

walkways and tracks through the Parks, Bush and Reserves in the Kaipatiki Local Board region of Auckland with Kauri Dieback in mind.







# Introduction

The bush and coastal areas we have in Kaipatiki provide a unique opportunity to "escape" from the pace of city life. Imagine stepping off a paved concrete footpath and in seconds all you hear are native birds, trickling water or just your own footsteps.

However, with the discovery of "Kauri Dieback Disease" in the Kaipatiki area, we now need to be far more careful about where we walk, and how we walk, run or bike.

The council has been proactive in closing some reserves completely where there is a confirmed outbreak, and closed tracks in some reserves where there is concern for the kauri in those areas. With this issue of the Kaipatiki Explorer we have clearly shown the reserves which are closed to public access, the reserves which have partial closures and those which are open (see next page). So please take the time to explore the hidden delights and destinations within Kaipatiki, but also be mindful of the closures in place to ensure our kauri are here for future generations.

### Issues on your walking trip?

Please report anything that makes your journey difficult or unsafe. If you see problems in reserves or on footpaths, e.g. fallen trees, possum or rat damage, vandalism, stream pollution, aggressive dogs, etc contact Auckland Council 24/7 on (09) 301 0101 giving clear details of location.

### Off-road bike riding

A lot of our reserves have open areas and smooth paths for easy riding, while others are more challenging. The Onepoto Domain and Normanton Reserve 'Learn to Ride' tracks are popular riding places for children. Please do not ride in any kauri reserve due to the difficulty in adequately cleaning bikes.

### Running the tracks

While running in the bush is delightful, refreshing and easier on the joints than the road, saving our kauri may involve some changes in habits. Please do not run

from one reserve to another without going home to thoroughly wash every speck of dirt from your shoes. Run in only one kauri reserve on any outing - make up the distance in non-kauri reserves or on the footpaths.

#### Dog walking

If you own a dog, walking parks or along the beach can be good for both you and your dog. Because of kauri dieback, it's essential to thoroughly wash your pet's paws before and after each reserve visit, and to flush the dirt down the sewer. Go to only one kauri reserve each outing. Keep your dog on leash and on the track, especially in areas with kauri. See locations for exercising your dog off leash - see  $\Lambda^{\circ \circ \circ}$  on pages.

A region-wide rule prohibits dogs on any playgrounds and sports fields and they must on a leash near any playground that is in use. Your dog should be under control at all times. Please pick-up after your dog.

### LEGEND FOR WALKS



Main entrance



Minor entrance



Link to adjacent "Destination"



Track Open



Track Closed



Stream



Lookout



Seat



Bridge



Notable tree



Wetland



Skateboard Facility



Major steps



Public Toilet (shown on Location map - page 12-13)



Mountain Bike Friendly



Wheelchair Accessible



Fitness Trail



Playground



Dogs ON leash



Dogs OFF leash



BBQ Facility



Swimming



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With closures now in place in some reserves, we have shown on all our maps whether a reserve is closed, has partial closures, or is fully open for public use.

We have used a "Stoplight" graphic on each page, plus used a red line (•••) to indicate track closed, and a green line (•••) for tracks being open.

Note, closures are subject to change, and you may find that when you arrive at a reserve, the state of closure may have changed from what we have indicated. For the most up-to-date information please go to:

# OFFICIAL AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRACK CLOSURES IN KAIPATIKI

tinyurl.com/AC-ProtectOurKauri-2018





Protect native plants, animals and fish



Help keep your parks clean



Keep to the tracks



No open fires



For more local and in-depth information on Kauri Dieback Disease in Kaipatiki, go to Pest Free Kaipatiki's website: pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz



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**CLOSED** 

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For NZ Government information and guidelines on Kauri Dieback Disease go to: www.kauridieback.co.nz



