

Map 1: North Rodney



# Walking tracks in Rodney

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1. **Te Arai Reserve.** Te Arai Point Rd, Te Arai, Wellsford. \*\* V,P,B. 1 – 1.5hrs. Coastal walking tracks over high headland between two sections of Mangawhai Forest. Spectacular views of coastline. Safe swimming in ex-quarry lagoon. AC
2. **Mangawhai Forest.** Te Arai, Wellsford. \*\* T,P,B,I. Several walking and bridle tracks ranging from 20 min walk to beach to 12km forest and beach trail. Track links to No. 1 and Lake Tomarata. PF
3. **Atiu Creek Regional Park.** Run Road, Taporā. \*\* V,T,P,B,I. Variety of tracks and walks across farmland and remnant forest, from 3 hrs to 20 mins. Mountain biking, horse riding trails (permit required) and bookable baches. AC
4. **Logues Bush Scenic Reserve.** Day Rd off Waiteitei Rd, Wellsford. \*\*\* B,I. Main track a 90min loop. Easiest walked clockwise through young kauri and lush bush. DOC
5. **Currys Bush.** Wi Apo Pl, Wellsford. \*\*\* B,I. 15 – 30 mins. Circular walking track in small remnant kahikatea forest. AC
6. **Goat Island Walkway.** Goat Island Rd, Leigh. \*\* V, T, P, B. I. 2 hr return walk behind Auckland University Marine Laboratory climbing farm hill marked by white poles. Follows clifftop through patches of coastal forest with views to outer Hauraki Gulf, Goat Island and Cape Rodney-Okakari Point Marine Reserve. DOC
7. **Omaha Cove Walkway.** Leigh Harbour, Leigh. \*\* B, I. 1 hr return walk starting from Leigh Wharf around top of harbour through coastal forest. DOC/AC
8. **Leigh Coastal Walkway.** Leigh Township. \* V. Clifftop walkway. Cotterell St to Penguin St (15 mins return) easy gradient; Kyle St to Wonderview Rd (40 mins return) has some steep sections. Good views of rocky coastline. Daniels Reef access. Connects to No. 8. AC
9. **Matheson Bay Reserve.** Grand View/Matheson Bay Rd, Matheson Bay. \*\* T, P, B. 40 min. return walk from reserve car park along southern side of Kohuroa Stream. Muddy when wet. Popular swimming and diving area. AC
10. **Ti Point Coastal Walkway.** Ti Point Rd, Ti Point. \*\* T. 2 hr return walk starting from jetty around foreshore to Ti Point Scenic Reserve (DOC). Private property to Tatham Rd from scenic reserve. Popular fishing spot off rocks. AC/DOC
11. **Mt Tamahunga Walkway.** 3.6 km down Omaha Valley Rd (off Leigh Rd), Matakana, or start end of Rodney Rd or Bathgate Rd, Pakiri. \* V,P, B, I. 1.5 hrs one way to summit, 3.5 hrs one way to Rodney Rd, or 4.5 hrs from Omaha Valley Rd to Pakiri. Magnificent views up and down coast. Track is marked. TA/AC/DOC.
12. **Point Wells Reserve.** Riverside Dr, Point Wells.\*\*\* T,P. 45 min. return walk starting from boatramp, around grass foreshore reserve beside Whangateau Harbour and following bollard markers to Waimanu Reserve/Pl. Return the same way or walk back through village via accessway to Harbour View Rd. AC
13. **Omaha Beach.** Omaha. \*\*\* T,P. A variety of walks in area including reserves, foreshore and boardwalks. Dogs not permitted in dotterel bird sanctuary at top end of spit. Several starting points for a range of shorter and longer walks including wetlands and quarry. AC
14. **Tawharanui Regional Park.** Takatu Rd, Matakana. V,T,P,B,I. A 588ha open sanctuary protected by a predator-proof fence. A range of coastal walks and camping. AC
15. **Buckleton Beach.** Buckleton Rd. \*\* P, B. 30 – 40 mins. A circular walk starting from boatramp. Go left along beach reserve, follow grass track uphill into reserve with small area of bush. Follow track through bush to accessway (with steps back onto Buckleton Rd). Follow the road back to ramp. AC
16. **Sandspit Spit.** Sandspit Rd, Sandspit. \*\*\* D,T,P. A pleasant return walk (45 mins) through the reserves on the spit; boardwalks through mangroves, past Deans Island and bird roosting area on sandbar. Go through camp to No. 16. AC
17. **Brick Bay Reserve.** Brick Bay Dr, Sandspit. \*\* T,B. 1.5 – 2 hrs. A series of bush tracks developed by local community through bush reserves overlooking the mouth of the Matakana River. Various entry points: off end of Kotare Pl, Puriri Pl, lefthand side near Brick Bay Dr intersection, and beach reserve end of Brick Bay Dr. AC
18. **Snells Beach Beachfront Reserve.** Snells Beach Rd, Snells Beach. \*\*\* D,T,P. Walkway along beachfront. Range of short and long walks. AC
19. **Goodall Reserve.** Cnr Hamatana and Mahurangi East Roads, Snells Beach. \*\*\* D,T,P. 45 – 60 mins. A circular walk around this reserve. Concrete path through to Foster Cres. and metal track on lower sloping area. Toilets by tennis courts. Look out for Te Whau Creek Extension to Dawsons Rd (under construction). AC
20. **Algies Bay/Highfield Garden Reserve.** Gordon Craig Pl / Mahurangi East Rd, Algies Bay. \*\* V,T,P,B,I. 60 – 90 mins. A walk along beachfront reserve to Highfield Garden Reserve at north end to see the donkeys and water fowl. Return along beach, take a stroll towards the southern end through the attractive garden area on the esplanade reserve. Map on sign by toilets. AC
