

Walking tracks in Rodney District



Welcome to Rodney

Only 30 minutes north of Auckland and stretching from the east to the west coast, Rodney District boasts sandy beaches, sparkling coastal waters, rugged cliffs, native bush, dune lakes, wetlands and walking tracks.

This booklet includes three maps of walking areas in the Rodney District: Map 1 covers north Rodney, Map 2 west Rodney and Map 3 the Hibiscus Coast and Whangaparaoa Peninsula.

On the Hibiscus Coast and Whangaparaoa Peninsula map, numbers 61-67 indicate the Coastal Walkway. Signs along this walking track show access points, however some sections may be restricted at high tide. See pages 8-9 for details.

This booklet also includes Te Araroa – the Long Pathway. This is a 2920km trail that extends the length of New Zealand from Cape Reinga to Bluff (see www.teararoa.org.nz for further details). Te Araroa's route through Rodney starts south of Mangawhai in the north and finishes at Okura Estuary in the south. Some of these tracks have been developed with the support of local landowners so it's important that walkers respect the environment and:

- Keep to the track
- Leave gates as you find them/use the stiles provided
- Always take litter with you
- Always bury toilet waste; avoid toileting near water
- Park your car thoughtfully (never drive onto private properties or park in front of gates)
- Dogs are prohibited on farms and in protected bird areas. For rules regarding dogs on beaches, please see Rodney District Council's website.

The key below indicates the condition of the walking tracks and the level of fitness needed so you can plan appropriately and enjoy Rodney District's wonderful natural environment.

A further copy of this booklet can be downloaded from our website.

Go to www.rodney.govt.nz/Community/itinerary.htm

Key




Walking track conditions

- ★★★ Good standard; Generally well formed; Easy walking
- ★★ Medium standard; Surfaces vary; Some steep grades
- ★ Lower standard; Some difficult sections;
Suitable for people with good fitness

Administering Authority

- ARC Auckland Regional Council
- DOC Department of Conservation
- RDC Rodney District Council
- TA Te Araroa – The Long Pathway
- F&B Royal Forest & Bird Protection Soc.
- PF Private forest

Special features

- V Views
- D Disabled access
- T Toilets
- P Parking
- B Bushwalk
- H Historic Site
- I Information
-  RDC Holiday Park
-  iSITE Visitor Information Centre
-  Information Centres

Rodney District



Map 1: North Rodney



- 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. RDC
- 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 **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
- 4 **Currys Bush.** Wi Apo Pl, Wellsford. ★★★ B,I. 15 – 30 mins. Circular walking track in small remnant kahikatea forest. RDC

- 5 **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
- 6 **Omaha Cove Walkway.** Leigh Harbour, Leigh. ★★ B, I. 1 hr return walk starting from Leigh Wharf around top of harbour through coastal forest. DOC/RDC
- 7 **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. RDC

- 8 Matheson Bay Reserve.** Grand View/Matheson Bay Rd, Matheson Bay. ★ T, P, B. 40 min. return walk from reserve carpark along southern side of Kohuroa Stream. Muddy when wet. Popular swimming and diving area. RDC
- 9 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. RDC/DOC
- 10 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/RDC/DOC.
- 11 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. RDC
- 12 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. RDC
- 13 Tawharanu 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. ARC
- 14 Buckleton Beach.** Buckleton Rd. ★★ P, B. 30 – 40 mins. A circular walk starting from boatramp. Go left along beach reserve, follow grass track up hill 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. RDC
- 15 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. RDC
- 16 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. RDC
- 17 Snells Beach Beachfront Reserve.** Snells Beach Rd, Snells Beach. ★★★ D,T,P. Walkway along beachfront. Range of short and long walks. RDC
- 18 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. RDC
- 19 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. RDC
- 20 Scandrett Regional Park.** Scandrett Rd, Snells Beach. ★ V,T,P,H,I. Various walks with links to Martins Bay Holiday Park. ARC
- 21 Martins Bay Reserve.** Martins Bay Rd, Martins Bay. ★★ P,B,T,I. 90 mins. Map on sign at main carpark 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. RDC
- 22 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 (ARC) with historic Scott homestead. Some tidal sections. Sign with map at Williams St carpark. Range of short and long walks. RDC/DOC/ARC
- 23 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. ARC
- 24 Mansion House.** Kawai 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
- 25 South Cove.** Kawai 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. RDC
- 26 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/ RDC.
- 27 Dome Forest Walkway.** Dome Forest carpark (tearooms), SH 1, 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
- 28 Dome Forest to Puhoi.** Dome Forest carpark (tearooms), SH 1, 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. RDC/TA.
- 29 Kowhai Park.** S.H.1/Matakana Rd, Warkworth. ★★★ T,P,B,H. 45 – 60 mins. Circular bush walk, past historic lime kilns. Parts can be muddy when wet. RDC
- 30 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. RDC
- 31 Warkworth 150th Anniversary Walkway.** ★★ V. 15 mins. From Elizabeth Street along the river, boardwalk under highway to Shoesmith Reserve. RDC