# **About Kauri Dieback Disease**

#### WHAT IS KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE?

- Kauri Dieback Disease is essentially a spore which lives in the soil.
- These tiny spores are fatal to our iconic Kauri trees.
- The spores causes root rot and causes the trunk of the kauri to bleed sap, lose leaves and eventually die.
- Kauri dieback disease infects trees in seven steps:
  - 1. Oospores (resting spores) are introduced into an area of kauri, typically by human activity, but also by animals such as dogs. It only takes a pinhead of soil to move enough oospores to spread the disease.
  - 2. The oospores germinate to form sporangia (a structure which produces zoospores).
  - 3. Zoospores are released during and immediately after rain.
  - 4. The zoospores swim (propelled by their tails) through moisture in the soil towards a kauri's roots, where they attach themselves to the outside. They then germinate to produce mycelia (branded tubular structure) which infects the root. The tree's fate is now sealed.
  - 5. The mycelia spreads through the root system to attack the tissues at the base of the kauri's trunk (eventually stopping the transport of nutrients and water to the canopy).
  - 6. More sporangia are formed from where there are areas of infected root. These sporangia release more zoospores during and after rain, ensuring that it is only a matter of time before any other kauri in the vicinity are infected.
  - 7. More oospores form within the tree's infected tissue. These are released into the soil as that tissue decays.







### HOW IS IT SPREAD?

- By water running across or through soil.
- In soil on people's or animals' feet.

### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO APPEAR?

It may take some time for the symptoms to appear so care is needed not to walk past kauri trees because you can unknowingly carry spores from a tree that is sick, but doesn't show it yet, to other trees.

#### CAN IT BE CURED?

We have no known cure for Kauri Dieback Disease and once a tree is infected, it dies - although one can use phosphite to help the tree build resistance.



# How can we help

The only way we can protect our kauri trees, which may be 100s or 1000s of years old, is to keep the spores away from them.

### Council is helping by:

- 1. Closing reserves where there is a big risk of infection.
- 2. Improving the tracks so they remain dry and they are away from the kauri trees (tracks have to be closed until this is achieved)
- 3. Providing cleaning stations where necessary.

### You can help by:

- Always visiting reserves and bush areas uphill from kauri with very clean (ie spotless) shoes and paws.
- 2. Scrubbing your footwear routinely before you leave home and when you return.
- 3. Washing your dog's paws prior to and after each visit.
- 4. Not running or walking from one reserve to another without thoroughly washing footwear (and paws) in warm soapy water and flushing dirt down sewer not on ground or into stormwater drains where it may enter the soil and even years later reach kauri roots.
- Using all the cleaning stations that are provided at the reserve.
- Keeping to proper formed tracks at all times and keeping your dog(s) on the leash and on the track.
- 7. Keeping out of closed reserves and tracks.
- Spreading the word to neighbours, friends, visitors

   anyone you meet who doesn't appear to understand what is needed to protect our kauri, in a polite and respectful manner of course.

USE A WASH STATION AS INSTRUCTED IF AVAILABLE





# UNDERSTAND MORE BY WATCHING THE VIDEO AT:

https://www.kauridieback.co.nz/what-is-kauri-dieback/









# Kauri Park

# ACTIVE KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE IN THIS RESERVE - PLEASE KEEP OUT

The highlight of Kauri Park is the dense stand of 200-400 year old kauri, fortunately protected as a reserve in 1922. The reserve has since been expanded to include a large area of regenerating bush.

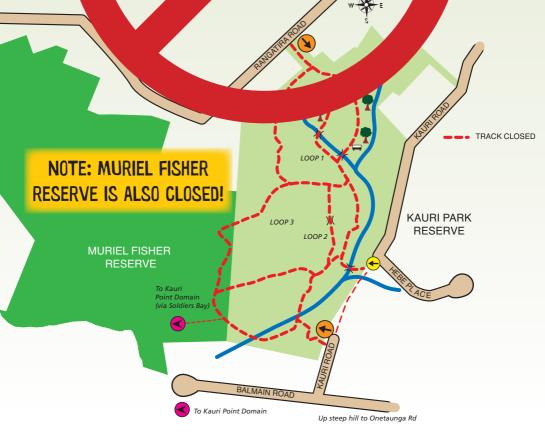
From the main entrance on Rangatira Road, three loop tracks are available. In addition, there are link tracks to Hebe Place/Kauri Road, Balmain Road and Soldiers Bay. The loops involve some steep steps and the longest has uneven sections and muddy patches.

