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18 DAYS OF WONDERFUL WALKING ON BEAUTIFUL WAIHEKE ISLAND

11 - 29 NOVEMBER 2020

OVER 55 GUIDED WALKS
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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WELCOME TO THE 2020 WAIHEKE WALKING FESTIVAL

2020 WHAT A YEAR – SO FAR!

This year's festival programme is packed with 18 days of new walks and crowd favourites. There's so much to choose from in this programme - over 50 guided walks, covering just about any sort of terrain you can imagine, from dawn to dusk, through lush landscapes and raw coastlines, to hilly bush terrain and dog walking. All the while offering a range of skill levels suitable for kids, beginners, and reasonably fit walkers, to athletic adventure seekers. Additional details for each walk are available on the website.

This year, we've had to take into account keeping people – our volunteers and our walkers - safe during a pandemic, and responding to Covid-19 Alert Levels. So, we are limiting the number of walkers on each walk more than we have in previous years. Some walks will book out quickly, and we apologise if you miss out. Where possible, and with the generous help of volunteer expert guides and private land owners, we are repeating walks we know will be popular.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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

COSTS: Most of our walks are free but some have associated costs e.g. transport charters or wine tasting. This is clearly marked on each walk in the programme. This year we have created some premium walks. These walks most often include private land access, food and wine bookings, and charter buses, and are experiences only available through the Festival. We charge a \$10 Premium Walk fee per walker in addition to the third party costs for these walks. This fee goes directly towards the costs of running the Festival.

COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS: We will follow all public health guidance about allowed walking activities, wearing face masks, keeping records for contact tracing purposes, and numbers at gatherings. Please if you are unwell, stay away (in the kindest way).

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.

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

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.

➔ WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2020

FESTIVAL OPENING WELCOME/WHAKATAU 11A

TIME 8:00am - 9:00am
LOCATION Onetangi Sports Park

The Waiheke Walking Trust invite our local community and visitors to join us and members of Ngāti Paoa, Local Board and Festival representatives to celebrate the beginning of the Waiheke Walking Festival 2020. **FREE**

3 DAY 2 NIGHT WALK & ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE 11B

TIME 3 Days **Grade** 7/10
START LOCATION Matiatia Ferry Terminal

For the first time, the Waiheke Walking Festival is offering two 3 day 2 night packages - just arrive and let us organise a wonderful 3 days of walking. See website for more details. **\$**

STORYTELLING HISTORY WALK (1) 11C

TIME 9:00am - 11:00am **Grade** 6/10
START LOCATION Museum Carpark, Onetangi Rd

A brand new Walking Festival special - listen to locals tell stories as you walk around the historic Rangihoua area. Don headsets provided by **AUDIOVAULT**, and be swept away by stories, from early Māori settlement to modern history. Stories told and read by locals including **Paul Monin, Colin Gordon** and **Malcolm Philcox**. **FREE**

SCARECROW NORTH-SIDE RESERVES RAMBLE 11D

TIME 3:00pm - 6:00pm **Grade** 6/10
START LOCATION Palm Beach Carpark (Arcadia end - meet near BBQ)

This inspiring walk from Palm Beach to Oneroa explores and celebrates all of the amazing regeneration and reforestation work being done by passionate private landowners and conservation groups. Meet some dedicated conservation ambassadors along the way, including **Paul & Alison Dyson** from Mawhitipana Valley who are opening their property especially for this walk, and **Jules Pattison**, Kaitiaki of Newton Reserve. Optional dinner at **Fenice** afterwards. **\$**

➔ THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

MAN O' WAR MAGIC (1) 12A

TIME 10:00am - 2:00pm **Grade** 8/10
START LOCATION Stony Batter Carpark

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 some easy snacks 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 and optional late lunch at Man O' War. **\$ Optional**

ONETANGI PROGRESSIVE LUNCH WALK 12B

TIME 10:00am - 4:00pm **Grade** 7/10
START LOCATION Onetangi Beach opposite Third Avenue

The Progressive Lunch is back! Join this fun day walking and eating and drinking, for entrée at **Casita Miro**, main course at **Tantalus Estate** and dessert at **Three Seven Two**. Bon appetit! **\$**

→ FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

TE KOROwai o Waiheke (PARK POINT) LOOP WALK 13A

TIME 10:30AM - 1:30PM **Grade** 7/10
START LOCATION Cnr Walter Frank Drive and Cable Lane

Walk with **Te Korowai o Waiheke**, a charitable trust established by the local community with the aim of restoring our island song together. Enjoy this stunning Park Point walk while learning about the current biodiversity status on Waiheke, what a predator free island could offer in the future and the biosecurity needed to sustain it long term. The walk will be led by **Mary Frankham**, Te Korowai o Waiheke Project Director and **Sir Graham Henry**, patron of Te Korowai o Waiheke and ambassador for the Waiheke Walking Festival. A challenging walk (lots of stairs) but worth every climb.

