## Starting from Cowley Street off Great North Road, Waterview:

- I. Go to the end of Cowley Street cul-de-sac and turn left < along the track. Keep following the track around the court area.
- 2. Continue straight ahead along the Howlett Esplanade (off-leash dog area)
- 3. At the reserve area which is close to the Motorway, turn left < up the slope
- 4. Keep left < up the slope at the next reserve area
- 5. And again at the next reserve area (Howlett Reserve), turn left < up the steep track
- 6. At the top of the track, go straight ahead on the concrete walkway between the houses
- 7. Turn right > onto the footpath along Howlett Street
- 8. Cross over Oakley Avenue and turn left < on the other side
- 9. Turn right > into Saxon Street
- 10. Turn left < into Alford Street. (**BUS STOP** on Great North Road)
- 11. Cross over Great North Road at the pedestrian lights, and turn right >
- 12. Turn left < on the track leading into Oakley Creek Walkway
- 13. Turn right > before the bridge to view waterfall
- 14. (Explore further along the track if you wish)
- 15. Retrace steps to the bridge (#13)
- 16. After the bridge take the left < pathway alongside the creek. Continue straight ahead.</p>
- 17. Exit the walkway, turn right > alongside Great North Road.
- 18. Cross over Great North Road via the overhead bridge. On the steps down on the other side note last view of Oakley Creek before it enters the Waitemata Harbour.
- 19. Return to Cowley Street.

NB at point (16) you may wish to join the Oakley Creek Loop South walk at point (19)



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## **Oakley Creek Loop North**

**Description:** A mix of level paths, with two lots of steps. Suitable for users of average fitness and mobility. May require boots in wet weather (muddy), running shoes suitable in dry weather.

**To see**: Oakley Creek, Estuary, water birds, waterfall

**Time**: approx. 45 minutes (about 3.77 kms) **Parking:** Cowley Street (Waterview Reserve) **Buses**: Corner Alford Street and Great North

Road

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





Cafés: None nearby



Public toilets: Waterview Reserve



**Children's playgrounds:**Corner Saxon Street and Oakley Ave



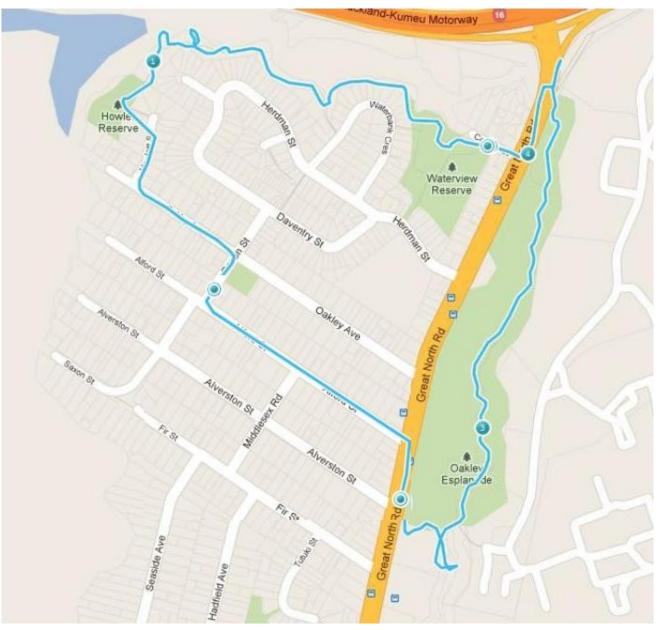
Dogs: On and off leash areas



Seats only in Oakley Esplanade

Nearby Walks: Oakley Creek South





Oakley Creek Esplanade Reserve contains Auckland City's only waterfall. The Creek has been restored and preserved by the Friends of Oakley Creek. Over 35,000 native plant species have been planted over recent years. The Creek is now a natural and beautiful reserve.

The source of the Creek is in Hillsborough where it starts its 15 km journey via Mount Roskill and Mount Albert. This walk begins where the creek empties into the estuary of the Waitemata Harbour.

Friends of Oakley Creek <a href="http://oakleycreek.org.nz/">http://oakleycreek.org.nz/</a>