

WALKING TRACKS NEAR WAITAKERE RESORT & SPA

30 minutes to 1 hour - Easy to Medium

Spragg Bush Track

This walk is an easy grade on a recently upgraded track. The walk passes by a spectacular Kauri Tree, one of the larger trees in the Waitakere Ranges. The track carpark is on the Scenic Drive near Mountain Road and is only a few minutes along the Scenic Drive from the Hotel.

Arataki Nature Trail

The Arataki Nature trail takes approximately one hour and is an easy to medium walk. The walk passes through some regenerating then mature native forest, many trees have signs telling you the tree names and the walk ends up in a very spectacular cathedrals of Kauri Trees. The track starts from the Arataki information centre which is a ten-minute drive along the Scenic Drive toward Titirangi.

1 to 2 hours - Medium

Waitakere Dam

The track is an access road to the dam and is medium grade. Waitakere Dam is one of Auckland's water reservoir dams and an interesting history of the dam construction is on the left just before you reach the dam. The track carpark is about 10 minutes along the Scenic Drive from the Hotel on the left about 1km past Mountain Road.

Nihotupu Dam

The Nihotupu Dam walk takes approximately one and a half hours and is partly track and Watercare access road to the Upper Nihotupu Dam. There are some impressive waterfalls on the track down to the Dam including a very spectacular one into the end of the Dam lake. The Dam track carpark is about 10 minutes from the Hotel about one kilometre down the Piha Road from the Scenic Drive on the left-hand side.

Slip/Pipeline and Beverage Track Circuit

This circuit takes approximately one and a half hours and is partly track and a Watercare access Road for the water pipelines. There is an amazing lookout point on the Slip Track not far from the Arataki information centre. The walk starts from the Arataki Information Centre which is approximately 54 kilometres along the Scenic Drive toward Titirangi from the Hotel.

2 hours + Medium to Hard

Comans and Mercer Bay Tracks Karekare

This walk takes around three hours and starts from Karekare. The walk follows the coastline North from Karekare towards Piha and has some great viewing points of the rugged coastline along the track. The Drive to Karekare is approximately half an hour from the Hotel, when arriving at Karekare it is best to park in the main Beach carpark and walk back to Watchmans Road, the Comans track starts from the end of this Road approximately 100 metres from the Karekare Road.

Karamtua Valley and Mount Donald McLean

This walk takes around three hours starting from the Whatipu Road at Huia. The walk starts with the Karamtura Track and the the Donal McLean Track to the top of Mt Donald McLean where you see magnificent views down to Whatipu Beach and the Manukau Harbour. The drive to the start of this track is approximately 45 minutes from the Hotel.

Huia Dam Road to Upper Huia Reservoir

This is a Watercare access Road does not open to traffic. It follows the Hua Dam Reservoir up to the Upper Huia Dam. The walk takes approximately three hours and starts at the end of the Huia Dam Road at Huia which is about a 45-minute drive from the Hotel.