- 32 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. RDC
- 33 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
- 34 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. RDC
- 35 Moirs Hill Track.** Pohuehue Scenic Reserve, SH1, Puhoi. ★★ P,B, I. Short 30 min walk to waterfall. DOC/PF
- 36 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
- 37 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).
- 38 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. RDC.
- 39 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. RDC
- 40 Wenderholm Regional Park.** S.H.1 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 Couldrey House. ARC
- 41 Waiwera Beach.** Waiwera. ★★★ T,H. 30-45 mins. Short walk along beachfront reserve from boatramp to campground. Tree stumps remain from early plantings associated with development of hotspots by Robert Graham. Return along beach or do circuit behind hotpools along Waiwera Pl. RDC
- 42 Albany Scenic Reserve.** Lonely Track/Albany Heights Roads, Redvale. ★ B. 1 hr rough walking track in DOC reserve containing North Shore's largest kauri tree 1.8m dia. and 600 – 800 yrs old. DOC
- 43 Huapai Riverbank.** S.H.16 – Oraha Rd, Huapai. ★★★ T,P. 5-15mins. Walkway alongside tributary of Kumeu River next to library/council offices. Mature totara trees scattered along riverbank. RDC
- 44 Waimauku Reserves.** Buttercup Pl, Sarah Todd Ln, Roselia Gr, Freshfields, Glasgow Park, Waimauku. ★★★ 15-30mins. A series of reserve walkways linked together through settlement. Final link to Glasgow Park. RDC
- 45 Kerr-Taylor Reserve.** Taylor Rd, Waimauku. ★★ B. Walks from 30 – 60 mins. Private reserve with beautiful native bush. Big kauri tree. Steep in some areas. F&B
- 46 Muriwai Regional Park.** Motutara Rd, Muriwai. ★★ V,T,P,B,I. West Coast Regional Park with several walkways and views of the gannet colony, pillow lava formations, rugged west coast scenery. Range of short and long walks via loop tracks at Domain Cres, Oaia Rd, Edwin Mitchelson Rd and Waitea Rd. ARC/RDC
- 47 Te Henga – Goldies Bush.** Bethells Rd – Horseman Rd, Waitakere. ★★ V,B,I. 3 – 4 hrs each way. Starts at north end of Bethells Beach, follows coastal cliff-top track across farmland, 500m up Constable Rd into Goldies Bush and Mokoroa waterfall. Separate entrance to bush from Horseman Rd. Note: this walk crosses private land and is closed for lambing 1 Aug – 1 Oct. DOC/RDC
- 48 Woodhill Forest.** Restal & Rimmer Roads, Woodhill. ★★ V,T,B,I. Extensive pine forest extending from Muriwai to top of South Head providing a variety of recreation activities including motorsport, mountain biking and horse riding. For further details on these activities contact forest headquarters on 0800 RECRE8 (0800 732 738). PF
- 49 Helensville – Parakai.** Mill Rd – Parkhurst Rd, Helensville/Parakai. ★★ V,H,P,D,I. 45-60 minutes one way. A series of reserves and walkways starting with a circular track at Helensville River Reserve (old tip site), along cycle/walkway to Parakai, turn right into reserve by Te Moau Stream (playground in Te Moau Res). Follow stream to Wharf Reserve and back into Parakai Ave. RDC
- 50 Helensville Riverside.** Creek Lane, Helensville. ★★★ V,T,P,H,I. 30 - 45mins. Main entrance from Creek Lane. Boardwalk along river edge past former dairy factory to Mill Rd. Also a shorter loop grass walkway. RDC
- 51 Shelly Beach Reserve.** Kaipara Harbour Beach Rd, Shelly Beach. ★★ V,T,P,H. 45-60mins. Large reserve on shores of Kaipara Harbour. Informal walks around tracks/cliff-top stairs and foreshore. Pa site at north end. Local store has petrol. Wharf, boatramp, playgrounds, swimming and campground. RDC
- 52 Lake Ototoa.** South Head/Donovan Roads, South Head. ★ H,V,T,B,I. Short track to dune lake stocked with trout. Good for kayaking. Possible to walk around lake depending on lake levels. DOC
- 53 Mosquito Bay.** South Head Rd, South Head. ★★ V. 15-30mins. At end of South Head Rd, steep track to small bay near head of harbour. Strong currents close to shore. RDC
- 54 Omeru Scenic Reserve.** Kaipara Coast Highway (S.H.16.), Kaukapakapa. ★ T,B,H,I. 25-35 mins return. About 5km north of Kaukapakapa township. Bush reserve with 2 streams, waterfalls, Pa site and picnic area. RDC
- 55 Mt Auckland Walkway (Atuanui),** 3 km down Glorit-Kaipara Hills Rd, off Kaipara Coast Highway (SH 16). A steeper ascent is via the track sign-posted on SH 16, 2 km north of the Glorit-Kaipara Rd turnoff. *V,B,I. 1 hr 45 mins to the summit one way. A lookout at the summit (305m) provides panoramic views of Kaipara Harbour and Hoteo river estuary. Retrace your steps or take the track westward to the Kaipara Coast Highway exit, which is a steeper descent. This end of the track exits through farm land to SH 16. DOC



