

WELCOME TO THE 2019 WAIHEKE WALKING FESTIVAL



The Waiheke Walking Trust is a charitable trust that exists to showcase Waiheke Island as a walking destination, and to encourage and inspire people to experience walking recreation on Waiheke and neighbouring islands.

We are proud to deliver the annual Waiheke Walking Festival and are committed to ensuring its ongoing success and popularity. In addition to the Festival, we have plans to create a digital resource of Waiheke walking information which will make it easy to plan new walking adventures on Waiheke and enjoy the natural beauty of the island.

This year's Festival programme is packed with 10 days of new walks and Festival favourites to celebrate 10 years.

WAIHEKE LOCAL BOARD

A massive thank you to the Waiheke Local Board who are responsible for the creation and ongoing improvement of Waiheke's incredible trail network, including the wonderful 100km Te Ara Hura loop. Thank you also for the significant financial support the Waiheke Local Board provides each year to ensure the Waiheke Walking Festival remains the hugely successful free event that it is.

RAY WHITE WAIHEKE FESTIVAL FINALE

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TIME 14:00 - 17:00

LOCATION Rorohara, 77 Waiheke Road, Onetangi. Parking on site.

The stunning location of beautiful Rorohara, together with delicious food and refreshment offerings, create the perfect way to mark the end of a magical ten days of walking and fun.

Join fellow Festival goers, volunteers, guides, landowners, Sponsors, Patrons, Festival Friends and other supporters as we celebrate our 10th Waiheke Walking Festival.

Please note this is a ticketed event.



10 DAYS OF WONDERFUL WALKING ON BEAUTIFUL WAIHEKE ISLAND

15-24 NOVEMBER 2019

OVER 45 FREE GUIDED WALKS
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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➔ FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019

FESTIVAL OFFICIAL OPENING

1A

TIME 16:30 - 17:30

START LOCATION Piritahi Marae, 53 Tahatai Road, Oneroa

The *Waiheke Walking Trust* invite our local community to join us and members of the *Piritahi Marae* for a Powhiri and Karakia to mark the beginning of the Waiheke Walking Festival 2019. Waiheke High School's Kapa Haka Group will also be performing! Held at Piritahi Marae for the very first time, this will be a special event. Please register your attendance by booking via the website.

MARAE FAMILY FUN LOOP WALK

1B

TIME 18:00 - 18:45

Grade 3/10

START LOCATION Piritahi Marae, 53 Tahatai Road, Oneroa

Join us on Day 1 of the Festival for a short 45-minute family walk suitable for little ones as young as 3 years of age. The *Piritahi Marae* is opening their grounds to the Waiheke Walking Festival for this family-friendly walk led by *Linda Anderson*. Feel free to stay on at the Marae afterwards for some sky talks from Astronz.

PIO REHUTAI RESERVE WALK

1C

TIME 18:00 - 19:30

Grade 4/10

START LOCATION Piritahi Marae, 53 Tahatai Road, Oneroa

To celebrate the opening day of the Festival this walk will have a special start and finish at Piritahi Marae. Led by *Denise Whifield*, Ray White Operations Manager and Trustee on the Waiheke Walking Trust, this walk will take you through the hills above Blackpool and Oneroa, affording 360 degree views over the Western end of the island and the Hauraki Gulf and then through historic Pio Rehutai reserve. This reserve is a fine example of remnant broadleaf forest on Waiheke Island and bursting with the song of Tui and Piwakawaka. End your walk with some amazing night sky viewing by Astronz at Piritahi Marae.

ASTRONZ NIGHT SKY WALK

1D

TIME 20:00 - 21:30

Grade 3/10

START LOCATION Piritahi Marae, 53 Tahatai Road, Oneroa

Join *Astronz* and *Dark Sky Waiheke Island* for an astronomical night time adventure from the Marae, along the Blackpool Esplanade to Surfdale and back where you will take a journey through time and space looking at your local night sky. Finish the walk with our wonderful experts and their fabulous telescopic equipment. Be sure to prepare for your adventure - red light headlamps, sturdy shoes, warm clothing, confidence and a sense of wonder and imagination.

