

Starting from the Carpark in Great North Road:

1. Cross Great North Road to Western Springs Park.
2. Follow the path to the right > towards 'Stadium/MOTAT, lakeside walk'
3. Turn right > at the lake edge.
4. Next junction turn left < and follow the lake edge all the way around until you reach the children's playground.
5. Straight ahead at the children's playground.
6. Exit at the Zoo's carpark and follow the exit road down to Motions Road.
7. Cross Motions Road to the other side (use Pedestrian Island).
8. Turn left < then right > down the steps across the stream (Pasadena Walk).
9. Keep to the right-hand footpath and continue straight ahead, go past Pasadena Intermediate School.
10. Follow the path around the edge of school field (following stream).
11. At the end of the path cross the bridge and head back to Motions Road.
12. Turn left < and follow Motions Road past TAPAC.
13. Turn right > at MOTAT and head down the hill.
14. Go past Seddon Fields entrance.
15. Turn left < into Jagers Bush (opposite Zoo Trade Entrance).
16. Follow the path straight ahead. After the bridge go up the steps to the right >.
17. Turn left < and follow the footpath alongside Meola Road.
18. Just past MOTAT entrance, cross Meola Road to a carpark and a Meola Reef sign.
19. Take the path on the left < of the car park (it's not obvious) that goes into trees (not towards the Meola Reef Reserve sign).
20. Turn left < at the T-junction.
21. Straight ahead past the toilet block.
22. Through the gate into dog off-leash area.
23. Straight ahead follow the fence line.
24. At the end of the path, keep going straight ahead to the gate in the far corner of the fence.
25. Head left < towards the end of the Point (and a rubbish bin).
26. Optional loop at the tip of the Meola Reef Point with view of Auckland Harbour Bridge)
27. Turn right > and follow the path beside the rubbish bin, keep going straight.
28. Turn left < at second turning (back to entrance).
29. Cross Meola Road, turn left <, then right > into MOTAT – Meola Road entrance.
30. (You may wish to catch the tram back to Western Springs).
31. Follow the footpath past Western Springs College and TAPAC.
32. Cross Motions Road at pedestrian lights, and go straight ahead up the slope to re-enter Zoo carpark.
33. Head to far corner of the Carpark back to the entrance of Western Springs lakeside.
34. Turn right > at the corner of the playground.
35. Keep to the left < for Great North Road.
36. Turn right > after crossing the double arched bridge.
37. Cross Great North Road to return to carpark.

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Western Springs—Meola Reef

Description: Mainly level paths plus 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: Waitemata Harbour views, a natural spring-fed lake with ducks, swans, geese and long-finned eels; stream, trams, planes.

Time: approx. 90 minutes.

Parking: Great North Road (Western Springs gardens) opposite Western Springs.

Buses: Great North Rd. Opposite Motions Rd (Stop 8124)

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





Cafés: None close by. Walk/drive/bus up Great North Road to Point Chevalier village, or drive/bus to Kingsland or Kings Plant Barn (St Lukes Road)



Public toilets: Western Springs beside the children's playground, Meola Reef.



Children's playgrounds: Western Springs – near entrance to Zoo carpark.