FREE

ONETANGI VALLEY TO RANGIHOA OLIVES WALK 13B

TIME 1:00PM - 4:00PM **Grade** 7/10
START LOCATION Reserve, cnr Seventh Ave and Seaview Rd

Join passionate Olive Grower **Anne Stanimiroff** of the award winning **Rangihoua Estate** on a walk through the private olive groves of the Onetangi Valley. The walk will include a pruning demonstration, planting advice and finish with a tour and tasting at Rangihoua Estate.

\$

→ SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 1

MATIATIA TO PALM BEACH 14A

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM **Grade** 8/10
START LOCATION Matiatia foreshore

Begin your 100km 9-day Te Ara Hura adventure today, or just choose today as one of your walks. A stunning coastal trail, with views forever as the track climbs the rocky headlands and descends to sandy beaches, through Owhanake, Oneroa Village and along a mix of fabulous tracks and quiet roads to reach Palm Beach. Dogs on lead welcome.

FREE

THE LABYRINTH WALK 14B

TIME 1:00PM - 3:00PM **Grade** 1/10
START LOCATION West end of Oneroa Beach, by boat ramp

Join **Emma Rochester** for this contemplative Labyrinth experience. The Labyrinth is one circuitous path with no tricks or dead ends. It's a simple matter of taking one step after the other to reach the centre and return, allowing the feet to kiss the earth as you move deeper and deeper into place.

FREE

COAST TO COAST TO LUNCH 14C

TIME 10:00AM - 1:00PM **Grade** 6/10
START LOCATION Omiha Memorial Hall, Rocky Bay

Beginnng at the Omiha Memorial Hall in Rocky Bay, wander along the shores of Whakanewha and up and across the Regional Park, the Cascades loop, up to Trig Hill and down Trig Hill Road with a ramble through Onetangi on the way down to the beach. Finish with a special lunch offering from the new **Ki Māha** restaurant on Onetangi Beach.

\$

SISTER SHOUT CHOIR WALK 14D

TIME 4:00PM - 6:00PM **Grade** 5/10
START LOCATION Little Oneroa carpark

Get ready to be entertained as **Sister Shout**, Waiheke's much-loved acapella choir, guide you on a late afternoon singalong. Start at Little Oneroa and follow along with your wonderful guides. This musical walk ends with a free special Festival performance in the **Artworks** Courtyard. Join other festival goers there and enjoy food trucks on-site and a cash bar.

FREE

FESTIVAL 2020 GET-TOGETHER

14E

TIME 5:00PM - 8:00PM
LOCATION Artworks Courtyard

A chance to come together to meet fellow walkers, chat about your walks, share a drink and some delicious street food. Our Sister Shout walk will finish here and the choir will sing us a couple more songs for the enjoyment of everyone gathered. Cash bar at the **Artworks Theatre** will be open, and food trucks on site. EVERYONE welcome.

\$ Optional

→ SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 2

PALM BEACH TO MAN O' WAR RD 15A

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM **Grade** 7/10
START LOCATION Palm Beach carpark (Arcadia end - meet near BBQs)

This fabulous day includes walking through the private land of Wawata Estate, along stunning Onetangi Beach and special access through the Rarowhara property of **Bruce Pledsted**. Includes a one way bus back to Palm Beach and Matiatia ferry terminal.

\$

BEACH CLEAN UP & KIDS ROCK POOL SCAVENGER HUNT 15B

TIME 1:00PM - 3:00PM **Grade** 5/10
START LOCATION Bottom of boat ramp off Korora Rd, Oneroa Beach

Fabulous kids fun along Oneroa Beach and exploring the rock pools around to Little O. Prizes and snacks for the kids. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Kids 5-12.

