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## SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2021

### Bream Tail Farm 9am Grade 3 Max 25

Enjoy a guided tour of this working farm and gated community. The farm is 450ha, half of which is native bush and half a sheep and beef farm, with stunning coastal views and a long history. The walk is a rare opportunity to see behind the gates of a unique property.

From the Surf Club, walk along the surf beach before taking the 200-odd steep steps to the cliff top, enjoying the magnificent coastal panorama before crossing into Bream Tail Farm. The bush walk highlights some wonderful native specimens, while the pa site

and trig offer great history and photo opportunities but be prepared for a couple of 'tough' climbs. You then walk within the farm, enjoy a complimentary afternoon tea before returning to the beach and surf club.

Owners of the property will join the walk to share the history, how the property is managed and their efforts around conservation. The property is unique as it is the first mainland stop for native birds coming from predator-free islands including Taranga and Marotiri (the Hen and Chickens) and Hauturu (Little Barrier Island).

**Degree of difficulty:** Some steep climbs but on well-formed roads and paths  
**Equipment:** Good boots recommended. Bring morning tea, lunch, water.  
**Transport:** Carpool  
**Registration time:** Saturday 9.00am  
**Duration from/to Domain:** 5-6hrs  
**Cost:** \$25.00

### Bush Tramp in Marunui Conservation 8.20am Grade 4 Max 20

An energetic bush walk over private covenanted land in the Brynderwyns where extensive trapping has enabled the release, and successful breeding, of Northland brown kiwi since 2013. Learn about Marunui's conservation work and kiwi care and brush up on your knowledge of native flora in the company of an experienced botanist. A great opportunity to appreciate the special values of

mature bush – northern rata, nikau, puriri, kauri, climbers and epiphytes and various native birds. There are reminders of kauri logging days and Maori habitation and from Pa Hill you can enjoy expansive coastal and rural views. The walk concludes with afternoon tea.

**Degree of difficulty:** Walking on tramping tracks. A few steep climbs and stream crossings. A good degree of fitness required.  
**Equipment:** Boots essential. A walking pole if you normally carry one. Bring morning tea, lunch and water. Afternoon tea provided  
**Transport:** Carpool from/to Domain  
**Registration time:** Saturday 8.20am  
**Duration from/to Domain:** 6-7hrs  
**Cost:** \$25.00

### Estuary Explore: Heads to Domain – New Walk 9.15am Grade 3 Max 25

Mangawhai is all about our beautiful estuary and home of the stingrays. This walk takes you on the entire journey from the Heads to the Domain, exploring our estuary walkways. In early times the estuary was a trading hub with scows regularly visiting the Tavern wharf. We will walk through Ship Builders Bay, where the Daring was built in 1863 before her unfortunate stranding just south of South Head in 1865. Take in the serenity of the big dune, discover the Moir Point pa site and the Back Bay board walk, walk the esplanade to the historic pub before making your way back to the Domain along Moir St. You will enjoy how much there is to see on these beautiful pathways less travelled.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Mostly on formed paths/tracks. Some walking on sand, rocks and road.

**Equipment:** Sturdy footwear

**Transport:** Shuttle to the Heads

**Registration time:** Saturday 9.15am

**Duration from/to Domain:** 5 hours

**Cost: \$30.00** (includes shuttle transport)

### **Impression of the Mangawhai Distal Spit – New Walk 9.00am Grade 4 Max 20**

This informative walk is led by volunteers from the Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society. Commencing at the Fishing Club, hear the fascinating history of the infamous 'Big Dig' efforts to save the Mangawhai Estuary, the fencing and planting to protect and stabilise the Spit, remnants of the original channel and the continued community efforts to save the critically endangered fairy tern. This walk is a rare opportunity to be guided across the Mangawhai Spit. This lengthy walk of moderate difficulty will be walking on sand along both the ocean beach and Spit. You will be transported to and from the Spit by boat so a reasonable level on fitness will be required to exit the boat.

**Degree of difficulty:** Ability to board and exit the boat. The walk is over sand on both the ocean beach and Spit.

**Grade 4:** Max 20 walkers

**Equipment:** Good walking shoes suitable for sand. Bring lunch, plenty of water, sunscreen and hat.

**Registration time:** Saturday 9.00am

**Duration from/to:** 5-6 hrs

**Cost: \$30.00** (includes boat)

### **Matheson Bay to Goat Island 9am Grade 4 max 35**

Starting at the picturesque Matheson Bay, this outstanding walk navigates bush and coastal pathways. The track follows a stream through bush and mature kauri to a series of delightful small waterfalls. You then take the scenic Leigh coastal walk around Leigh Harbour, continuing through bush to a small pretty bay for lunch. A two kilometre road walk then offers expansive views before crossing farmland to join the track to Goat Island through regenerating bush with great views of Little Barrier, Great Barrier and the Mokohinau Islands. This walk has a section with a demanding climb of 165 steps.

