

Start: Corner Coronation Road and Church Road, Mangere Bridge Village

1. Follow Coronation Road north
2. Turn left < onto the Kiwi Esplanade pathway
3. Follow the pathway around until you get to the playground
4. Cross the roadway on your left < and rejoin the pathway behind the Mangere Boating Club
5. Continue straight ahead
6. At the Mangere Yacht and Motor Boat Club, cross the roadway and continue along the pathway
7. At the end of the pathway, turn left < into Kiwi Esplanade and then right > into Andes Avenue
8. Turn left < into Muir Avenue
9. Turn left < into Wallace Road
10. Continue straight ahead into Church Road and return to the start



Mangere Esplanade Loop

Description: Mainly level paths, with just one gentle downhill slope. Suitable for users of average fitness and mobility.

To see: Views of Manukau Harbour, One Tree Hill, Mangere Mountain; Pukeko and shore birds habitat.

Time: approx. 75 minutes. (about 6.23 kms)

Parking: Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge

Buses: Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge

Journey Planner: www.maxx.co.nz



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Cafés: Various in Mangere Bridge Village



Public toilets: Near the boat clubs, Kiwi Esplanade



Children's playgrounds:
Near the Mangere Boating Club

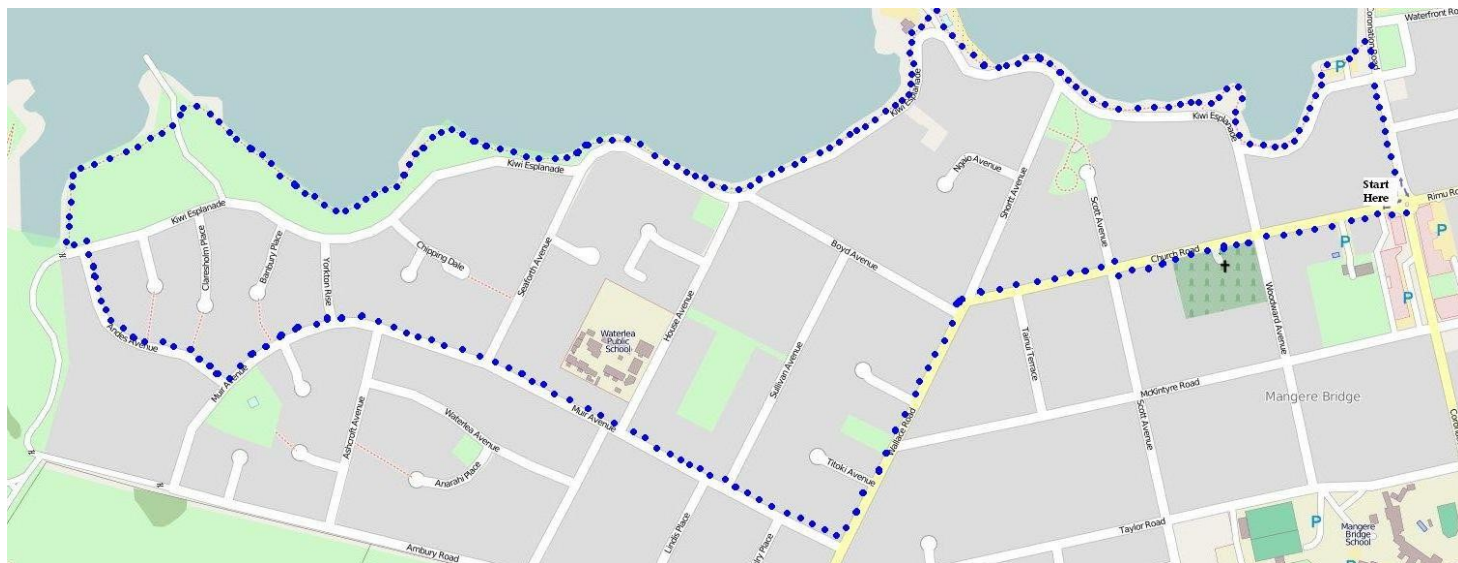


Dogs: On leash



Along Kiwi Esplanade

Nearby Attractions: Mangere Mountain, Mangere Bridge Village, Ambury Park Farm, Otuaataua Stonefields



Mangere Bridge Township is a small community with about 9,000 inhabitants. Its population is diverse, which brings with it a range of activities. Add to that its location near the Manukau Harbour (the second largest natural harbour in New Zealand), Ambury Park and Mangere Mountain, and you will find a wide range of cultural, sports, and recreational activities.

The area is steeped in history and has a rich cultural heritage stemming from Maori settlement in the early 1800's through to a vibrant Chinese market gardening community and European settlement. Many of the local roads are named after large farming families that settled in the area in the late 1800's. Descendents of some of these well-known families still own a number of the buildings.

Extracts from www.mangerebridge.co.nz



St James Church is the only surviving stone church from the Selwyn period. Stones used for the building were taken from Mangere Mountain, and brought down by cart or on workers backs. Due to the difficulty of stone construction, the channel arch end relieving arches over the doors and windows are constructed with brick.