

Mangaiti Gully Walk

- 1. Park in Pickering Cres behind Hukanui School
- 2. Head down the path which takes off to the left at the end of the cul-de-sac.
- 3. At the bottom of the slope you can take the path to the left which leads you through the Hukanui Primary School plantings and up to the back of the school grounds near the new eco-classroom.
- 4. Return down the same path to the track junction.
- 5. Proceed on, following the path up to the point where it emerges in Takapu Place.
- 6. Turn right into Te Puroa then into Raungawari (only a very brief distance on each street!) then left into Wairere Drive
- 7. Cross Wairere Drive (with caution) and head left to Huntington Drive.
- 8. Proceed along Huntington to Keswick Cres on the left.
- 9. From Keswick turn into Helmsdale Court access to the gully is at the end of the cul-de-sac.
- 10. Head to the left and proceed along the gully path. You will come to a track junction quite soon. Take the path which veers gently to the right, not the hard right option (you will go round in circles if you take this one!)
- 11. The track will take you very close to Hukanui Rd. Take the path leading to the right which brings you out at the bottom of the dip in Hukanui Rd just near Brookview Court.
- 12. Cross Hukanui Rd with caution (there is no pedestrian refuge and it can be quite busy) and follow the walkway below Brookview Court beside the stream.
- 13. Turn left and go under the Wairere Drive underpass, then head right at the path junction to emerge in the park in Clements Cres.
- 14. Take the community walkway between houses, opposite the park, to get from Clements Cres to Glen Lynne Ave.
- 15. When you emerge in Glen Lynne Ave, head to the left to access the next community walkway which takes you to Pulham Cres.
- 16. Pulham Cres leads directly into Herbert Rd.
- 17. Proceed down Herbert Rd and head left into Chartwell Park.
- 18. The path through the park emerges on Bankwood Rd.
- 19. Turn left along Bankwood and proceed until you reach Wake St on the right.
- 20. Go down Wake St until it intersects with Lynden Court behind Chartwell shopping centre.
- 21. Head left down Lynden Court to intersect with Hukanui Rd
- 22. Cross at the light-controlled pedestrian crossing near Hukanui School and proceed back to Pickering Cres and the parking area.



Mangakotukutuku (Sandford Park) Gully Walk

- 1. Park in Fitzroy Ave near the gully access path.
- 2. Head down the path into the gully, and proceed over the bridge.
- 3. Turn left under the sewer pipe and head along to the path intersection at the next bridge.
- 4. At this point a steep wooden walkway takes off to the left and heads up to a lookout point at the end of Bruce Ave. This takes no more than 10 minutes up and back but if you would prefer to avoid this steep section, just wait at the bottom and the rest of the group will rejoin you shortly. The area is a lovely spot to wait and admire the environment!
- 5. Keep going along the main path, heading slightly right (ie in a clockwise direction).
- 6. The path will emerge onto Bader St.
- 7. Cross the road at the junction of Bader and Norrie St, with caution visibility is not good.
- 8. Proceed down the road past a small number of houses and enter the other section of Sandford Park, beside the Waikato River.
- 9. Head right under the conifer plantation and follow the path back up to Peacocke's Rd.
- 10. Cross the road with caution to rejoin the path in the other section of the park.
- 11. Proceed straight along the gully path until you see the sewer pipe and bridge.
- 12. Cross the bridge and head up the path to the parking spot in Fitzroy Ave.



