

Start from Carpark off Grand Drive

1. Take the path in right hand corner of car park opposite the playground
2. Branch to the right > at the Y junction and go thru the stile at the gate
3. Take the path to the right > over the bridge
4. Continue straight ahead at next bridge, follow sign 'Wetland Walk Loop'
5. Take right > turn to 'Gum Tree Walk' continue straight ahead
6. Turn right > to rejoin main path
7. Turn left < at the T-junction
8. Turn left < to a lookout area and then retrace steps to main path, turn left <
9. Turn left < opposite the bridge
10. Turn right > onto the bridge that rejoins the main path
11. Deviate onto the clay-ish path on the right > and head towards bridge that has a sign "No Swimming"
12. Go past the picnic tables and rejoin the path to the left <
13. Turn right > to return to the car park



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Waatarua Reserve

Description: Mostly level paths with very slight inclines. Suitable for users of average fitness and mobility. May require boots in wet weather, running shoes suitable in dry weather.

To see: Wetlands, Ducks and Pukeko birds habitat.

Time: approx. 30-60 minutes depending on what you decide (about 3.3 kms)

Parking: Carpark off Grand Drive

Buses: Abbots Way/Grand Drive

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





Café: [Hollywood Bakery](#), Lunn Avenue



Public toilets: In car park area



Children's playgrounds:

Beside car park area



Dogs: Off leash on perimeter path



Picnic tables and seats scattered around reserve

Nearby Walks:

St Johns Explorer, Apirana St Johns Loop, Mt Wellington Explorer

Waitatarua Reserve, the largest urban constructed wetland in New Zealand, took 16 years to complete and has won the Arthur Mead Environment Award awarded for excellence in sustainable environmental engineering. Waitatarua's 57ha reserve used to be home to a 22ha wetland formed around 9000 years ago when a volcanic eruption isolated the catchment from the sea.

More info: <http://www.wetlandtrust.org.nz/documents/winter2006.pdf>
<http://waitatarua.com/>

