



Bowentown

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WAIHĪ BEACH & BOWENTOWN OCEAN & BEACH ADVENTURES



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WAIHĪ BEACH

There's plenty to do when you visit Waihī Beach, top of the list should be hitting the beach!

There is oodles of space for everyone - park up for the day (don't forget your sunscreen!) or just nip down for a quick dip - it's super accessible! The beach is patrolled from Labour weekend until the end of Easter weekend, making it a safe swimming beach, and ideal for families or those learning to surf.

If you're after a surf lesson - check out Waihī Beach Surf School - they'll help you out!



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WALKS, WATERFALLS & WONDROUS BAYS

If you're keen to explore the Waihi Beach area, we recommend walking over the hill to Orokawa Bay - a stunning secluded beach only accessible by foot (approximately 45 minutes one way).

The bay is part of a scenic reserve comprising of 145 hectares of native bush, including kauri and nikau. While the beach is pretty spectacular, it's not recommended for swimming due to the steep grade of the ocean floor. Experienced surfers will have fun - if you want to walk in with your board! It's a great place to relax for a day with a book - or carry on to William Wright Falls or Homunga Bay.

At the other end of Waihi Beach you'll discover Bowentown and Anzac Bay. If you're after slightly calmer waters for some stand up paddle boarding (SUP'ing) or if you're travelling with small children - this is the place for you! The sheltered inlet of Anzac Bay is popular for families and is a great vantage point to watch the busy harbour full of recreational boats.

There's plenty of history in this area, with three major pā sites on Bowentown Heads. In particular, Te Ho pā on the east headland is the final resting place for important ancestors who are buried on the summit where they can look back to their former home of Tuhua (Mayor Island).

HIGHLIGHTS

Secluded bays,
historical pā sites,
waterfalls & walking.



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PLACES TO EAT

Peckish? There's plenty of epic places to grab a bite to eat in Waihi Beach.

Flatwhite Cafe

One of the very few true beachfront dining options in the Coastal Bay of Plenty, Flatwhite Cafe is the place to go if you want to dine with a view! Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner - Flatwhite offers fabulous food and epic views!

HIGHLIGHTS

Beachfront dining and NZ's best burger.

Surf Shack

Appreciate a good burger? Well, you need to head to the Surf Shack for possibly the BEST burger in NZ (they do great coffee, too!). Run by the fabulous Pip and Jo, the Surf Shack oozes a cool, laidback beach vibe. They also give back a huge amount to the local community; they offer free coffees to people working in emergency services, and supports Canteen's CanSurf Waihi Beach Summer Camp. Every time someone orders a Ha-Waihi Surf Burger, the Surf Shack will donate a dollar to the charity. The eatery also feeds the kids for free during their annual CanSurf Waihi Beach Summer Camp visit.

The Secret Garden

Start the day off with a delicious breakfast at the Secret Garden - a Balinese style outdoor space serving up great coffee, superfood smoothies and other treats!



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FISHING

If you're a keen fisherman or fisherwoman - here are some of the best spots to fish in and around Waihi Beach:

Anzac Bay

This is an extremely popular beach for families and, thanks to the boat ramp, is a popular spot to set off on your boat or jet ski for some fun water adventures. The rocks on the point is a popular fishing spot and offer great snorkelling too.

HIGHLIGHTS

Catch your own dinner at one of the many fishing spots in the area.

Shelly Bay

Just over the hill from Anzac Bay is the secluded Shelly Bay - a great place to pull up in the kayak or head further around to another popular fishing spot.

Bowentown Marina Boat Ramp

For larger boats, the Bowentown Marina Boat Ramp is the best place to launch. Visitors can obtain a one-month membership for free from the Bowentown Boating and Sport Fishing Club.

Orokawa Bay

Only accessible by foot, Orokawa Bay is not a safe swimming beach, but it's a great place to cast a line.



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