Ranfurly Gully and Fairfield Esplanade Walk

- 1. Park in River Rd near Fairfield Esplanade.
- 2. Cross River Rd with caution and proceed up Riverview Tce on the left-hand side (furthest from the river).
- 3. Take the community walkway on the left which leads through to Ranfurly St.
- 4. Cross Ranfurly Rd and enter Ranfurly Park.
- 5. Follow the path through the gully and up the other side to emerge in Balloch St.
- 6. Turn left and head down the neighbourhood walkway which leads to Fairfield Rd.
- 7. Cross Fairfield Rd and proceed down Gardiner St.
- 8. Enter the park at the Bowling Club and take the path to the right which leads to Heaphy Tce.
- 9. Cross Heaphy Tce at the pedestrian refuge and enter Fairfield Park.
- 10. Go right across the park and loop back through it once you have got as far as the Kenney Cres side.
- 11. Still within the park, go completely across it to reach the Community House which faces onto the park from Sare Cres.
- 12. Take the path into the Community House grounds and take a moment to have a look at the community organic garden which is being developed there.
- 13. Rejoin the path in Fairfield Park and return to Heaphy Tce.
- 14. Cross Heaphy Tce at the pedestrian refuge and return through Caro Park to Gardiner St and on down to Fairfield Rd.
- 15. Cross Fairfield Rd and proceed to the right, along and down the hill until you can see the intersection with Woodstock Rd on the right. *Cross with extreme caution*, as there are no footpaths on that side for a short distance.
- 16. There is almost immediately an intersection between Woodstock Rd and Banbury Cres. Take the lower arm into Banbury Cres.
- 17. Proceed the full length of Banbury Cres and emerge onto River Rd.
- 18. Cross River Rd at the pedestrian refuge near Clarkin Rd and head down onto the new river path.
- 19. River levels permitting, follow the river path under the Fairfield Bridge and emerge into Fairfield Esplanade beside the car parking area. (NB: if the weather has been very wet, the path can flood. If this is the case, proceed back to the left along River Rd and *cross with extreme caution* at the Fairfield Bridge to get back to the car parking area)



Day's Park - Donny Park (The "Jewels" Walk),

- 1. Park at Swarbrick's Landing parking area.
- 2. Head south (to the left facing the river) back along the river path, heading up into Day's Park via the concrete path at the front of the boatshed building.
- 3. As you emerge into the park, head right along the path. You will see a memorial plaque telling the history of the origins of Day's Park.
- 4. Proceed on across the bottom of Day's Park then head up the hill and follow the path to emerge in Arran Rd. Walk down Arran Rd to River Rd.
- 5. Turn south (right) into River Rd and cross with caution at the pedestrian refuge.
- 6. Head back to the shops and down Donny Ave to the end of the street where a path leads down into the gully. (There is a Donny Park sign here).
- 7. At the bottom of the hill, head hard right, with the creek on your left, past the gum trees. This path proceeds for some distance and will eventually lead via a rough track into the back of the Fairfield College playing fields. We will stop before we get to that point, at the end of the paved path, and return the way we came.
- 8. At the junction below Donny Ave, turn right and across a small footbridge. Shortly afterwards, there is a fork in the path. At the fork, take the right hand branch, which crosses a culvert. This path forks again. Take the right-hand fork to get to Opal Place. The left-hand fork leads up to open parkland that faces on to Bankwood Road near Fairfield College.
- 9. Come back down the same path to the fork by the culvert (before you get to the footbridge). This time, take the right-hand path, which leads up to Emerald Place. From Emerald Place there is another short path leading to the right which takes you to Amethyst Place, but we will not take that today.
- 10. Retrace your steps back to the fork before the footbridge. Now continue straight ahead and cross the footbridge back into the open grass area you first entered from Donny Avenue. Go over to the treeline on the Donny Avenue side of the gully, head to the right and follow the edge of the grassed area (this is usually the driest part!) as there is no formal path across this section of the park. You will eventually intersect with a concrete path. At this point you can either follow the path to the left, emerge into Perindale Drive and head to your right to get back down to River Rd, or if you would like more time away from the road, just cross the path and continue on up the hill to join the grass path which runs between the back of the Perindale Drive properties and the neighbouring bushed area, until you emerge on River Rd.
- 11. Cross with extreme caution and head right (north) to return to Swarbrick's Landing carpark.