**Map 2:
West Rodney**



Map 3: Hibiscus Coast & Whangaparaoa Peninsula

-  = Coastal Walkway (nos. 61-67)
 = Orewa Millennium Walkway



56 Alice Eaves Scenic Reserve. Old North Rd, Orewa. ★★★ V,B,H,I. 30-45 mins. Fine remnant stand of native kauri and broadleaf forest at northern end of Orewa. Lower track beside Nukumea Stream to Kensington Park suitable for wheel chairs. Good examples of Kauri and Puriri. Pa site at Hillcrest Rd entrance. RDC

57 Orewa Esplanade Reserve. S.H.1./Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa. ★★★ D,T,P. 45-60 mins. Paved walking track along northern half of beachfront reserve. Runs from Arundel Reserve, at northern end, to the town centre by traffic lights. Links to No. 58. RDC

58 Orewa Millennium Walkway. Orewa Township. ★★★ D,B,T,P,I,V. 2 hrs. 'Oval' walkway. Start from south bridge, follow estuary to Centreway Reserve, turn left down Riverside Rd and cross road into Grant Park, along Hatton Rd through Victor Eaves Park to link with Eaves Bush returning to south bridge via Orewa beachfront. Follow the blue footprints. RDC

59 Maygrove Reserve. Riverside/Lakeside Drives, Maygrove, Orewa. ★★★ V,P. A variety of walkways through residential areas, esplanade reserve and around

the artificial lake in Lakeside Reserve. Wet in winter. Range of short and long walks. RDC

60 Pohutukawa Reserve/Orewa Estuary. Pohutukawa Ave & Moffat Rd, Orewa. ★ V. 30-45mins. Grass reserve walkway on south side of estuary running from Orewa south bridge to Jelas Rd/Kingsway School into Totara Views subdivision. RDC