**Degree of difficulty:** A reasonably demanding walk both in length and topography. Some steep steps, and a long climb on a gravel road. Good level of fitness required.

**Grade 4:** Max 35 walkers

**Equipment:** Boots highly recommended, walking pole useful. Bring morning tea, lunch and water.

**Transport:** Bus

**Registration time:** Saturday 9am

**Duration from/to Domain:** 6-7hrs (including one hour travel each way)

**Cost: \$45.00** (includes bus transport)

### **Tanekaha Multi-track 8.30m Grade 4 Max 20**

This walk combines two significant tracks within the Tanekaha track network, the Botanical and the Puriri, together with sections of the Falls and Forest Tracks, to make a reasonably strenuous 4 – 5 hour walk. Beginning with an easy stroll beside a pristine stream it joins the Puriri Track with its spectacular examples of ancient puriri, rimu and wonderful views across the valley. A vigorous climb leads back to the Falls Track and a short detour to the remains of a kauri dam before descending past a series of spectacular waterfalls to join the Botanical Track. This track gently rises and falls along the 100m contour through outstanding native forest before joining the Forest Track and descending back to the little swing bridge.

**Degree of difficulty:** A serious walk requiring a good level of fitness

**Grade 4:** Max 20 walkers

**Equipment:** Boots. Poles if you use them. Bring morning tea, lunch and water.

**Transport:** Carpool

**Registration time:** Saturday 8.30am

**Duration from/to the Domain:** 6-7 hours

**Cost: \$25.00**

### **Tastes of Tara and King 9.00am Grade 3 Max 25**

Famous for its fertile hills and avocado orchards, come on a cross country trek with us and enjoy the history and variety of this part of 'old Mangawhai'. We start at an avocado

orchard on the volcanic soils of the Tara and learn about the programme of regenerative agriculture taking place to focus on soil health and sustainable practices. Walking through the orchard blocks, we discuss the orchard seasons and see a demonstration of how the big trees (up to 8 metres tall) are picked. Keen gardeners will see large scale *hugelkultur* beds built using permaculture principles. Then it's a cross county hike through private property, to discover a bush walk and and historic pa site, on to the estates of King Road with its olive groves and wine tastings. This is an informative walk with hosts sharing knowledge and expertise of their land and produce. There is a lot to learn about these fertile hills. The walk includes lunch platters, wine and olive oil tastings. There will be an opportunity to purchase produce from each of the venues. This walk is an updated version of the Food Ramblers Walk of previous years.

**Degree of difficulty:** Easy walking within properties but this is a long walk

**Grade 3:** Max 25 walkers

**Equipment:** Walking shoes or sneakers. Bring morning tea and water

**Transport:** Bus

**Registration time:** Saturday 9am

**Duration from/to the Domain:** 5-6hrs

**Cost:** \$65.00 (includes lunch and bus transport)

**Tomarata Lakes to the Beach 8.45am  
Grade 3 Max 25**

Discover the serenity and isolation of Tomarata before ending up at the remote and untouched South Te Arai (Forestry) beach. This mostly flat (except for a climb over the Te Arai headland) beautiful walk takes you from the Lake View Chalets with their clear view of the sand-lakes, Slipper and Spectacle, around Lake Tomarata through pine forest, and out to the southern section of Te Arai beach (aka Forestry) with its brilliant white sands, wild waves and isolation. Look out for the sea birds and the memorial seat as we return on the loop track.

**Degree of difficulty:** Easy walking with a single climb onto the Te Arai headland.

**Grade 3:** Max 35 walkers

**Equipment:** Boots recommended but good walking shoes will be fine. Bring morning tea, lunch and water.

**Transport:** Bus

**Registration time:** Saturday 8.45am

**Duration from/to Domain:** 4hrs

**Cost:** \$45.00 (includes bus)

## SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2012

### Geology 9.00am Grade 2 max 20

How often do you discover different rock formations and wonder how they were created? Enjoy a fascinating beach walk whilst learning about the Earth's history from the rocks of the Mangawhai surf beach, foreshore and beyond with guide Dr Gary Carr, geologist, teacher and part time resident. Gary will take

you on a captivating journey through time.