ASTRONZ NIGHT SKY VIEWING

1E

TIME 20:00 - 22:00

START LOCATION Piritahi Marae, 53 Tahatai Road, Oneroa

Night sky viewing is a peep into history because it is the same night sky that our ancestors saw and light takes time to travel to us so we are always looking back in time. This is a fantastic non-walking opportunity for an evening of astronomical adventure for all ages. View the night sky through telescopic equipment and hear fascinating information about what twinkles above from the experts at *Astronz* and *Dark Sky Waiheke Island*. Dress warmly and bring along a sense of wonder. If we experience rain, join us inside the Marae where we can still share some different wonders of the night sky with you.

➔ SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2019

A HEART OPENING YOGA WALK WITH PREMALOKA 2A

TIME 10:00 - 12:00 **Grade 6/10**

START LOCATION Whakanewha Sculpture Carpark, Gordons Road

Join yoga teacher **Premaloka** on this joyful and heart opening yoga walk with a focus on postures, breathing and meditations that will lift your vibration and heighten your happiness. You will start and end with Asana focusing on your breath and your heart as you walk along the picturesque pathways of Whakanewha. Connect to mother earth, your breath, your joy and embrace being in nature. The experience will end with a led meditation, helping you deepen the happiness and optimism received within the walk and the asanas.

"BUSH SCHOOL" WITH THE WAIHEKE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTRE 2B

TIME 10:00 - 11:30 **Grade 3/10**

START LOCATION Whakanewha Regional Park, Poukaraka Flats
Campground carpark, 75 Gordons Road

"Let me tell you about the birds and the trees and the flowers and the bees and the sun that shines above.... at Whakanewha..." Join two of **Waiheke Community Childcare Centre's** teachers - **Maureen Clooney** and **Penny Holmes** (and her ukelele), on their magical 'Bush School' walk on the Pa Loop track at Whakanewha Regional Park. Discover the 'pohutukawa drums', the Three Billy Goats Gruff bridge and spot the heart-shaped tree stump amongst many more wild and wonderful things on this bushwalk. BYO picnic to enjoy afterwards.

NGATI PAOA MATIATIA WALK 2C

TIME 13:00 - 16:30 **Grade 7/10**

START LOCATION Matiatia (meet at Kayak Shed near shore)

This walk from 2017 of stunning vistas and fascinating history is a festival highlight. Walk alongside tangata whenua as they share the stories of the people of Ngāti Paoa and the cultural significance of the Matiatia and Owhanake areas.

GEOCACHING HI-TECH TREASURE HUNT - AGES 7-12 2D

TIME 14:00 - 15:30 **Grade 6/10**

START LOCATION Waiheke Library, 133/131 Oceanview Road, Oneroa

Join **Waiheke Library** staff for a geocaching adventure! Meet at the library and then follow the coordinates around Oneroa. Suitable for ages 7-12 years.

WHAKANEWHA PHOTOGRAPHY WALK WITH PETER REES 2E

TIME 16:00 - 18:00 **Grade 3/10**

START LOCATION Whakanewha Sculpture carpark, Gordons Road

For moderately experienced amateur photographers. Let brilliant landscape photographer **Peter Rees** guide you through beautiful Whakanewha Park sharing tips and ideas to further develop your photographic skills. Gumboots and wet weather pants are a really good idea for this up close and personal coastal experience.

AWAAROA COASTAL MAGIC 2F

TIME 13:30 - 18:00 followed by dinner **Grade 7/10**
(Dinner: 18:30 - 20:30)

START LOCATION Omiha Memorial Hall, O'Brien Road, Rocky Bay

Starting at Rocky Bay you will walk the southern coastline before making your way along the Awaarua Estuary, up through private land being nurtured by Awaarua eco-village residents, and finishing at award-winning **Poderi Crisci Vineyard** for evening refreshments and a fantastic dinner in Poderi Crisci's cellar. This walk is a Festival favourite, so get in quick! *Please note a one-way charter bus and 3 course dinner including a glass of prosecco on arrival is included in this package price of \$90pp.*

→ SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019

MAN O'WAR TO ONETANGI: A PRIVATE LAND STUNNER (1) 3A

TIME 10:00 - 14:00 **Grade 8/10**
START LOCATION Man O'War Beach (near jetty end)

