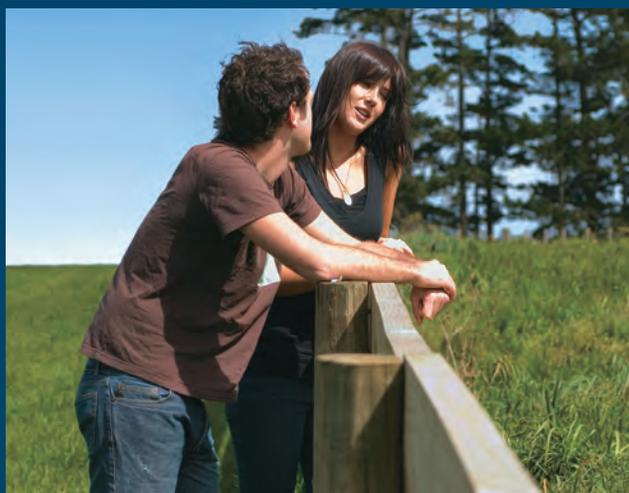


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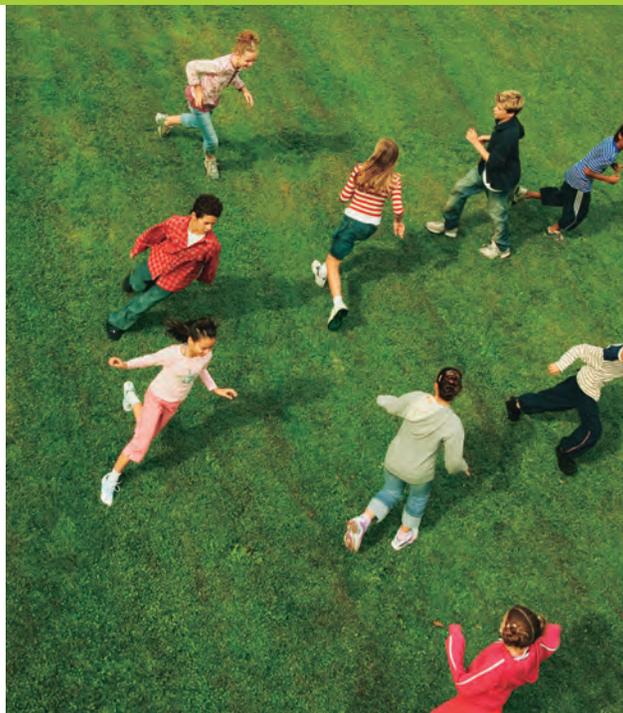


With over 40 hectares of land, 12 kilometres of walking tracks, scenic coastline and breathtaking views, Highbrook Park's wide open spaces provide the perfect setting to rest, relax and play.

Highbrook Park is located just 10 minutes from Manukau City Centre. It's a previously inaccessible slice of Auckland that is now available for the public to enjoy.



Highbrook Park



Opening Hours: 7am to dusk, daily.

The Park is open and provided free of charge, 365 days a year for the public's enjoyment.



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Waiouru Peninsula - History



The Waiouru Peninsula was originally part of the Tamaki Block, also known as the 'Fairburn Block'. This large land holding estimated to comprise 40,000 acres, was purchased by William Fairburn, a missionary with the Church Missionary Society, from Tuiri of Ngati Tawhaki, Herua of Urikaraka and Hauauru of Matekiwaho in 1836.

In 1837, Fairburn returned approximately one third of the land to Ngati Paoa, Ngati Tamatera, Ngati Terau, Te Akitai and Ngati Whanaunga. In 1841 he gifted another third to the Church Missionary Society. The remainder, Old Land Claim 590, was later purchased by the Crown and is known as the 'Wairoa Purchase'.

Since then the land has been used by several owners as farmland. The most recent owner was the Fisher family, who eventually owned the entire peninsula and made it the site of their successful 'Ra Ora' stud farm.

The Tamaki River

The local Ngai Tai and Ngati Paoa Iwi are descended from the Tainui canoe (waka) which arrived in the Tamaki area over 25 generations ago. Members of the canoe settled throughout the region and the Tamaki River became a major route for the transport of goods and people between the Waitemata and Manukau Harbours, until the construction of the Great South Road in 1863.

The Waiouru Peninsula is across the Tamaki River from the portage between the two harbours which was used by the Tainui and Aotea waka in their initial exploration of New Zealand. The portage and the Tamaki river were heavily used by waka taking goods such as vegetables to the Auckland markets up until 1863. Some reports indicate that up to 2,000 waka regularly used the Tamaki River.



Pukekiwiriki Crater

One of the oldest extinct volcanic craters (estimated 50,000 to 100,000 years) in Auckland, the Pukekiwiriki Crater rim rises twenty metres above the river terrace.



Bird Life

Inter-tidal areas on the Tamaki River provide an important feeding area for an abundant array of birdlife. Kingfishers, Pied Shags, White Faced Heron and Pied Stilts are some of the species found in this area.

Recreational Areas

A wide range of recreational activities can be enjoyed in Highbrook Park's wide open spaces.

The 12 kilometre walking and running track offers stunning coastal views of some of the features that define Auckland: One Tree Hill, Rangitoto, the Sky Tower and Mount Wellington. Suitable for all fitness levels, the track starts near Digby's Point, heads west towards the edge of the Peninsula before finishing just to the south of Pukekiwiriki Crater.

Activities such as touch rugby, soccer or cricket can be enjoyed in the open expanses at Digby's Point and Pukekiwiriki Crater. The coastal breezes also make it a great venue for kite flying.

For those who enjoy a slightly slower pace, seating areas are located throughout the park and are ideal for a little quiet reflection or a picnic with family and friends.

