

Start Point: Orakei Road opposite railway station (take care when crossing road from station side – cross opposite the end of the barrier)

1. Turn left < alongside the barrier and towards the sign 'Bush Walk 5 minutes'
2. Turn right > down the steps at the beginning of the slope
3. Emerge from the bush track and continue straight ahead down the road past the Sea Scout Hall
4. Continue through the Carpark and join the pathway at the water's edge.
5. At the end of the water's edge path, turn right > up the steep steps behind the building
6. At the top of the steps (on Lucerne Road), turn left < slightly, then cross the road to the top of the steps between house numbers 148 and 131
7. Cross over the Orakei Creek Bridge, and follow the boardwalk.
8. At the t-junction, you can choose to turn left along the MacPherson Track or take a slightly longer walk, in which case, turn right >
9. Walk straight ahead into Meadowbank Road
10. Turn left < into Manapau Road (towards Meadowbank Train Station)
11. Continue straight ahead into Purewa Road (No Exit Road)
12. At the end, follow the sign to the Orakei Boat Ramp, down the steps
13. Follow the boardwalk alongside the railway track and then return to the start.



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Orakei Basin Walkway

Description: A mix of level and steep paths, steep steps. Suitable for most ages and levels of fitness and mobility, designed with flat shoes or running shoes in mind. Not suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs

To see: Wonderful views of Mt Eden and Auckland City skyline. Small areas of bush. Railway track. Birdlife. Volcano crater.

Time: approx. 60 minutes.

Parking: Near Kings Plant Barn, off Orakei Road near train station.

Buses: to Orakei Train Station

Trains: Orakei Train station

Journey Planner—<http://www.maxx.co.nz>



Cafés: Kings Plant Barn café or Palmers Garden Centre café



Public toilets: Amenities for customers at the cafes above.



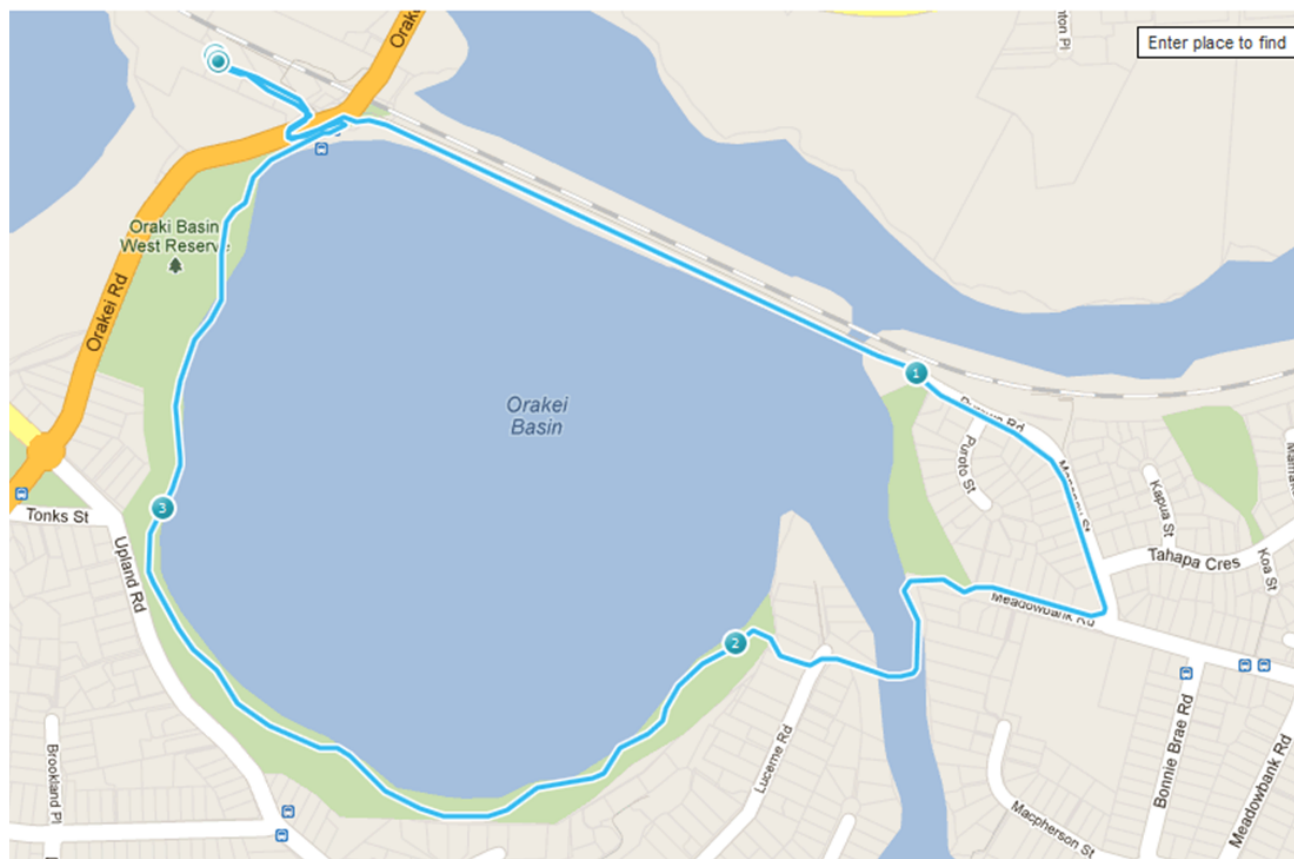
Children's playgrounds: none



Dogs: Off leash in Orakei Basin area



Tables in basin area



Orakei Basin a tidal lagoon, is a volcano in the Auckland Volcanic Field. The explosion crater is around 700 m wide and is surrounded by a tuff ring. Scientists have identified more than 50 different ash layers from the Auckland Volcanic Field. The thicker layers may have come from close volcanoes such as Rangitoto, Mt Hobson, The Domain, Mt St John, and One Tree Hill. In the 1920s the basin was Tidal mangrove swamp, development of the area included the railway lines in the early 1930s and flood gates to impound the basin allowing it to be developed for water sports in particular water skiing.

The North Island Main Trunk railway line runs along the north side of the basin. The basin has recently (2011) been upgraded through the Orakei Basin improvement plan.