61 Amorino Reserve. S.H.1./Hibiscus Coast Highway, Red Beach. ★★★ V,D. 15-30mins. Reserve walkway beside Orewa estuary mouth, linking with surrounding residential streets. Start of Whangaparaoa Peninsula's 'Coastal Walkways'. Follow signs on lamp posts. RDC

62 Red Beach Reserves. Vista Motu & Marellen Dr, Red Beach. ★★★ V. 30-45mins. An informal walk between various reserves in the centre of Red Beach. From Red Beach Lookout Reserve take walkways into Higham Ferrers Reserve, cross Bay Vista Dr into Gilshennan Reserve, follow path to right and follow walkways to Rushden Tce and Red Beach Park, cross Marellen Dr to beach. RDC



63 Red Beach section of Coastal Walkway.

Ngapara St – Duncansby Rd, Red Beach. ★★ T,P,I. 30mins. Walk along beach from Ngapara St to Duncansby Rd. May be restricted at high tide. RDC

64 Stanmore Bay Beach.

Cooper Rd & Stanmore Bay Reserve, Stanmore Bay. ★★ V,T,P,I. 15–30mins. Walk along beach from Cooper Rd/Lea Reserve to Stanmore Bay Park. Cross arch bridge at eastern end of park to link to No. 65. RDC

65 Stanmore Bay Reserve to Manly Beach.

Stanmore Bay Rd – Moreton Dr, Manly. ★★ T,P,H,I. 15–30mins. Walk from end of Stanmore Bay Rd and take track up through historic cemetery. Left into Ardern Ave and cross to next accessway. Turn right into Swann Beach Rd to the top corner and next accessway with steps through to Hurdlow Pl and Moreton Dr / beach. RDC

66 Manly Beach to Tindalls Beach. Brown St – Tindalls Bay Rd, Tindalls Beach. ★★ T,P. 15–30mins. From end of Brown St, walk along beach (restricted at high tide) to boatramp. Cross footbridge by sheds to accessway to The Crescent. Follow road round Crown Reserve to Tindalls Beach. RDC

67 Tindalls Beach to Matakatia Beach. ★★ V,T,P. 15–30mins. From centre of beach, take series of accessways through to Whangaparaoa Rd. Cross road and turn right to top of hill, then left into reserve accessway down to Matakatia Beach. RDC

68 Gulf Harbour. Shakespear Rd – Gulf Harbour Dr, Gulf Harbour. ★★ V,T,P. Walkways progressing as Gulf Harbour estate develops. Network utilises reserves, roads and runs through the golf course. Range of short and long walks. Toilets at boatramp. RDC

69 Fisherman's Rock/Pacific Parade. Fisherman's Rock Reserve, Army Bay. ★★ V. 60–90mins. Coastal cliff-top walk from Fisherman's Rock Reserve to eastern end of Pacific Parade. Two cliff-top staircases and stone ramp provide access onto rocky foreshore. Access between Fisherman's Rock and Pacific Parade Reserves via foreshore, restricted at high tide. RDC

70 Shakespear Regional Park. Army Bay, Whangaparaoa Peninsula. ★★ V,T,B,I. Various marked tracks ranging from 1 – 2 hrs around farm park at end of peninsula. Includes Fairy Falls bush walk. Sweeping views of Hauraki Gulf and Islands. ARC

71 Tiritiri Matangi Island. Take ferry from Gulf Harbour Marina. ★★ V,T,B,I. Open sanctuary for some of New Zealand's rare and endangered plant and bird species. 'Tiri' supports Saddlebacks, Kiwi, Takahe, Bellbird and other native birds no longer seen on mainland. A variety of walking tracks cover island. DOC

72 Tiri Rd – East Ave Cliff-top. Starts at 33 Tiri Rd, Little Manly. ★★ V,D. 5–15mins. Short cliff-top reserve walk between Tiri Rd and East Ave cul de sac. Good views of Gulf. RDC

73 Little Manly Beach. South Ave – Little Manly Beach, Little Manly. ★★ V,T,P. 5–15mins. Shore reserve and cliff-top walk from South Ave to beach. RDC

