matiatia

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

◆ 13. AROUND ONEROA IN 48HRS (DAY 1)

A two-day tramp around the Oneroa coastline, it's a great way to get to know the Hauraki Gulf. You choose how to do it: camp overnight with us, arrange accommodation on Waiheke or catch the ferry home each day. We will lay on a bbq evening meal FOC!

Duration: 2 days

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 9am

Start time: 10am

Meet: Matiatia

Ends: Te Wharau Bay

Return: 1 hr walk back to Oneroa or camp overnight



14. TE WHAU 'COAST TO TOAST'

Te Whau has two great assets - a world-class restaurant and unspoilt coastal walkway. Join us, you'll love the seclusion and maybe hate the hills! Book direct with Te Whau restaurant if you want a long lunch or pack your sammies if you are continuing on to the walk below.

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Tramping Track

Ferry time: 9am, regular bus to Rocky Bay. Bus \$4.20

Start time: 10.30am

Meet: Bus stop Rocky Bay

Ends: Te Whau Restaurant

Return: 20 minute walk to regular bus service back to ferry or 1 hour bush route back to Rocky Bay bus stop and regular bus service to ferry

15. ROCKY BAY REMINISCENCES

The old Waiheke is alive and well in Rocky Bay. Untainted by progress, development or the latté set, this is where it all happens. Join the locals and hear the real Waiheke story.

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 12noon, catch regular bus to Rocky Bay. Bus \$4.20

Start time: 1.30pm

Meet: Rocky Bay bus stop

Ends: Rocky Bay Hall

Return: Regular bus service back to ferry

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER

◆ 16. AROUND ONEROA IN 48HRS (DAY 2)

A two-day tramp around the Oneroa coastline, it's a great way to get to know the Hauraki Gulf.

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Duration: 2 days

Walk grade: Walkway

Start time: 10am

Meet: Te Wharau Bay. Track entrance on Walter Frank Road if you are only doing the second day

Ends: Matiatia ferry terminal

17. BACH TO THE FUTURE

This walk starts at Waiheke's iconic cinema with a 30-minute film from the 1960s and an optional cream tea (\$xx). Then a walk recounting the way things were in days gone by. Walk the history of the Waiheke bach from fibrolite shack to million-dollar modernist holiday home.

Duration: 3 hours

Walk grade: Road

Ferry time: 2pm, meeting direct bus to Oneroa. Bus \$1.50

Start time: 3pm

Meet: Artworks Complex

Ends: Artworks Complex

Return: Walk or regular bus to ferry

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER

18. NZ FITNESS WITH LORRAINE THOMSON

Learn how to take a walk and turn it into a fitness routine with one of the industry's finest.

Duration: 1 hour

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 8am, regular bus to Oneroa. Bus \$1.50. Take track down to beach

Start time: 9am

Meet: barbeque area

Ends: barbeque area

Return: Walk or regular bus to ferry

◆ 19. TE MATUKU TO AWAARAOA

Down the eastern end of the island is a new bush track opening up the Te Matuku peninsula to walkers for the first time. Big trees, big views and a big hill at the end. And if you like, there's wine-tasting before and after. Bliss.

Duration: 3 hours

Walk grade: Tramping Track

Ferry time: 9am, meeting a Special.

Return fare: \$20

Start time: 11.30pm Wine Tasting from 11am

Meet: Passage Rock Vineyard, Te Matuku

Ends: Awaawaraoa

Return: Special bus back to ferry terminal

20. OKAHUITI WETLAND WALKWAY

Be first to see this neat wetland walkway tucked away right under your nose in the busy heart of the island. Wetland expert Tony King-Turner talks you through nature, the water and wildlife you would never know was there.

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Walkway

Ferry time: 11am, catch regular bus Onetangi ask for Sports Club on the Causeway, Ostend. Bus \$3.60

Start time: 12.15pm

Meet: Sports Club

Ends: Sports Club

Return: Regular buses to ferry terminal



SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

21. ST JOHN ESPLANADE FUN DAY

Celebrate and enjoy this stunning esplanade while it is car-free. Fun run, walk, cycle, scoot, skate, push chair, wheelchair, dog walk. Fancy dress prizes. Gold coin donation to St John.

Duration: 2 hours

Walk grade: Road

Start time: 9.45am

Meet: Surfdale Hall car park

Ends: Blackpool School

Return: Regular bus service to ferry terminal

22. WALK TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD

Last year saw a sneak preview of this stunning piece of land. Now it's ours! Join the official opening of our newest walkway reserve, stand on Waiheke's highest point. Book early.