FREE

WINDSOR DOORS ROCKY SHORE WALK WITH SCIENTISTS 15C

TIME 1:00PM - 3:00PM **Grade** 7/10
START LOCATION Little Oneroa carpark

Wear some sturdy shoes for some rock hopping and walk from Little O out to Fishermans Rock and on through Hekerua and Sandy Bays. Learn about the area's shy inhabitants, the little blue penguins (kororā), and much much more from your knowledgeable guides, **Cat Davis**, coastal scientist and **Chloe Price**, environmental scientist.

FREE

ECOPODS EARN YOUR DINNER WALK 15D

TIME 1:30PM - 6:00PM **Grade** 10/10
START LOCATION Omiha Memorial Hall, O'Brien Rd, Rocky Bay

Starting with a beautiful walk through Whakanewha Regional Park, before tackling the decent hike (including the infamous rope-assisted hill) that will take you down to the gorgeous **Poderi Crisci Vineyard** where you will enjoy a divine 3-course dinner in the wine cellar. For a special treat between courses, an acoustic song from local jazz singer **Briar Ross**.

\$

FRENCHMANS HILL ESTATE TE WHAU COASTAL LOOP 15E

TIME 1:30PM - 4:00PM **Grade** 7/10
START LOCATION Frenchmans Hill, cnr O'Brien Rd & Margaret Reeve Lane

A stunning loop with a quick pace for bush lovers, coast lovers, and dog lovers. This challenging walk starts and finishes at the unique artisan winery **Frenchmans Hill Estate**. Discover stunning coastal tracks, beautiful native bush through the Kuakarau Reserve and great views over Putiki Estuary and far beyond. Finish with a fabulous wine and cheese offering back at Frenchmans Hill. Dogs on leads OK.

\$ Optional

➔ MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 3

MAN O' WAR RD CORNER TO STONY BATTER 16A

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 6/10

START LOCATION Corner Man O' War Road and Waiheke Road

Day 3 of the Te Ara Hura journey is a big skies and big views section, as you follow along the gravel Man O' War farm road out to Stony Batter. Two way bus included. \$

➔ TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 4

STONY BATTER TO ORAPIU 17A

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 6/10

START LOCATION Stony Batter/ Man O' War Road corner

Start this stunning gravel road section of the Te Ara Hura just before Man O' War Bay, and enjoy the shady downhill before an amazing ascent and views over the wonderful east end of Waiheke and out to Ponui and the islands of the Gulf. Two way bus included. \$

3 DAY 2 NIGHT WALK & ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE 17B

TIME 3 Days Grade 7/10

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MINDFULNESS IN WHAKANEWHA 17C

TIME 10:00AM - 12:00PM Grade 5/10

START LOCATION Batch Winery Carpark, Carsons Rd

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 using your senses with intent to connect you with nature and yourself. Finish the walk with spectacular views and a delicious, specially priced optional lunch and bubbles at **Batch Winery**. \$ Optional

TREESCAPE THE BIRDS AND THE TREES WALK 17D

TIME 2:00PM - 5:00PM Grade 5/10

START LOCATION Whakanewha campground carpark, Gordons Rd

Join wonderful Park Ranger **Natasha Beletzy** in our stunning Whakanewha Regional Park, for some native bird spotting and tree identification, on this fun, informative walk. FREE

➔ WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 5

ORAPIU TO AWAARAOA 18A

TIME 09:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 7/10

START LOCATION Orapiu wharf

Begin this wonderful walk, day 5 of the Te Ara Hura 9-day walk, with the coastal track to the serene Pearl Bay, joining the road skirting Te Matuku Scenic Reserve, and through a wonderful section of pristine bush. Two way bus included. \$

MAN O' WAR MAGIC (2) 18B

TIME 10:00AM - 2:00PM Grade 8/10

START LOCATION Stony Batter carpark

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➔ THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 6

AWAARAOA TO ROCKY BAY 19A

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 10/10

START LOCATION Roadend by Poderi Crisci, Awaaraoa

A stunning, challenging day, that includes some good hills, the infamous 'rope climb' (down), and the incredibly beautiful Mamuku and Nikau tracks through Whakanewha Regional Park, finishing in Rocky Bay. One way bus included. \$

