Come and stay... For travel from Auckland City book your Fullers ferry ticket - WWW.FULLERS.CO.NZ Travelling from Half Moon Bay and/or bringing your car over, check out Seatlink’s great Festival travel deals - WWW.SEATLINK.CO.NZ Book fantastic stay/pay Festival accommodation deals with Stay Waiheke - WWW.STAYWAIHEKE.COM For more great deals from local businesses check out the website - WWW.WAIHEKEWALKINGFESTIVAL.ORG

Tour Guide: Sarah Gloyer 021 895 730

Saturday 14th November 2015 - Day 1

Tip-top Reminiscing: Drapau - Connells Bay Coastal Scramble

Start time: 8.30am  Duration: 6hrs  Grade: Med

Start location: Drapau carpark

Join Sarah Gloyer for the first of five challenging days completing the Te Ara Hura loop - Matiatia to Oneroa via the spectacular northern coastline. Incredibly scenic and a toast at Charley Farley’s to finish will reward your efforts.

Whakahewa, Feel the Breath

Start time: 8.30am  Duration: 2.5hrs  Grade: Med

Start location: Whakahewa Carpark, Gordons Rd

A gentle walk of quiet reflection through the peaceful walkways of Whakahewa Regional Park. Take time to focus on your breath and movement - a wonderful gift to yourself and a beautiful start to your weekend.

Herbal Health in Te Atawhai Whenua

Start time: 8.30am  Duration: 1.5hrs  Grade: Med

Start location: Matiatia Fullers Ferry 7am

Join medicinal herbalist and naturopath Helen Elston as she explores the walkways of Te Atawhai Whenua reserve. Learn how to identify native plants and preserve them to use as herbal medicine. Experience an amazing example of conservation at the same time.

Walk with Words on a Small Island: Matiatia Literary Walk

Start time: 8am  Duration: 1.5hrs  Grade: Med

Start location: Matiatia Fullers Ferry 7am

Two wonderful Waiheke Festivals collaborate to define a gorgeous walk around the Matiatia Headland. Join poet Greg O’Brien, Sunburst of Te Atawhai authors and writer Alex Stone on a walking extravaganza.

Buses: Please ask your friendly bus driver to point out your stop.

Dogs: Waiheke is home to some of New Zealand’s endangered birds. Please no dogs unless specified by symbol on programme.

Register: All walks are FREE. However, you MUST register for each walk as all walks have limited numbers. Register at www.waihekewalkingfestival.org to register. Donations for each walk would be gratefully accepted.

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

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 walkers must have water, a hat and sunscreen please.

Timing: We run on the cautious side regarding finish times.

Walking Grade: 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.

Easy – mainly road.

Medium – off-road walking talk, may have some narrow, muddy or steep sections.

Hard – mostly unformed, may be tricky underfoot, prolonged steep hills.

Warning: Kaipara Protection - Waiheke is the largest of the Kaipara Islands and is home to the Kaipara Marlina. Let’s keep it that way and protect our beautiful native trees. Please ensure your boots/shoes are thoroughly cleaned before arriving on Waiheke. It is a requirement that every walker sprays their shoes at the start and finish of every walk during the Festival.

The 2015 Waiheke Walking Festival offers 44 FREE guided walks over nine days. The Festival highlights Waiheke as a serious walking destination and showcases the beauty the island has to offer. With its great weather, sandy beaches and beautiful native bush, Waiheke is a paradise right on Auckland’s doorstep. Take some time to experience the island’s many picturesque walkways and some hidden gems not normally on offer – there is something for everyone of all ages and abilities. As well as guided walks, we encourage freedom walking throughout the Festival along the plethora of tracks on offer, whilst still enjoying at the Festival atmosphere during the event.

Event Supporters: Our sincere thanks to our fantastic guides, volunteers, the generous landowners, our sponsors and all the wonderful organisations and businesses who have made the 2015 event possible.

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Te Whai Hura Island Hopping Fun

Start time: 8.30am  Duration: 1.5hrs  Grade: Med

Start location: Freedmans Hill Estate, Margaret Reeve Lane

A gorgeous weekend afternoon walking taking in beautiful coastal surroundings, with an extra special treat of some low tide island hopping and a spot of sea kayaking in the gorgeous villa. Finish the day with a glass of un

Matiatia Mindfulness

Start time: 8am  Duration: 1hr  Grade: Med

Start location: Matiatia Fullers Ferry 7am

A challenging but rewarding coastal walk, with gorgeous views back to Auckland and out over Owhanake Bay. A focused walk, steep and narrow in places, that will invigorate the mind and body.

Sunday 15th November 2015 - Day 2

Gorton’s exploring: An Island Not Too Far Apart

Start time: 9am  Duration: 7hrs  Grade: Med

Start location: Gorton’s Olive Estate

Hugely popular in 2014, we have another exciting Rotoroa Island walk tour of Rangihoua Estate where you will learn more about harvesting and pruning techniques and grove management. The walk will end with a toast to the beautiful island.

Wetlands in the Park

Start time: 11am  Duration: 3hrs  Grade: Med

Start location: Rangihoua Overland Sports Park

This is a fantastic example of communities in action to conserve our precious farming history of the area and wetland spots you may not have even known were there. A great Sunday stroll.

Stone Batter and Hokes Bay History Tour

Start time: 11am  Duration: 5hrs

Start location: Stone Batter carpark, all Man O’War Bay Rd

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**Wending your Way through the Weeds**

**Northern Waiake Vista Walk**

**Waiake Twilight Photography Walk**

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**Onetangi to Whakanewha Cross Island Walk**

**Northern Beaches ROMP**

**Whakanewha Night Time Adventures for Families**

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**Nordic Kiwi-Guided Walk for Novice Walkers**

**Te Matakupui Special**

**Stonebridge Valley Children’s Adventure**

**Sunday 22nd November 2015**

**Whakanewha Dawn Chores**

**The Coastal Beauty of Rorohara**

**Fullers Festival Finale BBQ**

**Weekend Doggie Walk: Mattatia to Onetangi via Church Bay**

**Oneonta History with our Local Board Chair**

**Friends of Dorothy Walk**

**Hauraki Gulf Conservation Trust Chair, Ian Burrows, as he starts the weekend. 1:3 adult to child ratio preferred.**

**Te Ara Haura Waiake Loop Adventure: Play, Stay, Cycle to this walk from Matiatia with eCyclesNZ.**

**Whakanewha Twilight Photography Walk**

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