

RANGITOTO & MOTUTAPU ISLANDS

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DON'T GET STRANDED!
Make sure you check the time of the last ferry. A clock on the wharf will indicate the last departure each day.

- 1 RANGITOTO WHARF**
Fullers360 ferries arrive/depart here.
- 2 BACH 38 - MUSEUM BACH**
Historic Rangitoto Bach built in 1927, brought back to its former glory and restored as a museum.
- 3 BLACK BACK GULL COLONY**
The largest NZ colony of this species. Breeding from October to late January.
- 4 MCKENZIE BAY & BEACON LIGHTHOUSE**
Ideal swimming, fishing and picnic spot.
- 5 CRATER RIM LOOP TRACK**
This 20 minute walk circles Rangitoto's large crater at the summit.
- 6 SUMMIT LOOKOUT (259M)**
Breathtaking views of the harbour, at an elevation of 259 metres.
- 7 LAVA CAVES**
Narrow caves originally formed from flowing lava. Take a torch!
- 8 BOULDER BAY**
Site of old shipwrecks. Arrive at low tide to see discarded vessels that were run ashore between 1887 and 1947.
- 9 CONTROLLED MINE BASE SITE**
WWII buildings from which the harbour's minefields were operated.
- 10 ISLINGTON BAY WHARF**
Alternative arrival/departure point when conditions prevent landing at Rangitoto Wharf.
- 11 MOTUTAPU CAUSEWAY**
Cross the causeway for further walks on Motutapu.
- 12 HOME BAY WHARF**
Fullers360 ferries arrive/depart here on Motutapu Island.
- 13 REID HOMESTEAD**
Built in 1901, the historic restored homestead is now a visitor centre. For opening hours check motutapu.org.nz.
- 14 WORLD WAR II MILITARY SITES**
Three WWII gun emplacements, once home to the six-inch gun battery. Take a torch to explore the tunnels.

Rangitoto walking tracks

- A SUMMIT TRACK**
1 hr (one way) | Distance: 2.4 km | Difficulty: MODERATE
The most popular walk on the island climbs through lava fields to the summit peak, offering panoramic views of the Hauraki Gulf and Auckland. You can also add on one of the following tracks:
 - **Lava Caves Track** - 15 min one way from the Summit Track. Explore (with a torch!) and return via the same track.
 - **Crater Rim Loop Track** - 20 min loop, accessed at the summit, circle the crater before your descent on the Summit Track.
- B COASTAL TRACK TO ISLINGTON BAY WHARF**
2 hr 30 min (one way) | Distance: 6 km | Difficulty: MODERATE
Walk between Rangitoto Wharf and Islington Bay along a varied track with lush coastal forest and rugged lava fields. See historic bach settlements and WWII military sites along the way.
- C BOULDER / WRECK BAY TRACK**
1 hr (one way) | Distance: 1.4 km | Difficulty: DIFFICULT
Located at the northern side of the island is an old ship graveyard visible at low tide. Please note, the timings are from the track entrance at Islington Bay Road. You can add this track to your walk after completing the Summit Track or the Coastal Track. This track requires sturdy footwear.

D KOWHAI GROVE
45 min (one way) | Distance: 1 km | Difficulty: EASY
From Rangitoto Wharf, walk through a grove of New Zealand's native kowhai trees, which bloom brilliant yellow flowers in the spring.

E KIDNEY FERN GLEN
45 min (one way) | Distance: 1 km | Difficulty: EASY
Shortly after the start of the Summit Track, turn left to see native kidney fern. They look delicate but can tolerate the harsh growing conditions of lava fields.

F LIGHTHOUSE AT MCKENZIE BAY
1 hr 30 min (one way) | Distance: 5 km | Difficulty: EASY
McKenzie Bay Road passes mangroves, historic baches, a black back gull colony, and an old quarry site. End at a sandy beach perfect for swimming and see the historic beacon lighthouse built in the 1880s.

Motutapu walking tracks

G MOTUTAPU FARM WALKWAY
1 hr 45 min (one way) | Distance: 4.5 km | Difficulty: MODERATE
Walk from Home Bay to Islington Bay. Starting at the southern end of Home Bay, poles mark the track across farmland, climbing to Motutapu Island's 120-metre trig station and giving panoramic views of the Hauraki Gulf, and crossings native volunteer plantings.

H ROTARY CENTENNIAL WALK TO BILLY GOAT POINT
1 hr 45 min (one way) | Distance: 4.4 km | Difficulty: MODERATE
From Home Bay, follow the Rotary Centennial Walk to Northern Junction. Follow the Pōhutukawa Track past WWII gun emplacements to Sandy Bay before climbing along the ridge to Billy Goat Point. See pōhutukawa trees along the way and at Billy Goat Point, and enjoy the stunning outlook to the north.

I MOEC ACCESS TRACK
1 hr 30 min (one way) | Distance: 5.2 km | Difficulty: MODERATE
This trail passes near Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp (no public access). From the Pōhutukawa Track at Sandy Bay, follow the coastal trail south to Administration Bay to meet the MOEC Access Track. The track clings to the coast to Pig Bay before moving inland across pasture, passing several WWII bunkers and magazines.

Be prepared

- Pack plenty of water, snacks and lunch, as there are no food outlets on the island.
- Wear good walking shoes, sun block and a sun hat. Bring swimming gear and a towel in the warmer months.
- Pack a light rain jacket, and warm layers. Temperatures can change quickly, regardless of the season.