

Discovering Oneroa

Oneroa has all you need for a fantastic day out. As well as the beach, bars and shopping it has coastal and bush walks, art galleries, vineyards, historic buildings and baches, and plenty of quiet picnic spots to make your own.

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Walking (Turn over for a description of each walk)

- Oneroa History Trail
- Greater Te Huruhi Boundary Walk (walknotes available)
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- Tiri Road Scenic Loop Walk (pushchair friendly)
- Te Huruhi Bay Reserve Bush Walk
- Goodwin South Reserve Bush Walk
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- Valley of Tranquillity Walk
- Alison Park Sculpture Walk
- "W" Bay Sculpture Paddle Route (by boat only)
- "W" Bay Scenic Walk

Key

- Art/sculpture
- Parks and reserves
- Bus stop
- Special spot
- Information
- Vineyard (open to public)
- Scenic lookout
- Public toilets
- Fishing
- Paddle route
- Public Walkways

Places of Interest

- A** Artworks Cultural and Recreation Centre
- B** Waiheke Fruit and Veg (iconic village store)
- C** Red Cross Building (originally the Ascot Theatre) built in 1949
- D** Original Kiwi baches – built from the 1930s
- E** Goodwin South Reserve – mature native forest
- F** Piritahi Marae - established in the 1980s
- G** Old Scow (flat bottomed boat-perfect for beach landing)
- H** Ngati Paoa Urupa – Maori cemetery
- I** Old Blackpool School – built in the 1930s
- J** Old Blackpool Store
- K** Little Oneroa Store – relocated historic farmhouse
- L** Old Wharf location in 1920s (approximately 90m)

Oneroa is the main shopping village for Waiheke Island. It has the island's only information centre, banks, post office and cinema. There is also a range of arts and crafts, shops and cafes to explore. Numerous walks begin from Oneroa's beautiful sandy beach.

Naturally native

Our walking routes will take you off the beaten track to find beautiful bush tracks, breathtaking island views and hidden beaches.

Oneroa is the narrowest part of Waiheke Island (you can easily walk from coast to coast in 15 minutes). Rich in wildlife, orca (killer whales) and dolphins can occasionally be seen in the bay. To the south, Blackpool Beach provides shelter for feeding shorebirds such as pied stilts, godwits and oyster catchers. Look out for stingrays basking alongside the wharf at Matiatia and little blue penguins bobbing up to the surface out at sea.

In the early 1900s almost all the trees in this area were cleared for farming. As farmland has turned to residential sections, lifestyle blocks and reserves over the last 40 years, native trees have been planted and Oneroa's hillsides are once again covered in regenerating native bush.

Seashore Discovery Walk (low tide access only)

15min return walk. This is a short walk between Oneroa and Little Oneroa beach exploring the many rock pools and caves. A walk on a warm night may reveal glowing phosphorescence in the water. Free gas barbecues.

Tiri Road Scenic Loop Walk

30min loop walk. This loop boasts some of the best scenic views on the whole island. You begin with 180° views from Oneroa to the "bottom end" and then discover valley-framed views from Matiatia Bay to Auckland city. The walk is pushchair-friendly, but please take care as there are no footpaths.

Te Huruhi Bay Reserve Bush Walk



15min loop walk winds its way through the pony club, behind Tahatai Street and through native bush to the marae. Make sure you spot the wreck of the old scow boat on the western end of Blackpool beach.

Goodwin South Reserve Bush Walk

15min walk. Walk through mature native bush with a stream running through it. This track connects Goodwin Road and Ocean View Road and you can walk it as a circuit from Little Oneroa Beach. (30 mins).

For more info about these and many more of Waiheke's walkways check out our website www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/walkways

Your own piece of paradise

Sometimes the nicest places are off the beaten track. The picnic table icons on the map show you some of our favourite picnic spots so grab your lunch and take a short walk to paradise.

Newton Reserve Scenic Picnic Route



This 15min walk from Little Oneroa boasts stunning views of Oneroa and Blackpool bays with several picnic spots along the way and a secret little beach. The track continues through the regenerating bush in Newton Reserve to a lookout and then down to Fisherman's Rock.

Oneroa Beach Western Walk

20min return walk. This walk takes you to the quieter end of Oneroa beach with giant pohutukawa trees (also known as New Zealand Christmas trees), iconic boatsheds, a new walk up to a picnic table with a unique view and back along Oneroa Beach – a great spot for a scenic picnic.