Brought back from 2018, we are offering this private land festival highlight in reverse, this time from Man O'War Bay to Onetangi. This is a private land treat, experiencing the spectacular vistas of *Ngāti Paoa's Waiheke Station* before taking in the stunning Rorohara property of *Bruce Plested*. Finish at Onetangi Beach with an optional late lunch at *Charlie's* for \$35pp including a meal and drink. An absolute treat of a walk. *This walk includes a one-way charter bus to get you to the walk start for \$15pp.*

LITTLE GREEN DOG WHAKANEWAH DOG WALK WITH RANGER DAN 3B

TIME 10:00 - 12:00 **Grade 3/10**
START LOCATION Whakanewha Regional Park, Carsons Road carpark

Join *Ranger Dan* as he takes you and your best friend on an exploration of the dog-friendly areas of our beautiful regional park. Accompanied by *Little Green Dog's Todd O'Hara*, all walk participants will get to sample New Zealand's first home-compostable dog poop bag! Limited numbers so register early.

TREESCAPE® NORTHERN COASTAL RESERVES EXPLORATION 3C

TIME 10:00 - 13:30 **Grade 6/10**
START LOCATION Palm Beach carpark (Arcadia end - meet near BBQs)

This inspiring walk from Palm Beach to Oneroa explores and celebrates all of the amazing regeneration and reforestation work being done by passionate conservation groups, private landowners and *Treescape*. Join *Richard Margesson* from *Treescape* as he takes you on this journey through the diverse environments of Waiheke's northern beaches, wetlands and coastal cliffs. Meet some dedicated conservation ambassadors along the way, including *Paul & Alyson Dyson* from *Mawhitipana Reserve* who are opening up their private property especially for this walk, *Penny Ericson* from *McKenzie Reserve*, *Tim Feather* from *Friends of Te Aroha* and *Jules Pattison* from *Kaitiaki of Newton Reserve*.

TE KOROWAI O WAIHEKE: TOWARDS PREDATOR FREE WAIHEKE WALK 3D

TIME 15:30 - 17:30 **Grade 5/10**
START LOCATION Onetangi Sports Park Carpark

Te Korowai o Waiheke is a charitable trust established by the local community with the aim of restoring our island song together. The first stage of the project is stoat eradication island-wide. Join us for an informative walk around the Rangihoua wetlands and forest looking at the increases in biodiversity resulting from volunteer predator control programmes. The walk will be led by Te Korowai team members *Jo Ritchie*, Operations Manager, and *Shane Brealey*, Trustee. Jo will discuss the stoat eradication program and the tools, like cameras and detection dogs, that will be needed to detect stoats at low densities.

CHURCH BAY ROCK HOPPING WALK WITH SIR GRAHAM AND LADY RAEWYN HENRY 3E

TIME 14:00 - 17:00 **Grade 7/10**
START LOCATION Blackpool Beach in front of Piritahi Marae

Led by Walking Festival founder, *Gary Wilton*, alongside Festival Ambassadors *Sir Graham* and *Lady Raewyn Henry*, this will be an afternoon of fun coastal rock hopping and great bush tracks with BYO drinks back on the Henrys' lawn to finish - what more could you ask for.

➔ MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019

MUMS & BUBS IN WHAKANEWHA

4A

TIME 9:30 - 11:30 **GRADE** 4/10
START LOCATION Whakanewha Sculpture Carpark, Gordons Road

Join self-care life coach, passionate hiker and mum of 3, **Linda Anderson** from *Linda on the Go*, on this special mums and bubs walk. Designed specifically for mums with infants, this is the perfect way to explore the beauty of Waiheke in a gentle and supportive environment. If you have been wanting to make more time for your own needs and get out and explore, then this walk is for you. This is not limited to mothers - all primary care-givers are welcome.

SURVIVAL SKILLS WALK

4B

TIME 10:00 - 12:30 **GRADE** 3/10
START LOCATION Kaukarau Forest Reserve
(Cnr Te Whau Drive & O'Brien Roads bus stop)

Picture this - you're lost, alone and miles from the nearest coffee shop. Night is falling, your phone is dead, you're out of water and the weather is looking grim. What do you do? Given that about 80% of Search and Rescue missions in NZ are for people who went on a simple day hike, knowing how to deal with the unexpected when it happens can mean the difference between life and death. This walk is about what to do- and what not to do- when the unexpected happens. This is not a Bear Grylls bug-eating experience. It is about building your confidence and bush know-how. Join **Richard Margesson** for this Festival first.