74 Arkles Bay Cliff-top. Ladies Mile – Arkles Bay. ★★ V,B. 5–15mins. Short cliff-top walk from Ladies Mile/Whangaparaoa Rd intersection to Arkles Bay beach through coastal bush. Steep flight of steps at Arkles Bay end. RDC

75 Whangaparaoa Town Centre to Stanmore Bay beach. Town centre – Brightside Rd, Stanmore Bay. ★★ D,T. 15–30mins. From town centre via Palmgreen Court and reserve, walkway to Rata Rd. Walkway half way along Rimu Rd on right leads into Stanmore Bay Park past Leisure Centre. Cross Brightside Rd to beach side of reserve. RDC

76 Ferry Road Reserve. Ferry Rd, Arkles Bay. ★★ B. 5–15mins. Short reserve walk through coastal bush to foreshore of Weiti River near mouth of river. Timber steps at top. Slippery rocks on foreshore. RDC

77 Fairhaven Walk. Wade River Rd, Arkles Bay. ★ T,B. 30–45mins. Rough dead end walking track off end of Wade River Rd past boat club on banks of Weiti River flanked by native bush with some big puriri trees. RDC

78 Okura Walk. Duck Creek Rd, Stillwater or Haigh Access Rd, Redvale. ★ V,T,B,H,I. 2–2.5hrs from Stillwater through muddy pastures and along foreshore to historic Dacre cottage (composting toilets alongside). 3–3.5hrs from Okura (Haigh Access Rd) through Scenic Bush Reserve. Coastal walk between Weiti and Okura Rivers. Boots required. DOC and RDC.

No matter who you are – thrill seeker, wine buff, sailor, surfer, connoisseur of fine cuisine, bird watcher or explorer – Rodney District showcases a wide variety of activities and sights along 1000 kilometres of stunning coastline.

Visit:

- Goat Island Marine Reserve near Leigh
- Boutique vineyards in Kumeu, Matakana and Warkworth
- Waiwera and Parakai thermal mineral hot pools
- Historic Mansion House on Kawau Island
- Coastal and rural horse treks
- The open bird sanctuary at Tiritiri Matangi Island
- The gannet colony at Muriwai
- Kaipara Harbour, the largest enclosed harbour in the southern hemisphere
- Woodhill Forest for adventure activities
- Gulf Harbour's marina, restaurants and international golf course
- Stunning surf beaches on the west and east coasts
- Historic Puhoi Village

To fully enjoy your visit in the Rodney District there are many accommodation options including Rodney District Council's holiday parks.

Orewa Beach Top 10 Holiday Park

35km north of central Auckland, fronting Orewa Beach. Activities include swimming (close to surf club patrolled area), boating, fishing, windsurfing and golf (including the international course at Gulf Harbour). Close to restaurants, shopping, mini golf, Snowplanet, Auckland Luge, Go-Karts and Waiwera Thermal Spa Resort.

Martins Bay Holiday Park

On the beachfront at Martins Bay overlooking the Mahurangi Peninsula, boat cruising areas and the Kawau Island fishing grounds. Activities include fishing, swimming, sailing and bush walks. Short drive to Sandspit for scenic trips to historic Kawau Island.

Whangateau Holiday Park

A family-orientated park situated 18km north-east of Warkworth, right on the water's edge overlooking Whangateau Harbour, across the harbour from Omaha. A great base to visit nearby Goat Island/Cape Rodney Marine Reserve (popular for diving and snorkelling), the Matakana Wine Trail and farmers' markets. Short drive to Sandspit for scenic trips to Kawau Island. Activities include swimming, fishing, kayaking, sailing and native bird watching.

Shelly Beach Camping Ground

On the shores of the historic Kaipara Harbour, 20 minutes/24km from Helensville. Boat launching facility and great fishing. Camp with 10 powered sites for campervans/caravans and four tent sites (no kitchen or laundry facilities). Public toilets, hot showers, licensed store, shop, cafe, and petrol pump on site.