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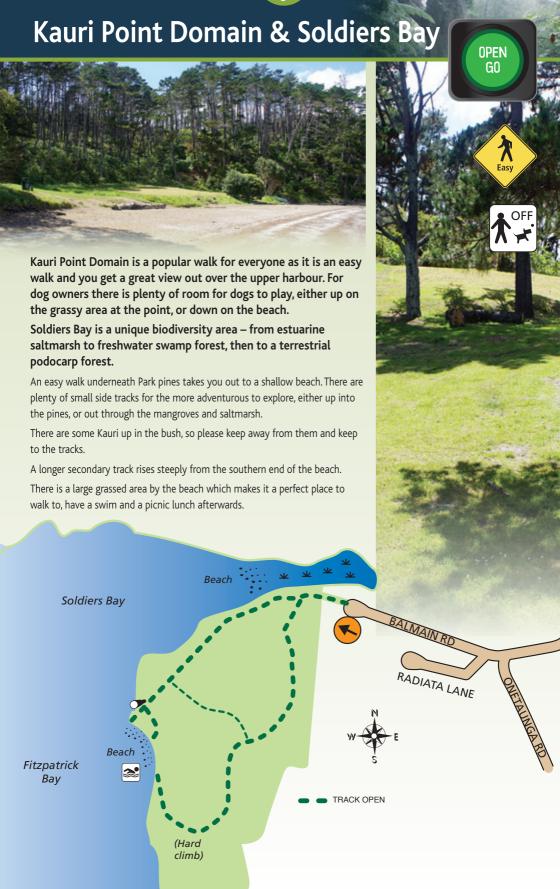
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# **Chatswood Reserve**

With 17 entrances from surrounding streets and some well developed tracks and bridges this botanically rich reserve is a delight to visit. The reserve is a remnant of the kauri/hard beech forest that once covered much of North Shore City.

#### **CHECK FOR TRACK CLOSURES**

Although the area has had some of the larger trees extracted and the margins have been burned in the past, large kauri remain aged approximately 350 to 400 years. The forest association of cool climate hard beech growing beside warm climate kauri is similar to the nearby Kauri Park.

When the valley track is open again, you can follow the track downwards from Fitzpatrick Place or Mappin Place and you will see a wide range of native bush, plus native birds like tui and woodpigeon. When you get to the bottom have a rest on the seat overlooking the upper, of a series of four, Chelsea Sugar Refinery dams dating back to when the Chatswood Reserve was the refinery's water catchment area.



# **Location Map**

Not to scale





# Chelsea Heritage Park



Chelsea Heritage Estate combines a relaxing walk around lakes, grassland and bush walks with panoramic views across the inner harbour to the Auckland city centre. The park boasts excellent picnic spots, off-leash dog exercise areas, heritage buildings and a wide variety of ecological habitats and wildlife.

The main entrance for vehicles is on Colonial Road, while walking tracks connect the park to Chelsea Bay (via Telephone Road), Huka Road and Rawene Road. Parking is available on Colonial Road or at the Chelsea carpark, beside the lake.

Walking tracks connect to neighbouring reserves and neighbourhoods. Some tracks may be temporarily closed due to slip repairs or kauri dieback prevention. To access the Kauri Point Kendall Bay track, walk up the Manager's driveway (pedestrian access only). Track entrances are signposted.

The Chelsea Sugar grounds, across the road bridge, is private but open to the public to enjoy the lakes, access Chelsea Bay and visit the cafe.

