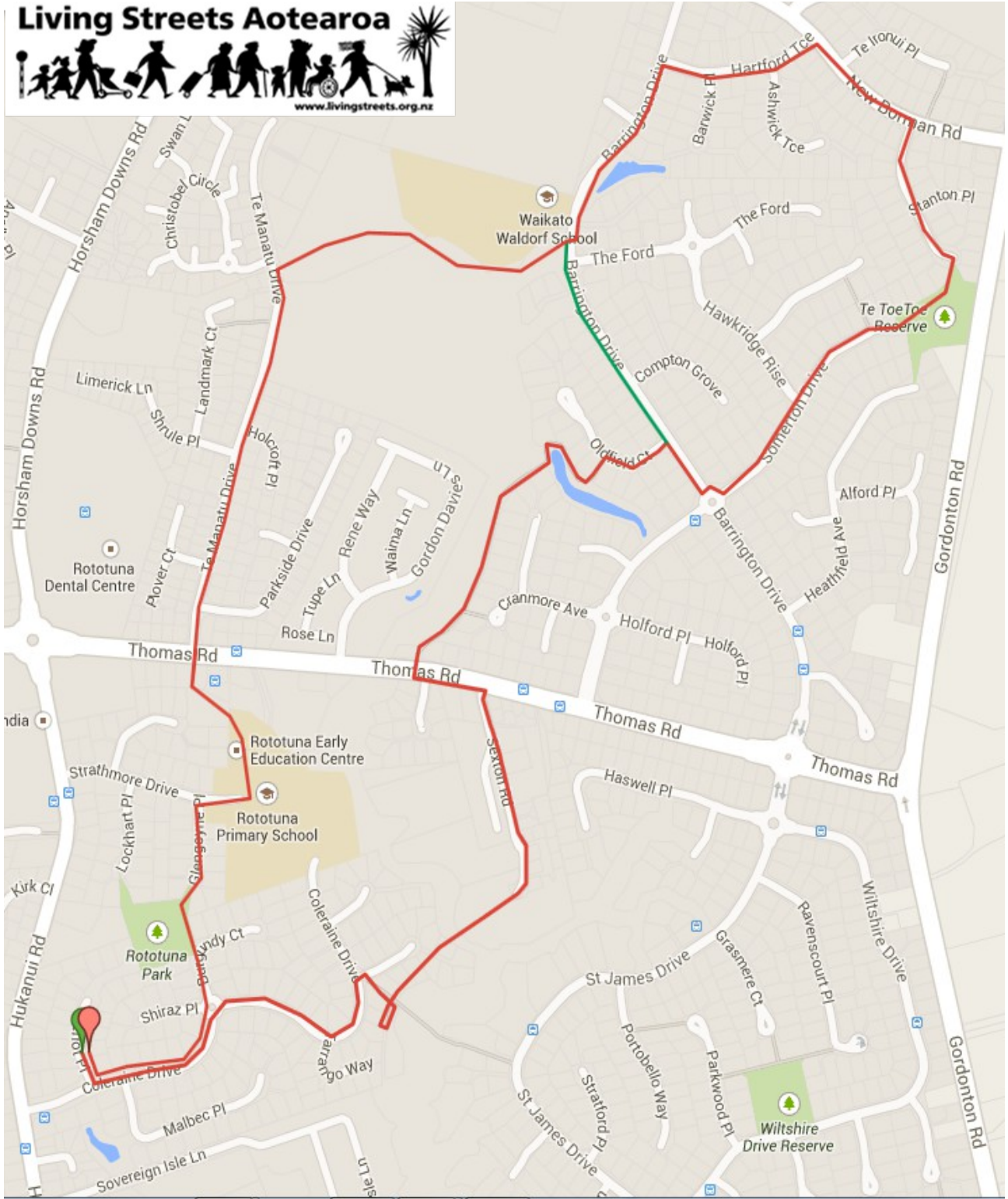


Living Streets Aotearoa



Living Streets Hamilton, Rototuna walk, November 2013

This is a longer walk of about 75 to 90 minutes. If you would prefer to avoid the hilly area around Somerton Drive and shorten the walk, you can take a shortcut by turning left along Barrington Drive after you emerge from the walkway into Oldfield Court. You then rejoin the full route at the Waldorf School. This shortcut is marked on the map as a green line.

- [Park in Merlot Place, off Coleraine Drive.
- [Head back to Coleraine and turn left to follow Coleraine until you reach Grenache Place on the right.
- [Almost immediately after you turn into Grenache, there is a pathway taking off on the right hand side of the street. Take the smaller path which heads down below the main bridge path.
- [This path branches: we will first head to the right on a small diversion to admire the pond and plantings that have been done in this area. Heading back the same way we came in, we then follow the branch of the path which heads under the bridge. A pleasant gully walk, showing what the local gully restoration group have achieved in recent years, brings us out onto Sexton Rd behind Oderings' plant nursery.
- [Proceed down Sexton to Thomas Rd, and turn left, crossing Millie Place before crossing Thomas Rd with care to enter another walkway beside The Sanctuary subdivision.
- [Follow this walkway along to the pond and around the side to where it joins a grass path. Head left up to Oldfield Cres.
- [Once you reach Oldfield, turn right to intersect with Barrington Drive. ***NB: if you want to take the shortcut at this point to avoid the hill section, turn left into Barrington Drive at this point and proceed until you reach the Waldorf School. This allows you to miss out the next five instructions and resume from the Waldorf School, noted in bold Italics below. If you like hills, follow the instructions below instead!***
- [Turn right into Barrington, then left at the roundabout to follow Somerton Drive right to the top of the hill.
- [Walk through the small park and children's play area adjacent to Gordonton Rd and enter the top of Eastgate Rd.
- [Head down to where Eastgate intersects with New Borman Rd.
- [Turn left into New Borman and continue down to turn left into Hartford Tce.
- [Continue along Hartford until it intersects with Barrington Drive.
- [Turn left into Barrington Drive and continue until you reach the entryway to the ***Waldorf School***. Don't go through the school grounds – instead take the grassed path just beside the school. This follows the school grounds beside what might be the only urban maize field in Hamilton!
- [The grass path emerges on Te Manatu Drive.
- [Turn left and continue down Te Manatu Drive until it intersects with Thomas Rd.
- [Cross Thomas Rd with care and enter the Shirley MacKay walkway which leads into Rototuna Primary School. Please be careful to shut gates behind you as you go.
- [Walk through the school, past the office and exit through the carpark into Strathmore Drive.

- [Turn left into Glengoyne Place, which leads into Rototuna Park at the end of the street.
- [Keep to the left as you go through Rototuna Park to emerge in Burgundy Court.
- [Turn right down Burgundy Court, which intersects with Coleraine Drive at the roundabout.
- [Turn right into Colerain and proceed back to our starting point in Merlot Place.