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## Auckland CBD Discovery Walk

**Description:** A mix of level paths and steep paths/steps.

**To see:** Waterfront, historic buildings, parks, arcades and lanes.

**Time:** approx. 60 minutes plus time for lingering.



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**Closest Café:** various along the route



**Public toilets:** Elliott Street Foodcourt (downstairs), Britomart



**Children's playgrounds:** None



**Dogs:** on leash only



**Picnic Site:** Albert Park. No BBQ's.

**Parking:** Shortland Street (2 hours parking Saturday and Sunday), free parking in Emily Place on Sundays.

**Buses and Trains:** Britomart Train Station [www.maxx.co.nz](http://www.maxx.co.nz)

### Nearby Attractions:

Queen Street Shops, Wynyard Quarter, Britomart Precinct

## Historical Buildings and Places:

- A. [The Ferry Building](#) completed in 1912.
- B. [City Farmers Market](#) Between Gore and Commerce Street. Open 8.30am to 12.30pm Saturdays
- C. [The High Court](#) Opened in 1868



### D. Old Government House

Old Government House (1856), corner of Princes Street and Waterloo Quadrant, was the first mansion of its kind built in New Zealand. Classical in style with much of the timber façade cut to resemble stone, it was the seat of government until 1865 when the capital was moved to Wellington.

### E. Albert Park

By the 1880s most of the old barracks were cleared away, paths and gardens were established and the fountain, Albert Park House (formally the gardener's cottage) and other improvements were added.

### F. Auckland Art Gallery

Heralded in 1888 as 'the first permanent Art Gallery in the Dominion', Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki remains the largest art institution in New Zealand, with a collection numbering over 12,500 works. These include major holdings of New Zealand historic, modern and contemporary art, and outstanding works by Māori and Pacific Island artists, as well as European painting, sculpture and print collections ranging in date from 1376 to the present day.