The Chelsea Bay cafe is open Monday to Friday 7am - 4pm, and Saturday to Sunday 8am - 4pm. Tours of the sugar factory (Monday to Friday) and tennis court hire can be booked by visiting the Chelsea



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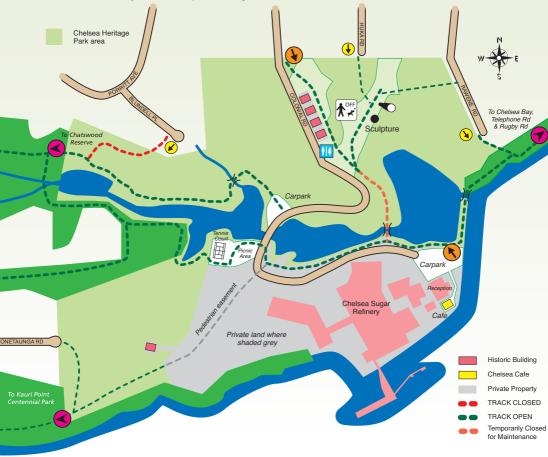
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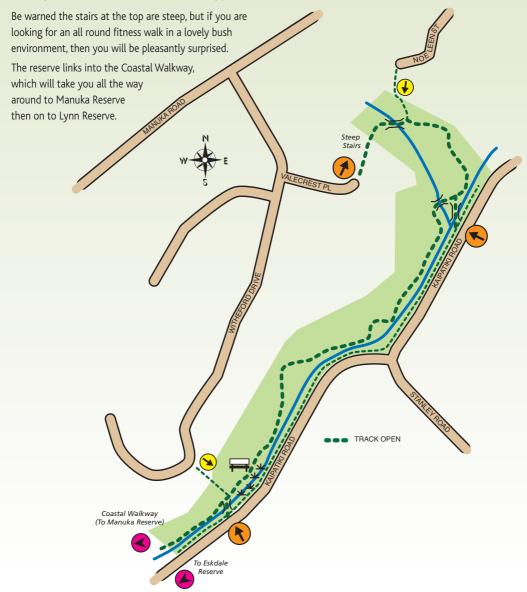
Chelsea Regional Park Assn Inc. (CHERPA) is a volunteer group involved in restoration and advocating for better park management. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the park, contact cherpa.nz@gmail. com or find them on Facebook.

CAUTION: Please keep an eye out for trucks when crossing Colonial Road. It is not safe for people or dogs to swim in the lakes due to silt build-up. Because of the presence of toxic algae and botulism in warmer months, feeding ducks or fishing without a permit is also prohibited."





Located right along Kaipatiki Road, Witheford Scenic Reserve takes you on an extensive walk (or run) through regenerating bush along the stream, and then up into more mature trees at the upper end.



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# **Eskdale Reserve**

Eskdale Reserve is a network of many reserves. From east to west lie Birkenhead Domain (entrances from Glenfield and Eskdale Roads), Hiwihau Scenic Reserve (entrance from Hiwihau Place), Eskdale Bush (entrances from Eskdale Road and Brunton Place), Lauderdale Reserve (entrance from Lauderdale Road) and Francis Kendall Reserve (entrance from Kaipatiki Road).

#### **CHECK FOR TRACK CLOSURES**

The upper main entrance, off Glenfield Road, has the track starting next to the cemetery and passes down through a variety of habitat types from early regeneration to mature forest. The other main entrance is off Eskdale Road, by the substation. Go across the bridge, turn right and you can head up to Merrill Place entrance. There is also a bridge providing access from Lauderdale Reserve. This small grass reserve is surrounded by tall kanuka with native jasmine and clematis. Downstream, the stream falls in a small cascade to a wide pool. A vantage point above the far end of this pool provides a good view into the mangrove-lined Kaipatiki Creek.



# Le Roys Bush



The main entrance is at 251 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead (opposite the library). The boardwalk follows the stream down to the Onewa Road track and across a waterfall and into the valley floor where one footbridge leads up to Le Roy Terrace, and the other leads down the valley to Little Shoal Bay.

#### **CHECK FOR TRACK CLOSURES**

The Little Shoal Bay track runs alongside the upper wetland down to cross tracks between Valley Road and Glade Place. Following down the valley, the track runs above the north side of the lower wetlands to a junction. Turn left to Seaview Ave (keep clear of kauri), continue straight ahead to Wilding Ave or cross the fields to Little Shoal Bay itself.