AUDIOVAULT FAMILY SILENT DISCO 19B

TIME 7:30PM - 8:30PM Grade 2/10

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

Join our local music & dance lover, **Christa Loisel**, for a boogie on Palm Beach at Sunset. Don a headset, dance like nobody is watching and boogie your way down the beach listening to some fabulous beats. Afterwards, join us for a special Waiheke Walking Festival happy hour at Arcadia. Feel free to dress up in something sparkly and wear ya lights! The theme is Shine Bright. Headsets provided compliments of **AudioVault Events**. FREE

A VINEYARD STROLL AND AN OPERA 19C

TIME 3:30PM - 5:00PM Grade 5/10

START LOCATION Goldie carpark

A lovely, relaxed scenic walk around **Goldie Estate Winery** with winemaker **Heinrich Storm**, culminating in the excitement of an early evening concert of live opera by soprano **Natasha Wilson**, tenor **Ipu Laga'aia** and their accompanist **Claire Caldwell**, accompanied by raclette and a glass wine. Cash bar open till 7pm. \$

➔ FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 7

ROCKY BAY TO SPORTS PARK 20A

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 7/10

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

Discover the southern coastline of Te Whau Peninsula and around to Okoka Bay. Beautiful views and unknown bays. Dogs on leads welcome. FREE

STORYTELLING HISTORY WALK (2) 20B

TIME 10:00AM - 12:00PM Grade 6/10

START LOCATION Museum Carpark, Onetangi Rd

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THE STONY RIDGE WALK 20C

TIME 11:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 7/10
START LOCATION Stonyridge winery carpark

Join winemaker **Steve White** from **Stonyridge Vineyard** and his friendly neighbours to discover the high ridgeline that looks across the Island and the valley of vineyards, new wetlands, and a tour up through Stonyridge lands. Enjoy a delicious platter and a glass of Stonyridge wine for lunch after your walk. \$

BUSH SURVIVAL SKILLS 20D

TIME 6:00PM - 9:00PM Grade 5/10
START LOCATION Corner O'Brien Road and Te Whau Drive

Picture this: a simple day hike has turned into your worst nightmare. The sun is setting, your phone is dead and you're miles away from the car park. What you do now could make the difference between life and death. On this walk, you'll learn and practice what to do - and what not to do - when the unexpected strikes. This walk is not a Bear Grylls bug-eating experience. It's about building your confidence and bush know-how. From the shelter of your bivvy, you'll watch night fall in the forest before you experience a 'rescue', a walk out in the dark and a cup of hot chocolate! Join **Richard Margesson** for a unique Walking Festival adventure. **FREE**

→ SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 8

ONETANGI SPORTS PARK TO BLACKPOOL 21A

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 5/10
START LOCATION Onetangi Sports Park, near the Roosters

Today explores the back streets and back yards of the real Waiheke, dipping in and out of coastal paths and discovering the wonderful Te Toki Reserve. Dogs on leads welcome. **FREE**

TE MATUKU WALK TO HONOUR SIR ROB FENWICK 21B

TIME 10:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 6/10
START LOCATION 402 Orapiu Rd, private driveway.

This very special walk is possible with the ongoing kindness of **Jennie Fenwick**, who will lead us on a loop walk through the Fenwick farm and new bush track, as we learn a little about the wonderful work of Sir Rob Fenwick, from some people that knew him best, **Bill Kermod**, **Mary Frankham** and **Roger France**. \$ **Optional**

BREWERS' LOOP 21C

TIME 09:30AM - 2:00PM Grade 6/10
START LOCATION Onetangi Sports Park carpark

A walk through the wetlands to discover that the valley of grapes also has some mighty fine grains - a beer lover's dream, **Heke Beers**, **Alibi** and **Wild Estate**. A great walk for those who appreciate the finer side of beers and fries. \$

ASTRONZ NIGHT SKY WALK 21D

TIME 8:00PM - 9:30PM Grade 3/10
START LOCATION Corner Esplanade and Tahatai Rd, Blackpool

Join **Astronz** and **Dark Sky Waiheke Island** for an astronomical night time adventure 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. **FREE**

ASTRONZ NIGHT SKY VIEWING 21E

TIME 8:00PM - 10:00pm
START LOCATION Corner Esplanade and Tahatai Rd, Blackpool

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. **FREE**

→ SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

RAY WHITE 9-DAY TE ARA HURA - DAY 9

BLACKPOOL TO MATIATIA 22A

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 8/10
START LOCATION Corner Moa Rd and The Esplanade, Blackpool