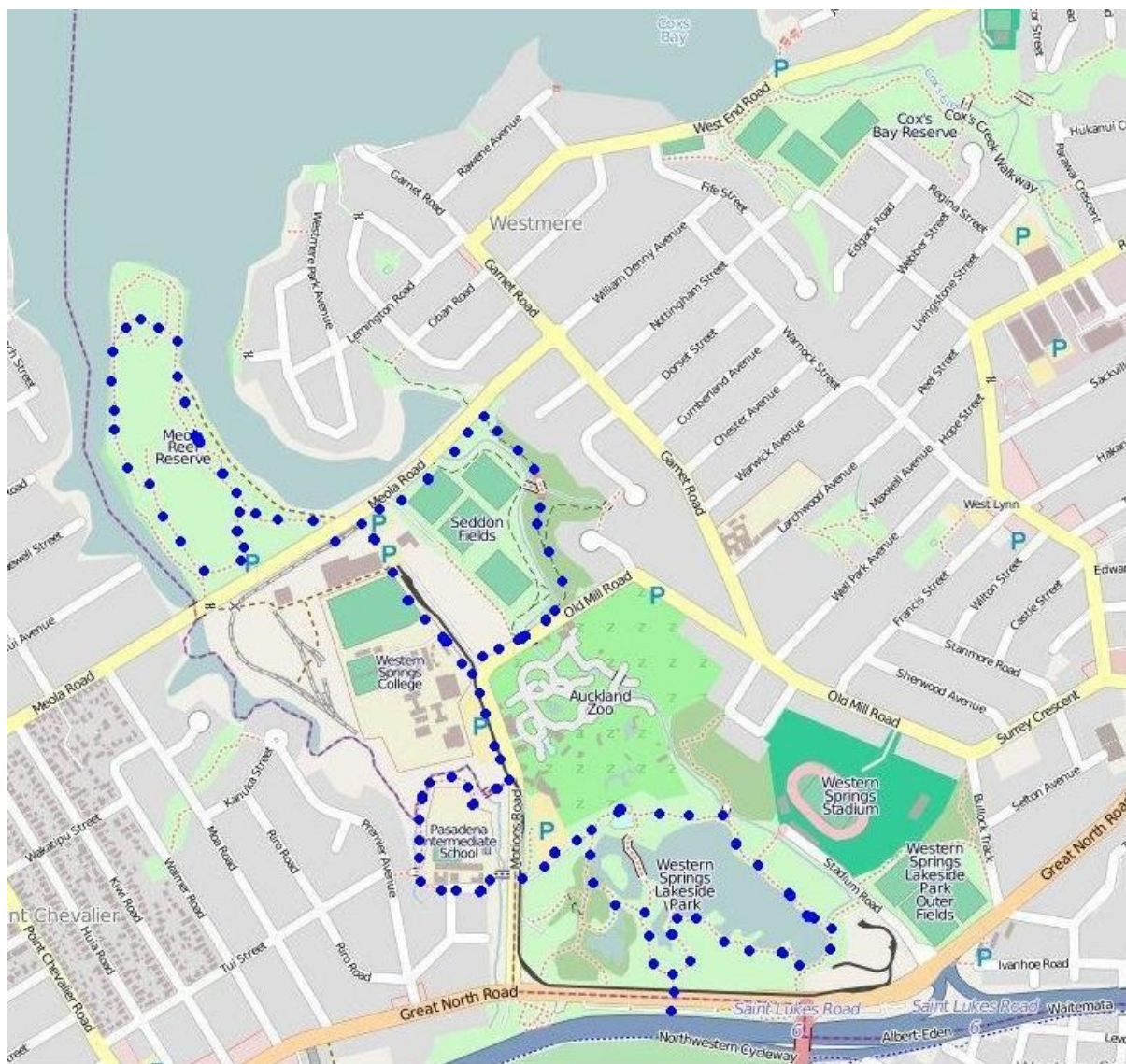


Dogs: Off leash areas available at Meola Reef and Jagers Bush.



Western Springs - BBQ's & tables near children's playground.

Nearby Attractions: MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology) and Auckland Zoo



Western Springs Park is a sanctuary for both people and wildlife. It surrounds a natural spring-fed lake, one of Auckland's early water supplies.

Meola Reef is a lava flow that came from the Three Kings volcano that was formed 15,000 years ago when the 300 meter deep crater filled with lava and overflowed in a 10 kilometer "river" through Western Springs to terminate as the Meola Reef in the Waitemata Harbour. It is the longest lava flow in the Auckland volcanic field. The area around the reef is a 15-hectare reserve with stands of mangrove and salt marsh.

Meola Reef - The path leads to a nice picnic area near the water where a couple of tables provide a place to spend the afternoon picnicking. There are three more benches arranged in a semi-circle on a rise overlooking the picnic area and that provide marvelous views of the Waitemata Harbour and nearby creeks.