### G. Women's suffrage memorial steps\_Khartoum Place

#### Brief history - women and the vote



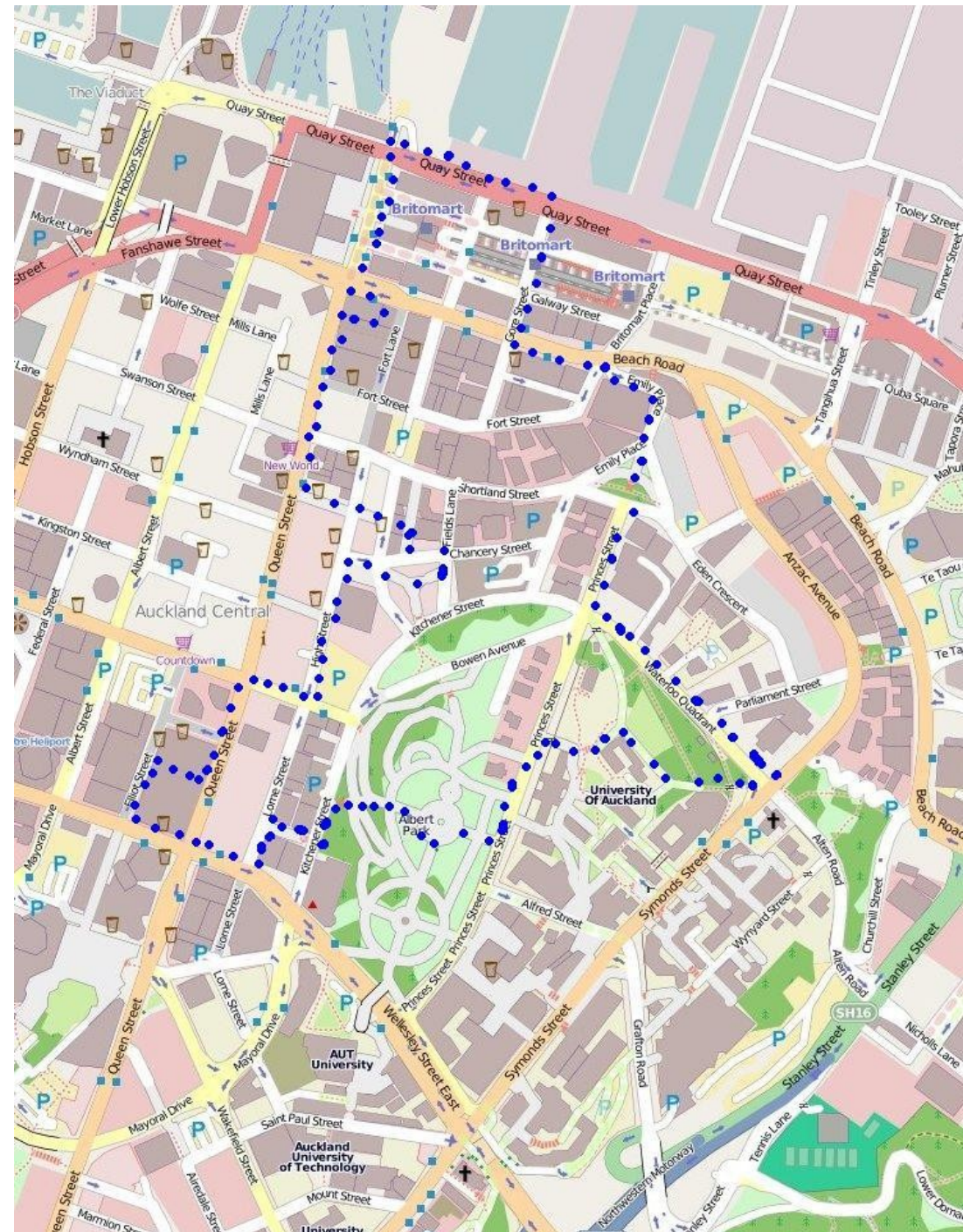
### H. The Civic Theatre

The Civic, one of the few remaining Atmospheric Theatres in the world, was built in 1929 and specifically designed as a 'movie palace' for talking pictures ('talkies'), which had just been introduced to New Zealand. The first purpose-built cinema of this type in the country, The Civic has become a much-loved Auckland landmark and entertainment venue.



### 1. Freyburg Place

An open, light, paved space that features a fountain, gardens, and the Lord Freyberg sculpture. The square is in the heart of Auckland's high fashion precinct and surrounded by cafes, restaurants and designer boutiques. Popular at lunchtime.





## Begin from outside of the Britomart Train Station

1. Turn right > and head towards the orange brick Ferry Building (clock tower on top) on Quay Street
2. Cross over Quay Street and enter (a) **Ferry Building**. Explore at your leisure.
3. Go thru alleyway beside the Harbour Information Office
5. Turn right > at end of alleyway, then left < into Quay Street and walk beside the red iron fence.
5. Cross Quay Street to turn right > to Gore Street (Auckland The Northern Steamship Company building (dated 1898) on the corner).
6. If it is Saturday morning linger at the (b) **City Farmers Market**.
7. Cross over Customs Street and on the other side turn left <
8. Go straight ahead up the hill to Emily Place.
9. Continue straight ahead into Emily Place Reserve.
10. Go up the steps behind the Churton Memorial built in 1908-1909, cross over Emily Place and continue straight ahead along Princes Street (left-hand side)
11. Turn left < into Waterloo Quadrant (hotel on the corner)
12. Cross Parliament Street to reach the (c) **High Court** – explore at your leisure
13. Continue along Waterloo Quadrant to the lights on Symonds Street. Turn right > at the lights on the corner.
14. Then turn right > into the City of Auckland City Campus on the corner and go through the white wooden gate at the top of the incline.
15. Follow the sign posts to (d) **Old Government House**.
16. At the far corner of the Old Government House take the steps to the right > (opposite Staff Common Room)
17. Go straight ahead towards the white fence on Princes Street
18. Turn left < into Princes Street
19. Cross Princes Street beside the Clock Tower, heading to the entrance of (e) **Albert Park**
20. Turn first left < inside the park, then turn right > towards the fountain (explore the park at your leisure and return to this point)
21. With the fountain behind you, go straight ahead (Sky Tower in view).
22. Take the left < fork
23. Go down steps into Kitchener Street (behind the (f) **Auckland Art Gallery**).
24. Cross Kitchener Street and turn left < on the other side.
25. Turn right > into (g) **Khartoum Place**
26. Descend the “Suffragette Steps” to High Street
27. Cross High Street and turn left <
28. Turn right > into Wellesley Street
29. Cross Queen Street, opposite the (h) **Civic Theatre** and continue up Wellesley Street (Auckland Town Hall on the left on Queen Street)
30. Turn right > into Elliot Street
31. Toilets in the Foodcourt on your right (downstairs)
32. Turn right > into the Strand Arcade
33. Turn left < into Queen Street
34. Cross at lights, turn right > into Victoria Street
35. Turn left < into High Street
36. Turn right > into (i) **Freyberg Place**
37. At the corner of Courthouse Lane and Chancery Street continue straight ahead into Chancery Square (plaza)
38. Explore at your leisure.
39. Exit into O’Connell Street, turn left <
40. Turn left < into Vulcan Lane (about ½ way down O’Connell St opposite #12)
41. Cross over High Street and continue straight ahead down Vulcan Lane
42. Turn right > into Queen Street
44. Turn right > into Queens Arcade
45. Turn left <, then cross to the right > at the lights and you are back at Britomart.