The final fling of a fabulous 100km 9 day Te Ara Hura adventure. Walk this wonderfully challenging day, through remote (but oh so close) beaches and bays out and around Te Roreomaiaea (Park Point). Prepare for lots of steps, each one worth it, to arrive back at the Day 1 start point of Matiatia Bay. **FREE**

HIKOI WHENUA FROM MATIATIA TO PIRITAHU MARAE 22B

TIME 1:00PM - 4:30PM Grade 5/10
START LOCATION Matiatia

Piritahi Marae whānau are excited to guide you through the ngahere (bush) of Atawhai Whenua and over Piritaha maunga (mountain) to **Piritahi Marae**. During the walk we will share with you the Māori creation story and some kōrero (stories) related to the plants we see. Once at **Piritahi Marae** there will be a pōwhiri to welcome you on to the marae. Following this we will share some kōrero of the whareniui (meeting house) and the whakairo (carvings). The walk will be led by **Bianca Ranson**. **Koha \$20 to Marae**

MAN O' WAR TO ONETANGI (1) 22C

TIME 10:00AM - 2:00PM Grade 8/10
START LOCATION Man O' War Beach (near jetty)

This is a stunning festival favourite, hiking from Man O' War Bay to Onetangi. A private land treat, experience the spectacular vistas of **Ngāti Paoa's** Waiheke Station before taking in the stunning **Rarowhara** property at Pie Melon Bay. Finish at Onetangi Beach with an optional late lunch at **Charlie's**. This walk includes a one-way charter bus. \$

MAKE TRACKS JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH 22D

TIME 9:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 11/10
START LOCATION Mystery Location

Back by popular demand, this one is for the brave and boundless, guided by Festival icon, **Gary Wilton** from **Make Tracks**. Gary 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. Includes a two-way bus. \$

TE AROHA AND MCKENZIE LOOP WALK 22E

TIME 1:00PM - 3:00PM Grade 5/10
START LOCATION Corner Hauraki and Karaka Rd

Join local experts **Tim Feather** and **Penny Ericson** to venture down the stream at Te Aroha Avenue and up tracks at McKenzie Reserve, to discover the abundance of flora and fauna and how the balance of humans and life in the bush can co-exist happily. **FREE**

→ TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

LITTLE GREEN DOG 5KM ON THE BEACH 24A

TIME 9:00AM - 11:00AM Grade 2/10

START LOCATION Onetangi Beach opposite Third Avenue

Get inspired by Waiheke's own health and fitness expert **Sarah Gloyer**. Walk and talk or run for fun! Tide will be out - go at your pace on stunning Onetangi Beach followed by 30 minutes of Pilates (optional) on the beach as the sea laps at your feet. Dogs on leads welcome. **FREE**

WILD HERBAL GIN AND TONIC WALK 24B

TIME 1:00PM - 4:00PM Grade 7/10

START LOCATION Sculpture Car Park Whakanewha

Join local **Helen Elscot**, well known medical herbalist and gin maker from **The Botanical's Distillery**, for a walk in Whakanewha Regional Park, with a gin masterclass. Finish with High Tea and bubbles at **Batch Winery**. **\$**

→ WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

START OF THE TE ARA HURA 5 DAY ADVENTURE 25A

See box on this page for more information **\$**

SHINRIN-YOKU - FOREST BATHING WALK 25B

TIME 9:30AM - 12:30PM Grade 3/10

START LOCATION Little O carpark

Join accredited nature and forest therapy guide, **Gabrielle Young** on a forest bathing (shinrin-yoku) experience in Goodwin Reserve. You will slow down, connect with nature, become mindful and open your senses during this special experience which ends with a Japanese tea ceremony. **FREE**

OYSTER INN WITH JOSH EMETT: ONEROA RAMBLE 25C

TIME 11:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 5/10

START LOCATION Oneroa Beach

Join us for a gentle ramble around the lesser-known tracks and streets of Oneroa Village, ending at Waiheke's much-loved **Oyster Inn** to meet chef and restaurateur, **Josh Emmett**. Enjoy a glass of bubbles and fresh oysters, followed by a delicious two-course lunch. Mid-week perfection! **\$**

→ THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

ONETANGI PROGRESSIVE LUNCH & WINE TRAIL 26A

TIME 10:00AM - 4:00PM Grade 7/10

START LOCATION Onetangi Beach opposite Third Avenue

The Progressive Lunch is back! Join this fun day of walking and eating. Start with wine tastings at **Obsidian**, then a main course at the **Shed at Te Motu** and end with dessert at **Three Seven Two**. Bon appetit! **\$**

→ FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

COAST TO COAST TO COAST 27A

TIME 7:00AM - 1:00PM Grade 9/10

START LOCATION Onetangi Beach opposite Third Avenue

Join our fitness expert **Sarah Gloyer** for a fast-paced walk across the Island and back! Challenge your endurance as we climb out of Onetangi through native bush, sidle along streams, enjoy the Cascades, hit the other coast, view dotterel

nesting grounds, go back in time in Rocky Bay Village, do a little rock climbing (easy), find some secret spots, and head back to where we started for optional refreshments at **Charlie's**. **\$ Optional**

FULLERS360 LOW TIDE EXPLORING TE WHAU 27B

TIME 10:00AM - 2:00PM Grade 7/10

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

Join passionate local conservationists **Ian Burrows** and **Tim McMains** 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. **FREE**

AWAAROA COASTAL CLASSIC 27C

TIME 9:00AM - 3:00PM Grade 8/10

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

Starting at Rocky Bay you will walk the southern coastline before making your way along the Awaaroa Estuary, up through private land being nurtured by Awaaroa eco-village residents, and finishing at award-winning **Poderi Crisci** Vineyard for a fabulous lunch. 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. **\$**

TE ARA HURA FIVE DAY 100KM ADVENTURE WED 25 - SUN 29 NOVEMBER



Join guides **Linda Simpson** and **Anna Brealey** for this five day, 100km Te Ara Hura walking adventure which will see you circumnavigate Waiheke. You will be walking 5-7 hours every day at a moderate pace to complete approximately 20km per day, so a good level of walking fitness is required. Sign up to complete all 5 days. This walk is not available as individual days - see the RAY WHITE 9-day Te Ara Hura for other options.

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 25 NOV

Start: Onetangi Beach opposite Third Avenue

This is the eastern section which begins from Onetangi Beach, with a private land treat through the beauty that is Rarowhara. Today is very scenic and rural, taking in plenty of coastal road and track and finishing in Orapiu for well-deserved refreshments.

DAY 2 - THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

This is the tougher bush section of Te Ara Hura, absolutely spectacular views with lots of ups and downs, and the notorious "rope climb".

DAY 3 - FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Start with the beautiful Te Whau Peninsula before winding your way through the residential centre of the island and finishing on the shores of Blackpool beach.

DAY 4 - SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Today is all about the coast. Walk the headlands either side of Matiatia Bay and experience breathtakingly beautiful views in all directions before finishing your day in the bustling village of Oneroa.

DAY 5 - SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

A day of gorgeous beaches, coastal vistas and several regenerating reserves, ending back where you started five days ago, on stunning Onetangi Beach. It's now time to celebrate the completion of 100kms!

→ SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

ROCKY BAY ART STUDIO WALK 28A

TIME 9:00AM - 11:30AM Grade 6/10

START LOCATION Omiha Memorial Hall, Rocky Bay

Walk through the eclectic and old world Waiheke streets and reserves of Rocky Bay, guided by international ceramicist and lovely local **Kiya Nancarrow**, meeting local artists in their studios along the way. Finish with a cuppa at the world famous **Rocky Bay Cafe**.

\$ Optional

MAN O' WAR TO ONETANGI (2) 28B

TIME 10:00AM - 2:00PM Grade 8/10

START LOCATION Man O' War Beach (near jetty)

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\$

ALL AGES TE TOKI UKELELE WALK 28C

TIME 4:30PM - 6:00PM Grade 8/10

START LOCATION RSA, Ostend

Join musical maestro **Joe Harrop** as he leads a cheerful fun singalong style walk that will take this group of ukelele fans from the **RSA** in Ostend, around Te Toki Reserve and back again. Join Joe and his band of merry friends inside the **RSA** for a festival meal and ukelele jam following the walk.

Family friendly fun!

\$ Optional

→ SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

NATURE LOOP ADVENTURE FOR KIDS 29A

TIME 9:00AM - 12:00PM Grade 5/10

START LOCATION Man O' War Rd

Walk the Goodness Glade, learn at the Forest School and be a Nature Detective on the activity rich romp with **Kirsten Simmons** from **Talking Tree Hill**. 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.