RAY WHITE MATIATIA TO ONETANGI EXTREME COASTAL WALK

4C

TIME 9:00 - 15:00 **GRADE** 9/10
START LOCATION Matiatia Wharf - (meet at old Wharf, public bus end)

Join **Ray White Waiheke Principal and Waiheke Walking Festival Presenting Partner, Matthew Smith** on this intense but rewarding extreme coastal walk following Te Ara Hura's northern coastal track from Matiatia to Onetangi. This is a fast-paced walk that requires an excellent level of fitness on hilly tracks.

MOTUKAHA ISLAND LOW TIDE ADVENTURE

4D

TIME 17:00 - 20:00 **GRADE** 7/10
START LOCATION Matiatia (meet at Kayak Shed near shore)

Bring your sense of adventure on this late afternoon sunset walk with Waiheke Walking Festival Founder, **Gary Wilton**. Beginning at Matiatia, expect to get a little wet as you reach Motukaha Island on foot! You will spend about half an hour on this beautiful little piece of paradise before heading back to Matiatia.

→ TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019

HAIKU HIKING

5A

TIME 9:30 - 13:30 **GRADE** 9/10
START LOCATION Double Shot Café, 114 Ocean View Road, Oneroa

Sarah Gloyer, personal trainer, pilates instructor and coach, and *Dr Selina Tusitala-Marsh*, *New Zealand's Poet Laureate 2017-2019*, will be your amazing guides on this truly unique walk. Poetry in Motion; connect to nature, and connect to others, and challenge yourself physically to get your creative juices flowing. This beautiful exploration of the island's western headlands at a fast and deliberate pace while tuning into what you feel, what you see, what you hear will be commemorated by your very own Haiku poem. Allow yourself to move a little out of your comfort zone in more ways than one; if you are fit, join in the fun.

WE'RE GOING ON A KIWI HUNT - AGES 6 & UNDER

5B

TIME 10:00 - 11:30 **GRADE** 2/10
START LOCATION Alison Park - The flag pole on Mako Street
(just down from the Waiheke Resources Trust)

Join *Waiheke Library* staff at Alison Park for a fun, interactive story-walk and treasure hunt. Why not stay afterwards for a BYO picnic when we're done? Suitable for ages 6 and under.

WHAKANEWHA MINDFULNESS

5C

TIME 10:00 - 12:00 **GRADE** 5/10
START LOCATION Batch Winery Carpark, Carsons Road

This focused walk, led by *Simply B's Mel Burdett* through beautiful Whakanewha Regional Park will invigorate the mind and body. Mel will guide you through the principles of Mindfulness while you experience how using your senses with intent will connect you with nature and yourself. Finish the walk with spectacular views and a delicious, specially priced optional lunch and bubbles at *Batch Winery* for \$35pp. Bookings required.

RAY WHITE ONETANGI PROGRESSIVE LUNCH & WINE TRAIL WALK

5D

TIME 10:00 - 16:00 **GRADE** 7/10
START LOCATION On Onetangi Beach opposite Third Avenue

What's not to love about a Progressive Lunch! Join *Ray White Waiheke's Shelley Dewar*, for entrée at *Casita Mira*, main course at *Tantalus Estate* and dessert at *Three Seven Two*. Bon appetit! For \$95pp, all meals include an alcoholic beverage or soft drink.

AUDIO VAULT EVENTS SILENT DISCO BOOGIE ON THE BEACH

5E

TIME 19:30 - 20:30 **GRADE** 2/10
START LOCATION Charlie's, 21 The Strand, Onetangi

Join our local music & dance lover, *Christa Loisel*, for a boogie on Onetangi beach. Don a headset, dance like nobody is watching and boogie your way down the beach listening to some fabulous beats. Afterwards, feel free to join us for a special Waiheke Walking Festival happy hour at *Charlie's*. Feel free to dress up! The theme is 'Shimmer & Shine' and a \$50 voucher will be awarded to the best dressed on the day! Headsets provided compliments of *Audio Vault Events*.