21. **Scandrett Regional Park.** Scandrett Rd, Snells Beach. \* V,T,P,H,I. Various walks with links to Martins Bay Holiday Park. Heritage farm precinct, historic homestead and bookable baches. AC
22. **Martins Bay Reserve.** Martins Bay Rd, Martins Bay. \*\* P,B,T,I. 90 mins. Map on sign at main car park to left of boatramp. Cross stiles and through grazed area to reach bush area behind campground. Track has been upgraded but is muddy and slippery when wet. AC
23. **Scotts Landing.** Ridge Rd, Mahurangi East. \* V,T,P,B,H,I. Walkway linking several reserves including Mahurangi and Burton Wells Scenic Reserves (DOC) and Mahurangi Regional Park (AC) with historic Scott homestead. Some tidal sections. Sign with map at Williams St car park. Range of short and long walks. AC/DOC
24. **Mahurangi East – Poplar Bay.** Mahurangi Peninsula. \*\* V,I. 30 mins one way. Walking track at Mahurangi Regional Park on headland east of Scotts Landing between Poplar and Lagoon Bays. Access by boat only. Bookable bach. AC
25. **Mansion House.** Kawau Island. \*\*\* V,T,H,I. A series of walks from Mansion House to old copper mine and School House Bay. View Sir George Grey's house, grounds and wallabies. Take ferry from Sandspit. Range of short and long walks. DOC
26. **South Cove.** Kawau Island. \*\* V. A pleasant return walk from South Cove wharf through small settlement and pine plantation. Good views of Hauraki Gulf Islands. Take ferry from Sandspit or use own boat. AC
27. **Govan Wilson Rd to Dome Forest.** Govan Wilson Rd, Matakana. \* P, B, I. 7 hours one way. Note: shorter walks optional. Bush walks with views. Track is marked. TA/DOC/AC.
28. **Dome Forest Walkway.** Dome Forest car park (tearooms), SH1, Warkworth. \*\* V, P, B, I. 60 – 90 mins. 1.2km return track to the Dome summit, steep and rocky ascent. Alternatively a shorter 40 min return walk to the lookout platform. A small kauri grove 800m beyond the summit. DOC
29. **Dome Forest to Puhoi.** Dome Forest car park (tearooms), SH1, Warkworth. \* & \*\* V, T, P, T. Full day: 6–7 hrs one way. Immediately across SH1 from the tearooms is Kraack Rd. Follow small directional markers on road signs from here to traverse back country roads, bush, forest and farms to Puhoi. The general directions are: Kraack Rd, Smyth Rd, Streamlands Swamp Rd, Old Kaipara Rd, Drinnan's farm, Edgerley Rd, Mathew Rd, Moirs Hill, signed 4WD track to Ahuroa Rd, Tolhopf Rd (connects with Dunn's Bush/Ridge Track – see No. 37), then Ahuroa Rd into Puhoi. AC/TA.
30. **Kowhai Park.** SH1/Matakana Rd, Warkworth. \*\*\* T,P,B,H. 45 – 60 mins. Circular bush walk, past historic lime kilns. Parts can be muddy when wet. AC
31. **Warkworth Town Riverbank.** Wharf Rd/Kapanui St, Warkworth. \*\*\* T,P. A walkway extending along the town side of Mahurangi River from Fall St, Elizabeth St, the wharf and Baxter St into Lucy Moore Park, Rivendell Pl. and extending to historic cement works off Wilson Rd. Range of short and long walks. AC
32. **Warkworth 150th Anniversary Walkway.** \*\*\* V. 15 mins. From Elizabeth Street along the river, boardwalk under highway to Shoemith Reserve. AC
33. **Parry Kauri Park.** Thompson Rd, Warkworth. \*\*\* T,P,B,H,I. 15 – 30 mins. A circular bush walk built by the Kauri Bushmen's Association. See the two historic kauri trees and visit the museum. AC
34. **Wairere Scenic Reserve.** Falls Rd, Warkworth West. \*\* B. 5 – 15 mins. Short walks in small bush reserve by stream (upper reaches of Mahurangi River). DOC
35. **Morison Scenic Reserve.** Kaipara Hills Rd, Kaipara Flats. Southern conifer forest just past cemetery on righthand side. Cross stile at entrance to reach reserve. No defined tracks. AC
36. **Moirs Hill Track.** Pohuehue Scenic Reserve, SH1, Puhoi. \*\* P,B, I. Short 30 min walk to waterfall.DOC/PF
37. **Beverly Price Loop Track.** Pohuehue Scenic Reserve, SH1, Puhoi. \* P,B, I. Begins from No. 35. 2-hour loop track, best done clockwise. Track is rough and can be slippery when muddy. DOC/PF
38. **Dunn's Bush & Ridge.** Starts southern end Tolhopf Rd, beside 703 Ahuroa Rd, Puhoi and end of Remiger Rd, Puhoi. \* V, B, P. 2 hour loop walk. Track is marked. TA/Private (QEII).
39. **Village Loop Track.** Starts at Puhoi Domain. \*\* V, T, P, B. 40 min. loop walk through regenerating bush and grasslands to high point overlooking Puhoi village. AC.
40. **McElroy Scenic Reserve.** Cowan Bay Rd, Mahurangi West. \* B,H,I. 45–60 mins return. Add 30–45mins for loop track. 200ha mixed kauri/broadleaf forest near end of Cowan Bay Rd. Old logging track runs along top of ridge. AC
41. **Wenderholm Regional Park.** SH1 just north of Waiwera turnoff. Waiwera. \*\* V,T,P,B,H,I. Three tracks ranging from 30 mins to 2 hrs between Waiwera and Puhoi Rivers. Historic Coudrey House, camping and bookable baches. AC