

Centennial Park –an introduction

This area was gazetted as a reserve in 1884. In 1918, 100 acres were cleared to form the **Pupuke Golf Club**. The remainder consists of a large area of bush with a network of intriguing bush tracks plus some grassy areas suitable for picnicking or casual recreation. Members of the **Centennial Park Bush Society** work tirelessly to maintain and improve the reserve. Various websites offer further information about the Park and the activities available. There are no public toilets in **Centennial Park** –closest are at beach end of **Huntly Rd**.

EASY TO MODERATE: Start from **Mairangi Bay** - parking and toilets available. Allow approx 1¼ hrs/6 km/7000 steps



START: From the **Surf Club** walk along the pipeline and beach to the far end of **Campbells Bay**.

Turn right up **Huntly Rd** and continue up **Beach Rd** to **no 281** .Cross over into the entrance of **Centennial Park**.

Inside the park take the path to the right to wander by the stream for another 5 mins or so ending at a grassy clearing. Stop and make a choice here or combine both for a longer walk:

Option one: for a **bush walk** enter the track straight ahead which is the beginning of the **Nature Trail**. This numbered trail takes you in a large loop through the bush back to the start. Note the many other tracks and park exits along the way for future reference.

Once back at the grassy clearing retrace your steps to the park entrance in **Beach Rd**.

Option Two: for some **introduced and unique features** look for the track to the left of the clearing marked with a post labelled **Walking Bus Track**. This well graded track is the route used daily by pupils of Campbells Bay School. Follow this track up to the **Rae Rd** entrance of the Park.

Cross over into the **Pohutakawa Memorial Ave** along the park boundary. Detour out on to the grass to enjoy the spectacular views from the '**Giant's Seats**'. Continue down behind the **Tennis Courts** to rejoin the **Pohutakawa Ave** and walk down to meet the road and out to the Park entrance once more.

For both options: either retrace your steps back down to **Campbells Bay** and along the beach or follow **Beach Rd** back to **Kowhai Rd**. Turn right and at the end of **Kowhai** continue into **Forde Way** and back to the start.