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### Kauri Glen

### 1.5 hours - main loop track

Kauri Glen has been a reserve since 1907. Although the forest has been milled for kauri, some large trees of 200 to 300 years in age remain. The main entrance is through Kauri Glen Road, beside the Northcote College gymnasium. The track begins as a wide carriageway amongst tall kanuka. This opens out to a bluff overlooking the dense growth in the valley floor surrounded by tall kauri. On descending to the valley floor at the eastern end of the reserve the track passes through taraire forest before following the southern ridge back to the main entrance.

#### **CHECK FOR TRACK CLOSURES**

### **Cecil Eady Bush**

Access is at the end of Woodside Avenue. The track continues along the north side of the Onepoto Stream below a canopy of kahikatea, puriri, tanekaha and totara. The track then climbs on to Wattle Ridge and in the undergrowth are deep ruts where bullock teams pulled out kauri logs.



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The main entrance is from Sylvan Avenue into a cul-de-sac spur road. There is foot access from Exmouth Road, from Tarahanga Street and Sylvan Avenue (2 entrances). Another track leads in from Lake Road past the Northcote Tennis Club courts and through a patch of bush and can be exited at Puawai Place or continue along the Onepoto Stream emerging at the southern end of Tarahanga Street.

When beginning your walk or run from the parking area on the spur road, follow the shingle path past the children's play area leading to the track and boardwalk.

A variety of landforms can be seen along the way – areas of native plants now regenerating on the crater rim and a wetland area where maritime rush and coastal cutty grass are being edged out by pampas grass giving cover to pheasant, quail and pukeko. To complete a circumnavigation of the Domain take the 'high path' along the rim before descending to skirt the sports arena and then crossing the small bridge over the man made lake where model yachts are raced and ducks and eels wait to be fed!



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# **Tuff Crater**

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Akoranga Drive.

retrace your steps or climb the bank past the new office buildings and on to

Access from Exmouth Road end near #74, Arahia St, St Peters and two points off The Warehouse Way.

To take on the full walk make a start at the bottom end of Exmouth Road through Heath Reserve, where, to your left the shingle path begins, separating the mangrove filled salt marsh crater from the mingled native and exotic plants growing along the rim. A boardwalk takes over further along, leading to the viewing platform and seating at the cul-de-sac end of St Peters Street.

This wide grassy pathway will take you the rest of the way until the dull roar of motorway traffic signifies the merging of Tuff Crater with the



# Lynn & Leigh Reserves

### Lynn Reserve (OPEN)

Grassed area either side of Lynn Road, and bush area extending down next to Lynn Road

Lynn Reserve has a Coastal Walkway (To Manuka Reserve) playground, bike trail and outdoor basketball court which provides a great location for the family to enjoy, have a picnic or just run around. The track is open in the bushed area of Lynn Reserve

### Leigh Reserve (CLOSED)

The main entrance to Leigh Reserve is off Morriggia Place (though you can walk in from Lynn Reserve).

Leigh Reserve is home to the largest Kauri tree on the North Shore - possibly 800 years old and well over 2 meters in diameter. It is located right at the top of the reserve and can be easily seen just as you enter the bush. The bushwalk carries on down formed pathways and some steps, meandering through mature bush with a stream bubbling along next to you until you walk into Lynn Reserve. All manner of native birds can be seen flitting in amongst smaller kauri, rimu, ferns and nikaus.

### Leigh Reserve

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TRACK CLOSED

Leigh Reserve

# **Smiths Bush**

The main entrance is near the cricket clubrooms. off Northcote Road, from where you head east along the track (150m) to reach the start of a loop nature trail.

The nature trail is an elevated boardwalk which is easy walking, and helps protect regenerating native plants. There are some very large puriri trees in the centre of the bush which are well worth seeing. Please keep to the boardwalk.



