## Start from the Car Park at the end of Price Road (off Puhinui Road).

- I. Follow the main gravel path straight ahead.
- 2. Turn right > at the top of the hill.
- 3. Turn left < at the next path and continue straight ahead, rejoining the main path.
- 4. Turn left < at the next junction, heading towards the bridge that holds a large pipe.
- 5. Turn right > just before the bridge and follow the track (we had to climb over a wire fence) and continue around the loop.
- 6. Ignore the next path to the left <. (Optional: You may wish to explore the last loop off to the left < here and return to this point. Look out for farm animals and electric fencing.)
- 7. Turn right > to return to the main path.
- 8. Turn right > at the V-junction and continue straight ahead.
- 9. Turn right > at the small gate just past the large Horse carving.
- 10. Cross the field to the third gate on your left >.
- 11. Follow the walkway along the edge and then through the bush.
- 12. Continue straight ahead to the duck pond and to return to the car park.

## More info:

http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/parksfacilities/premierparks/Pages/puhinui.aspx





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## **Puhinui Reserve Loop**

**Description:** A mix of level paths and slightly inclined paths. Suitable for users of average fitness and mobility. May require boots in wet weather, running shoes suitable in dry weather.

**To see**: Manukau Harbour conservation land, farmland and farm animals, view of McLaughlin Mountain (volcano), native bush.

**Time**: approx. 80 minutes. (about 6.50 kms) **Parking:** Price Road (off Puhinui Road, Wiri)

Journey Planner—<a href="http://www.maxx.co.nz">http://www.maxx.co.nz</a>





Cafés: none



Public toilets: beside car park



**Children's playgrounds:** None

**Dogs**: No dogs allowed (conservation and farm area)



Picnic Sites: Seats and tables within

reserve

## **Nearby Walks:**

Ambury Farm, Weymouth





Puhinui Reserve is part of the Matakurua Volcanic Field. McLaughlin Mountain is the southern most volcano in Auckland. The reserve is 199 hectares in size. It is used as farmland for both sheep and cattle. The Department of Conservation has fenced off the coastal edge to protect some rare and threatened fringe and wader birds. This area is used annually for a 3 day equestrian event. And it is a safe place for families off-road bicycle riding.