**Degree of difficulty:** Easy, basically a beach walk, some boulder hopping.

**Grade 2:** Max 20 walkers

**Equipment:** Sneakers fine. Bring morning tea, lunch, and water.

**Transport:** Carpool

**Registration time:** Sunday 9.00am

**Duration from/to the Domain:** 4-5hrs

**Cost:** \$25.00

### Mangawhai Cliff Walk 9.00am Grade 3-4 Max 25

Listed as one of New Zealand's '14 Great Short Walks' and part of the national Te Araroa Trail, this iconic walk takes you along the spectacular cliff tops north of Mangawhai Heads beach. From the Surf Club, enjoy an easy wander along the beach as you 'warm-up', ready for the steep stepped climb to the cliff top and lookout. As you walk this well-formed track, enjoy the magnificent coastal panorama to Bream Head, excitingly revealed as you progress northwards. To the south soak up the golden vistas along the coast to Pakiri Beach and out to the Coromandel Peninsula. Through shady pockets of cooling bush and spectacular valleys of nikau palms, the final descent brings you to the rocky shore with a large rock arch ideal for those special photos! As you carefully return along the shoreline, over the washed smooth rocks and sandy bays, watch out for playful dolphins often seen in these waters.

**Degree of difficulty:** This is a serious walk combining a well-formed track with a rocky coastal section. Some steep stepped climbs. Walkers need to be fit and agile. Part of the walk involves walking on stones and boulders. Good ankle support is required.

**Grade 3-4 :** Max 25 walkers

**Equipment:** Good boots essential and walking pole useful especially on the rocky section. Bring morning tea, lunch and water.

**Transport:** Carpool

**Registration time:** Sunday 9.00am

**Duration from/to Domain:** 5-6 hrs

**Cost:** \$25.00

### **Tanekaha Botanical Track 9.15am Grade 3 Max 25**

The Jewel in the Tanekaha crown! Within the Tanekaha Tracks complex, a network of tracks developed by local volunteers, this walk explores the very best of this native forest clad scenic reserve while avoiding a strenuous climb to the Brynderwyn Ridge. The first section follows a beautiful stream to the first waterfall, an easy walk with only one moderate hill. From just above the fall it traverses east along the Brynderwyn hills rising and falling along the 100m contour to join the Forest Track which then descends back to the little swing bridge. On the walk you will see fine examples of mature kanuka, kahikatea, puriri, and tanekaha as well as numerous other native species. You will walk beside a pristine stream, its pools and falls, enjoy some spectacular views all at a leisurely pace on a well-formed track. The walk is a grade 3 and

will take about 3 hours

**Degree of difficulty:** Relatively easy walking along formed tracks with a couple of hilly bits.

**Grade 3:** Max 20 walkers

**Equipment:** Walking shoes/boots. Poles if you use them. Bring morning tea, lunch and water.

**Transport:** Carpool

**Registration time:** Sunday 9.15am

**Duration to/from Domain:** 4-5 hours

**Cost:** \$25.00

### **Te Arai Unwrapped 9.30am Grade 3 Max 25**

This walk is like unwrapping a present and discovering something new as each layer is removed. Starting and finishing at Te Arai Point car park you will climb to a trig, take in 360 degree panoramic views, learn about the area's fascinating history and its connection to Cornwall Park, discover what's planned for the future on either side of the Point, hear about the crusade to save the critically endangered Tara iti (NZ Fairy Tern) and enjoy lunch in the dunes at Forestry beach, before an energetic climb over the Te Arai headland back to your starting point.

**Degree of difficulty:** Generally easy walking with two short (100 metre) steep (45 degree) climbs up to the trig and the headland ridge

**Grade 3:** Max 25 walkers

**Equipment:** Sturdy footwear recommended but good walking shoes ok. Poles handy but not essential. Bring morning tea, lunch and water

**Transport:** Carpool

**Registration time:** Sunday 9.30am

**Duration from/to Domain:** 4-5 hrs

**Cost:** \$25.00

### **Short History Walk – From the Past 9.15am Grade 1 Max 25**

Many tales, both fact and fiction, will be told as you reimagine old Mangawhai. On an enchanting stroll along Moir Street, you will hear about the busy commercial beginnings of Mangawhai over a century ago, once a centre of commerce involving kauri timber, gum, ship chandlery and supply stores. The wharf, the tavern, life in an estuary village and more, will be brought to life by your entertaining host Jo Roberts.

**Degree of difficulty:** Easy walking largely flat terrain

**Grade 1:** Max 25 walkers

**Equipment:** Good walking shoes and water

**Transport:** Walk from Domain

**Registration time:** Sunday 9.15am

**Duration to/from Domain:** 1.5hrs

**Cost:** \$10

**Refund policy:** If cancellation is necessary due to a change in Covid-19 Alert level or to weather, organisers will endeavour to refund amounts above those necessary to cover any costs incurred. Booking fees are not refundable.

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