To Witheford

Reserve



# **Smaller Safe Destinations**

### SPINELLA & BONITO RESERVES

The entrance is off Spinella Drive.

Keep clear of any kauri.

Spinella & Bonito Reserves combine into a small area of bush with a small stream running down the middle. Off Spinella Drive there is a playground and small grassed

area for kids to play in. The entrance to the bush area is at the upper end. There are some large Rimu and Kanuka to be seen while you walk up a gently sloping pathway.



### RIDGEWOOD RESERVE

The entrance is off Ridgewood Crescent.

A small reserve with plenty of mature native

trees and ferns, the track follows a small stream down a gully so you a soon well away from surburbia. There are some steep parts to the track, but not too challenging, and it is well worth the effort.



#### **REWI ALLEY**

The entrance is off Trias Road.

Rewi Alley Reserve is an open space ideal for a walk or a picnic on the weekend. There is a playground for the kids and a bridge over the pond at the bottom of the reserve. A memorial to Rewi Allev is situated at the main entrance, with shaded seating and a garden.



### STANCICH RESERVE

The main entrance is off Ocean View Road. Please keep to tracks.

Stancich Reserve is an easy walk

with level concrete paths and raised boardwalks throughout. It is a lovely bushed area to walk the dog, or just listen to the bird song and get away from the pressures of city living.





The entrance is off Normanton Street.

Normanton Reserve has something for everyone. There's a great playground







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for the kids, a bike circuit, a basketball court for the teenagers, and an exercise circuit for people looking to

improve their health.

But even if you just want a relaxing walk or a seat to read the paper, the park has a peaceful, quiet feel to it that appeals to everyone.



### MANUKA RESERVE

The entrance is off Manuka Road.

A delightful family picnic spot with playground, easy access boatramp

to launch canoes, kayaks, etc at high-tide. Access is at the end of Manuka Road, Glenfield. Some easy bushwalks are at the upper end of the reserve and give you a delightful break from suburbia.







If you walk up to the top part of the playground area, there is a wide walkway that takes you into a secluded grassed area which is perfect for picnics.

There is also a dedicated Dog Park to exercise your dog.

### MARLBOROUGH PARK

The main entrance is off Chartwell Avenue.

With a playground, BBQ area, flying fox, rope







climbing frame and skate

boarding bowl - Marlborough Park has a great range of amenities for the whole family. With plenty of grassed areas to play on as well, and walkways through native

bush, the park is a great destination for all ages.

There is plenty of parking at the main entrance so make a plan to visit soon.



# Volunteering in Kaipatiki

Kaipatiki Bush Groups

Another way to get healthy exercise and support the environment is volunteering in a bush reserve. Throughout the Kaipatiki region, there have been dedicated "Bush Groups" set up for

individual reserves and bush areas. Members of these groups are usually locals whose properties border the area, and they coordinate to look after that particular piece of bush.

Phone 09 484 8854 or email jill@kaipatikicommunityfacilitiestrust.org.nz for information on your local volunteer group.





# Pest Free Kaipatiki

Here in Kaipatiki we have the Pest Free Kaipatiki Restoration Society which supports local restoration groups and also works with schools, businesses and the public at large on restoration campaigns and pest eradication programmes across Kaipatiki.



You can email them at info@pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz or phone on 09 394 9191.

Go to their website PestFreeKaipatiki.org.nz to learn more about:

- Over 25 restoration groups you can join
- Resources you can borrow or buy at wholesale rates to control rats, possums, weeds and other pests
- Things you can do to help preserve our wonderful natural heritage the birds, the geckos, the rare plants
- Campaigns you can join
- · Ideas for protecting nature in your own garden

Your support as an informed resident and a volunteer (even if you can only spare an hour or two) is vital in restoring our native biodiversity and bringing back our native birds and other wildlife.

To become a PFK member or supporter go to pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz/contact-us



# **SAVE OUR KAURI FORESTS**

They are dying from kauri dieback disease





# It spreads by soil movement ACT NOW to help stop it

**ALWAYS** 



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