➔ WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2019

TE HURUHI PRIMARY SCHOOL 'OLD TO NEW' WALK 6B

Out with the old and in with the new! *Waiheke Primary School's Eco-Warriors* will be the first to experience a sneak peek at Te Huruhi Primary's new school - in a walking tour led by Year 5 students. They will get a glimpse of the new buildings and the sea views! This is *Te Huruhi Primary School* at its best! *Invitation Only - Waiheke Primary Eco-Warriors.*

FOREST BATHING IN MCKENZIE RESERVE 6C

TIME 9:30 - 12:00 **GRADE** 3/10

START LOCATION Enclosure Bay, Great Barrier Road

Forest bathing (or shinrin-yoku) is about how to immerse yourself in nature. As you open your senses, you bridge the gap between yourself and the natural world. The effects can be profound. Join expert practitioner *Richard Margesson* on a journey of connection.

RAY WHITE EARN YOUR WINE WALK 6D

TIME 9:30 - 16:30 **GRADE** 10/10

START LOCATION Omiha Memorial Hall, O'Brien Road, Rocky Bay

Join *Ray White Waiheke's Kevin Eade* on this walk and enjoy the very best of what Waiheke has to offer. Starting with a beautiful walk through Whakanewha Regional Park before your first vineyard stop and wine tasting at *Batch Winery*. Continue along the track to your second stop for a degustation wine tasting at *Peacock Sky Vineyard*. A further decent hike will take you down to the gorgeous *Poderi Crisci Vineyard* where you will enjoy a divine late lunch. This is a challenging walk but the culinary and wine delights make it well worth the effort. *\$85 includes tastings, lunch with a glass of rose and a one-way charter bus for return.*

WAIHEKE PHYSIO & PILATES SCULPTURE WALK 6E

TIME 10:00 - 12:00 **GRADE** 3/10

START LOCATION Dead Dog Bay Sculpture Park, 100 Margaret Reeve Lane

Amble through a myriad of pathways in a hidden garden gem within the privately owned Dead Dog Bay Sculpture Park. Join *Waiheke Physio & Pilates Physiotherapists Ingrid Malifa, Alexa Cridge* and *David Toomey* as they lead you through the property at a gentle pace, stopping to view the many artworks on display. This walk is suitable for all abilities and is created with those wanting a slower pace and motivation to get out and moving in mind.

'FUNNY FOOTSTEPS' WITH ARTWORKS THEATRE 6F

TIME 16:30 - 19:00 **GRADE** 4/10

START LOCATION Artworks Theatre, 2 Korora Road, Oneroa

Join humorous local performers and Artworks Theatre's *Kashmir Postel*, on this beautiful and comical afternoon walk. Marvel at the stunning Church Bay views whilst enjoying some hilarious, theatrical moments with some rare 'birds' as you stroll along coastal cliffs and through Te Atawhai Whenua Reserve. The walk will finish at *Artworks Theatre* where we encourage you to enjoy an improv show by our local comedians from The Waiheke Comedy Show for just \$15pp. *Places are limited so please book.*

THE WAIHEKE COMEDY SHOW PRESENTS: 'STRANGERS' 6G

TIME 19:30 - 20:30

START LOCATION Artworks Theatre, 2 Korora Road, Oneroa

This special Waiheke Walking Festival themed show is called "Strangers". The entire show is improvised (yes, as in made up on the spot). Six people meet on a tour bus, their little quirks are exposed in short monologues. Slowly but surely their lives miraculously entwine. There will be intrigue, some sadness and a stack of giggles. It is the perfect end to our 'Funny Footsteps with Artworks Theatre' walk! Or if your boots are not made for walking, feel free to join us for the show only. *Places are limited so please book in advance! Tickets are \$15pp.*

→ THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019

WAIHEKE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S ECO WARRIORS WALK 7B

Waiheke Primary School's Eco-Warriors will take Year 5 Te Huruhi students on an amazing sensory native adventure. Along the way they will experience a taste of our kura, mixed in with a pinch of creativity and the lucky students will also get to take away a handful of kai from the eco-warriors crop swap table. *Invitation Only - Te Huruhi Year 5 students.*

ROTOROA ISLAND - THE PAST & THE FUTURE 7C

TIME Ex Auckland: 8:45 **GRADE 5/10**
Ex Orapiu: 9:45
Dep Rotoroa Island: 15:45
Walk timings: 11:00 - 13:00 / 14:00 - 15:15