Duration: 3 hours

Walk grade: Tramping Track

Ferry time: 12 noon, meeting Special bus to Awaawaraoa Road. Return fare \$20

Start time: 1.30pm

Meet: End of Awaawaraoa Rd (Poderi Crisci end)

Ends: End of Awaawaraoa Rd

Return: Special bus to ferry terminal

WALK GRADING

Each walk has been given an approximate time and grading. The grading reflects the type of terrain and walking surface you can expect.

Road: Tarmac, 4WD track, suitable for baby strollers, some short hills.

Walkway: Off-road walking track, may have some narrow, muddy or steep sections.

Tramping Track: Mostly unformed, may be tricky underfoot, prolonged steep hills.

Tramping Track Extreme: More of the above!

Bus Fares (may be subject to change):

Many walks will start at Matiatia ferry terminal or you will be able to catch a regular bus to the start of a walk. Pay the driver on regular journeys (fares vary but under \$5). There will be direct festival buses to the more remote start points, pay the guide. These prices will vary depending on location. Cash only.

Toilets: On the ferry and at Matiatia ferry terminal.

ATM Machine: Matiatia ferry terminal.

To Register: Definitely recommended as numbers are limited on each walk. PLEASE NOTE: Walkers participate at their own risk and are responsible for their own belongings and vehicles. Self-guided notes for some walks can be downloaded from the website to bring with you. See website for full details – www.waihekewalkingfestival.org

Warning - Kauri Protection: If you have been walking in the Waitakeres or other areas affected by Kauri Dieback Disease, please ensure your boots/shoes are thoroughly cleaned before arriving for your Waiheke island walk.

EVENT SUPPORTERS —



Fullers - www.fullers.co.nz

Hauraki Gulf Conservation Trust - www.hgct.org.nz/



With its great weather, sandy beaches and beautiful native bush, Waiheke Island is a paradise right on Auckland's doorstep.

Walking is the best way to see all Waiheke has to offer, so escape the rat race and take some time to experience the island's many picturesque walkways with the Waiheke Walking Festival. The festival features 40 walks over nine days.

There is something for everyone all ages and abilities, from a story walk for children to a two day tramp for the experienced walker.

Waiheke Walking Festival

29 October – 6 November 2011



www.waihekewalkingfestival.org



PRESCRIPTION WALKS (Waiheke residents only)

9am daily from Saturday 29 October to Friday 4 November. Easy and fun, ask your doctor or nurse for a 'prescription' that costs nothing!

ROUTE 1 – PROMENADE THE ESPLANADE

Back to mobility, a gentle stroll along Blackpool Esplanade. It is flat and easy underfoot. Start: car park, Surfdale Hall, finish back at car park. Walk and talk with kindred spirits.

ROUTE 2 - ONEROA/BLACKPOOL SURPRISE

Build up your stamina, this gently undulating walk has a few surprises along the way. Start: outside Ricky's, Oneroa. Ending up at Ricky's for coffee and well deserved cake.

ROUTE 3 – ANZAC CAPERS

You'll need a bit of fitness and mobility (legs not in plaster, able to breathe), this walk will be uplifting and a lot of fun. Start: outside the Food Embassy, Ostend, enjoy your walk and end up back at Food Embassy for a coffee.

Feature Walks

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NORDIC WALKING

Experienced coach, June Stevenson leads trial sessions on Oneroa Beach, a perfect opportunity to try out something new with one of the best instructors in the country. All equipment provided, sessions will be approximately 45 minutes long. Experienced Nordic Walkers (regular walkers who have completed a full course of instruction) can book the special 'Coastal and Beach Walk'.



TRIAL SESSIONS

Saturday
29 October 3pm
Sunday
30 October 3pm
Monday
31 October 6.15pm
Thursday
3 November 10am
Saturday
5 November 10am

EXPERT SESSION

Sunday 6 November
Duration: 2-3 hours
Walk grade: Walkway
Ferry time: 8am
Start time: 9am
Meet: Matiatia ferry terminal
Ends: Oneroa
Return: Walk or regular bus service to ferry

DOGGY WALKS

This year we have included walks for our four-legged friends. Three of the walks will start at Matiatia ferry terminal to make it easy for those of you travelling from Auckland. Dogs travel free on Fullers ferry.

As dogs are generally not allowed on the regular buses most of the walks will start at Matiatia. These walks will have a short and a long option to cater for all fitness levels (of the dogs that is!). There will be stops on beaches for a quick swim and our guide will advise when to leash the dogs for their safety near steep cliff areas. Most walks will finish at a dog-friendly

cafe and an easy downhill stroll back to the ferry. Please remember to bring bags for any doggy-do along the way.



Sunday 30 October, Wednesday 2 November and Friday 4 November will leave from Matiatia ferry terminal at 10am. Places are limited on all these walks so reserve your spot early.

*Please respect this sign on some walks.