Valley of Tranquillity Walk

20min walk from Tiri Road to Korora Road. One of the newest public walkways on the island, this quirky valley has young native trees, ocean views and an outdoor theatre stage. Help yourself to fruit from the orchard and bring some bread to feed the ducks and eels in the pond. Owhanake Bay is an extra 20min down the road or return to the village. (10 min)



Art/Sculpture

Waihekeans are a naturally creative lot and there is a lot to look at in public and private art galleries, as well as our own outdoor sculpture walk.

Waiheke is proudly home to Sculpture on the Gulf (held every other year on the Matiatia headland). World-class sculpture then decorates our stunning coastline from Matiatia to Church Bay. Waihekeans traditionally buy the best of each show, meaning you can see great outdoor art all around the Oneroa coastline.

The Waiheke Community Art Gallery, located at Artworks, has regular exhibitions and entry by donation.

Sculptures can also be spotted at Cable Bay vineyard and from Matiatia Bay as you depart Waiheke by ferry.



Artworks is Waiheke Island's cultural and recreation centre. Located on the corner of Korora and Ocean View Roads at the entrance to Oneroa, it is a good place to begin your visit. The information centre can help you get the most out of your time on Waiheke. Artworks is also handy for things to do on a rainy day or in the evening. There is a public library, art gallery, cinema, community theatre, musical museum and story telling centre.

Ask at the tourist information office for details of artists, galleries, art trails and private sculpture garden walks.

Check out:

Alison Park Sculpture Walk

30min walk. The Alison family donated this land during the subdivision of Oneroa in the 1920s. There are several fascinating sculptures in this park and it is well worth taking a closer look. Combine this short walk with a visit to the Waiheke Community Art Gallery on Ocean View Road.

"W" Bay Sculpture Paddle Route (by boat only)



A one hour return trip. This is a short boat trip following the coastline into "W" bay. Explore the maze of small islands and caves along the way. Keep an eye out for several private sculptures along the cliff tops and stop at Fossil Bay to hunt for fossils in the crumbling clay banks. Return the way you came. Kayaks can be hired from Ross Adventures, phone 09 372 5550.

"W" Bay Scenic Walk

45min return or one hr loop walk. Leaving Oneroa Village, this peaceful walk meanders along country lanes and passes through a working vineyard maintained by the University of Auckland, to the lookout over "W" Bay. Return the way you came or continue on this track to Island Bay and Owhanake Bay looping back to Oneroa via Korora Road.

The simple life

All the land from Oneroa to Matiatia headland was once known as Greater Te Huruhi. It was the last area of Maori (Ngati Paoa) owned land on Waiheke. The Alisons were the first Pakeha owners and farmed the land until it was subdivided in the 1920s. Road access to Matiatia wharf helped it to become Waiheke's main tourism gateway and Oneroa is now the main centre of Waiheke.



The Red Cross Building (pictured above) is the largest building in Oneroa. Run by the Waiheke Red Cross, there is an op shop and tearooms open to the public from 10am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Originally built in 1949 as the Ascot Theatre, it was the hub of community life. Buses would bring regulars from all corners of the island to watch their weekly newsreel, serial and then the feature film. The large pencil-shaped funnel at the main entrance was the vent for the projection room. The theatre came to an end in the late 1960s as televisions became more accessible.

Greater Te Huruhi Boundary Walk (walk notes available)



A two and a half hour loop walk. This walk takes in all aspects of the history of Oneroa. It gives a glimpse of life in the 1950s with an original movie theatre, school and classic baches. There are stunning views and even a native forest to walk through.

Oneroa History Trail



Beginning at Artworks and passing through Oneroa Village and its outskirts, you will pass by many historic island buildings and places of interest. See Kiwiana holiday baches and learn more of Waiheke's holiday history.

Wine and dine

Wine and dine – from great coffee to world-class vineyard restaurants, we've got the lot.

Shops – buy your own picnic from the shops in Oneroa or Little Oneroa's iconic beach store.

Cafes and restaurants – central Oneroa has plenty to choose from and don't overlook the fish and chip shop or the cafe at Matiatia's ferry terminal.



Cable Bay Vineyard, cnr Church Bay Road Nick Johnstone Drive, phone 09 372 5889. The vineyard and restaurant is open 7 days with the cellar door open from 11am to 5pm.

Mudbrick Vineyard Church Bay Road, phone 09 372 9050. The vineyard and restaurant is open 7 days with the cellar door open from 10am to 4pm.