START LOCATION Auckland Ferry Terminal or Orapiu Wharf

Closed to the public for nearly 100 years, Rotoroa Island is now a sanctuary for wildlife and home to endangered native species including kiwi, tieke, takahē, and pāteke. Join Island Ecologist, *Jo Ritchie*, who'll be sharing stories on the island's restoration as you explore the southern end of the island (with the most intensive planting), including a stunning sculpture by Chris Booth. This southern end walk is being offered especially for Festival participants only. You will also have the chance to walk the North Tower Loop Track which takes visitors across wetlands and forest offering stunning panoramic views of the Hauraki Gulf. *\$59pp ex Auckland and \$42pp ex Orapiu. BYO picnic lunch. Price includes return ferry ticket, landing fees, island restoration contribution, tea, coffee & cake.*

CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS WITH RANGER NAT 7D

TIME 16:00 - 19:00 **GRADE 7/10**

START LOCATION Sculpture carpark, Whakanewha, Gordons Road

Put on your 4WD shoes and join *Ranger Nat* on a typical 'ranger working day', discovering the amazing Flora and Fauna of Whakanewha Regional Park and how it is lovingly protected every day.

SISTER SHOUT CHOIR WALK 7E

TIME 19:00 - 20:30 **GRADE 5/10**

START LOCATION Palm Beach (Arcadia end, near BBQs)

Get ready to be entertained as *Sister Shout*, Waiheke's much loved all-female Choir, guide you on a bush and beach evening singalong around the Palm Beach area. Start on Palm Beach and follow along with your wonderful guides. This musical walk ends with a free special Festival performance at Palm Beach Hall.

SILENT DISCO BOOGIE ON THE BEACH 7F

TIME 19:30 - 20:30 **GRADE 2/10**

START LOCATION Charlie's, 21 The Strand, Onetangi

Join our local music & dance lover, *Christa Loisel*, for a boogie on Onetangi beach. Don a headset, dance like nobody is watching and boogie your way down the beach listening to some fabulous beats. Afterwards, feel free to join us for a special Waiheke Walking Festival happy hour at *Charlie's*. Feel free to dress up! The theme is 'Shimmer & Shine' and a \$50 voucher will be awarded to the best dressed on the day! Headsets provided compliments of *Audio Vault Events*.

➔ FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2019

GLOWING SKY WHAKANEWHA & BEYOND 8B

TIME 9:30 - 15:00 **GRADE** 7/10

START LOCATION Omiha Memorial Hall, O'Brien Road

A fantastic loop walk that will take in the delights of Whakanewha Regional Park, the tracks of Onetangi Sports Park, and Kuakarau Reserve. It's a big walk but will be taken at a relaxed pace and as a Festival treat, walkers will be able to enjoy their BYO lunch at a private historic chapel, overlooking the Onetangi wine valley. There will also be a chance to win some Glowing Sky merino along the way!

MAN O'WAR MAGIC 8C

TIME 10:00 - 14:00 **GRADE** 8/10

START LOCATION Stony Batter

A Festival highlight in 2016, Man O'War Magic will have you viewing land and sea from spots very few have been, including the local boaties marker - Thumb Point. Bring your togs and an easy picnic for some mid-walk play time, and finish the walk with a late lunch at Man O'War Vineyard Tasting Room. *Optional return charter bus available for \$25pp. Optional late lunch at Man O'War for \$35pp including a glass of rose. You must pre-book these options via the website.*

PALM BEACH LOCALS RAMBLE 8D

TIME 17:30 - 19:30 **GRADE** 6/10

START LOCATION Arcadia Restaurant, 39 Palm Road, Palm Beach

Join *Waiheke Walking Trust Chair, Tess Shaw*, on a local loop walk around the Palm Beach area. With a few surprise stops along the way this Friday afternoon walk is a perfect end to a busy week. The walk ends at **Arcadia Restaurant**, so if you've got that Friday feeling why not stay on for an optional dinner and drink for \$35pp. *Bookings required.*

SILENT DISCO PALM BEACH BOOGIE 8E

TIME 19:30 - 20:30 **GRADE** 2/10

START LOCATION Palm Beach carpark (Arcadia end - near BBQs)

Join local *DJ Alisha* from *The Playlist Project*, for a boogie on Palm Beach. No hills, no stairs - just your best Friday night dance moves! Don a headset, dance like nobody is watching and boogie your way down the beach listening to some awesome beats. Headsets provided compliments of *Audio Vault Events*.