FREE

MOTUKAHA ISLAND LOW TIDE ADVENTURE 29B

TIME 12:00PM - 3:00PM Grade 7/10

START LOCATION Matiatia Foreshore

Bring your sense of adventure on this midday 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. Bring your camera (in a waterproof case!) for some amazing "walking on water" photo opportunities!

FREE

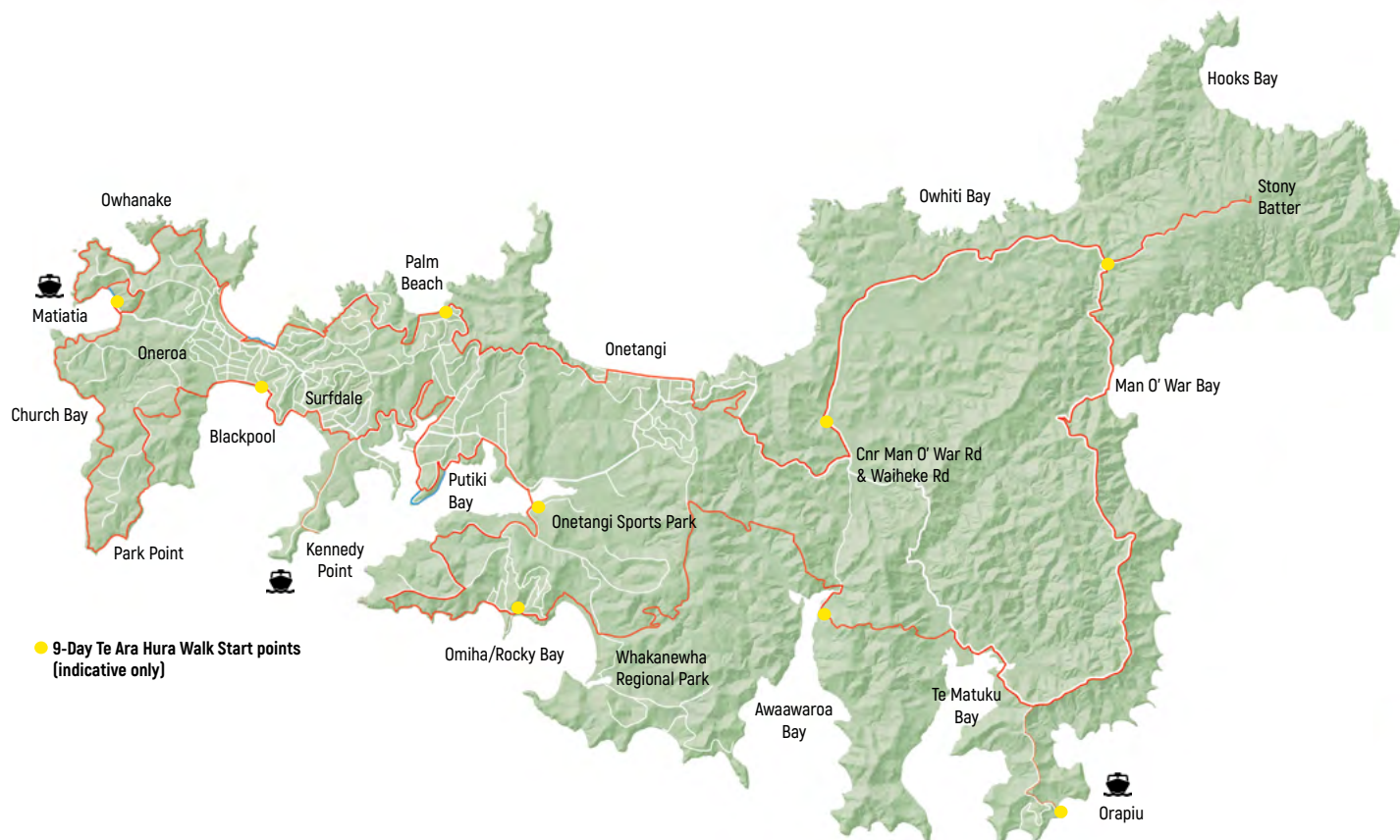
WHAKANEWHA PHOTOGRAPHY WALK WITH PETER REES 29C

TIME 10:00AM - 12:00PM Grade 3/10

START LOCATION Whakanewha Sculpture carpark, Gordons Rd

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.

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