➔ SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019

FULLERS TE WHAU PENINSULA LOW TIDE EXPLORING 9B

TIME 10:00 - 14:00 **GRADE 7/10**

START LOCATION Omiha Memorial Hall, O'Brien Road, Rocky Bay

Join passionate local conservationists as they take you on an enjoyable jaunt around the stunning Te Whau Peninsula. Enjoy breathtaking coastal views and hear fascinating stories of the people and place. This walk will give you a real taste of this special part of Waiheke.

OWHANAKE HEADLAND 9C

TIME 9:00 - 12:30 **GRADE 7/10**

START LOCATION Matiata (meet at Kayak Shed near shore)

Join us on this stunning guided walk around "the other" Matiata headland, taking in the breathtaking views of the Hauraki Gulf and neighbouring islands. Drop down into secluded bays, and climb to enjoy the gorgeous views and award-winning architecture along this coastal track.

NEW NATURE LOOP ADVENTURE WITH TALKING TREE HILL 9D

TIME 9:30 - 12:00 **GRADE 7/10**

START LOCATION Talking Tree Hill, 21 Man O'War Bay Road

Talking Tree Hill opens its first full Nature loop to celebrate 10 years of the Walking Festival. Tracks will go through the bush, forest and farm with nature-based activities for children to explore along the way. Families welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note the walk is non-stroller friendly with some steep gradients. Suitable for ages 5-11.

TOP OF THE TRIG 9E

TIME 16:00 - 17:45 **GRADE 6/10**

START LOCATION Peacock Sky Vineyard, 152 Trig Hill Road

A fantastic loop walk that winds down into the bush of Whakanewha Regional Park, across to Onetangi Sports Park and a steep climb back up to the trig. Finish at *Peacock Sky Vineyard* with an optional tour through their vines and a delectable three-course dinner for \$65pp or \$90 including wine matches.

PEACOCK SKY'S FESTIVAL GOURMET DINNER 9F

TIME 17:45 - 21:00

START LOCATION Peacock Sky Vineyard, 152 Trig Hill Road

This special gourmet dinner at *Peacock Sky Vineyard* is timed to coincide with the end of the 'Top of the Trig' walk, but we encourage all our Festival walkers to enjoy this fantastic offering. Start with a tour of the vines before experiencing a special chef's treat and three-course dinner as well as music by *Tommy Pickett*. \$65pp including Chef's treat with a bubbles toast and three-course dinner or \$90pp with wine matches for each course.

ROROHARA GLOW WORMS TWILIGHT RAMBLE 9G

TIME 19:30 - 22:00 **GRADE 6/10**

START LOCATION Rorohara, 77 Waiheke Road, The Stockyard

Brought back from 2013, this incredibly special walk is back on the Festival Calendar due to the generosity of *Bruce Plested*. Rorohara's gates will once again open, enabling you to walk through hidden glades and ford small streams to reach this twinkling display. Bring a torch or headlamp and wrap up warm.

→ SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019

BEACH PHOTOGRAPHY WALK WITH PHILLIPA KARN 10B

TIME 9:30 - 11:30 **GRADE** 2/10

START LOCATION Eastern End of Oneroa Beach, bottom of Beach Parade

Enjoy a photography walk through the natural coastal environment of Big and Little Oneroa beaches. This will be an interesting and informative walk for beginner level SLR camera enthusiasts with manual function on their cameras. Award-winning landscape photographer *Phillipa Karn* looks forward to helping you with all those photography questions you have wanted answered.

TIMMY SMITH EVOKING MEMORIES WALK 10C

TIME 9:30 - 11:30 **GRADE** 5/10

START LOCATION Timmy Smith Space, 143 Ocean View Road, Oneroa

Local Waihekeian *Timmy Smith* is passionate about assisting people to connect to their memories. Throughout this walk, you will be encouraged to reflect on memories of old, or new ones you may wish to create. You will venture along diverse coastlines, clifftops, Waiheke roads and vineyards. Starting and finishing at Timmy's space in Oneroa, there are memory generating gifts for each participant as well as samples of refreshing organic sparkling tea to enjoy.

MAKE TRACKS JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH 10D

TIME 9:00 - 13:00 **GRADE** 10/10

START LOCATION Mystery start location!

Reprising a legendary adventure from the early days of the Festival, guide *Gary Wilton* from *Make Tracks* will lead an intrepid group of explorers through a steep valley to the centre of the eastern end. Expect wet feet, challenging terrain and the need to swing from tree to tree. Heavy going at times, but a rare chance to see a part of the island like no other. Recuperate and swap stories at Man O' War vineyard afterwards. *\$25 includes two-way charter bus. You also have the option to purchase a Festival Finale ticket for \$35pp if you wish.*

MATIATIA FAMILY BEACH CLEAN UP WALK 10E

TIME 10:00 - 11:30 **GRADE** 6/10

START LOCATION Matiatia (old wharf)

Start your Sunday morning doing something good for the environment! Join Waiheke's eco warrior, *Anna Dawson* from *Plastic Free Pantry* and *Kim Hill* from *Earth Optimism* as they guide a family friendly beach-clean up walk at Matiatia Bay. Feel free to stay on for snacks and refreshments provided by your passionate guides.

MAN O'WAR TO ONETANGI: A PRIVATE LAND STUNNER (2) 10F

TIME 10:00 - 14:00 **GRADE** 8/10

START LOCATION Man O'War Beach (near jetty end)

This is a second chance to experience this private land festival highlight from Man O'War to Onetangi. This is a private land treat, experiencing the spectacular vistas of *Ngāti Paoa's Waiheke Station* before taking in the stunning *Rorohara* property of *Bruce Plested*. At the walk end, why not stay on for the Festival Finale for \$35pp. *This walk includes a one-way charter bus to get you to the walk start for \$15pp.*

RAY WHITE FESTIVAL FINALE 10G

TIME 14:00 - 17:00

START LOCATION Rorohara, 77 Waiheke Road, Onetangi

Please join us at Rorohara, Bruce Plested's private property to celebrate the end of ten magical days of walking and fun. Join fellow Festival goers, volunteers, guides, landowners, Sponsors, Patrons, Festival Friends and other supporters as we celebrate another successful Waiheke Walking Festival. *Tickets are available to purchase online for \$35 per person.*

ADDITIONAL COSTS: Please note, that whilst all walks are free, some may have supplementary charges for charter buses and/or food and refreshments. Some are part of the walk costs and some are optional add-ons.

BOOKINGS: You MUST book for each walk, as all walks have limited numbers. To book, please visit www.waihekewalkingfestival.org

RUBBISH: We have a strong commitment to zero waste, please carry out what you carry in.

DONATIONS: The Waiheke Walking Festival is proud to be a FREE event however we do run at a loss, and hence donations are gratefully accepted. You can donate via our website.

FESTIVAL FRIEND MEMBERSHIP: Receive early bird and additional walk registrations, a ticket to our fantastic Festival Finale, and provide much needed financial support for this wonderful event. For more information and to sign up visit: www.waihekewalkingfestival.org

KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE: Waiheke Island is free of this devastating disease, let's keep it that way and protect our beautiful native Kauri trees. Please ensure your footwear, poles and paws are thoroughly cleaned before arriving on Waiheke. There are cleaning stations at Pier 2 at the downtown wharf, and at Half Moon Bay and Wynyard Wharf. It is a requirement that every walker scrubs and disinfectant

sprays their shoes at the start and finish of every walk during the Festival. Our volunteers will assist you in this.

SAFETY: While all care is taken by our volunteers to ensure your safety, walkers participate at their own risk and are responsible for their own belongings and vehicles. All participants must have water, a hat, sunscreen and carry any necessary medication with them on all Festival walks.

TIMING: Walk durations can vary depending on the group size, pace and capabilities of the group. We err on the cautious side regarding finish times.

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. All of Waiheke is hilly, in some places very hilly! For more information on grading visit our website.

GETTING HERE: Fullers, as major sponsor of the Festival, are generously offering a 10% discount on ferry tickets for all those who register for the Festival. Details of how to redeem this will be sent with your registration confirmation. www.fullers.co.nz

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WALKS INCLUDING ROUTE MAPS AND TO BOOK, PLEASE VISIT WAIHEKEWALKINGFESTIVAL.ORG

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