

Mt Aubrey and Reotahi Coastal walkways, Northland

The Mt Aubrey walk has bush, beach, amazing views and two walkways that can be joined to create a loop. There is a small car park (Tiller Park) on the left and the track leads straight into the bush from here. Pass an area littered with large rocks before coming to a series of steep wooden steps. There are views to McLeod Bay. As the track winds close beside the cliff sides, there is a faint path leading upward. This track is a scramble, involving a bit of climbing, and you have to use various plants for handholds in places, but once on the rocky summit you will be rewarded by panoramic views of Whangarei Harbour and coastline. The neighbouring volcanic peaks of Mt Manaia and Whangarei Heads rear above the green farmland and coastal settlements.

Back on the main track, it is an easy walk around the side of the mountain before heading steeply downhill, through native bush thick with totara and puriri, towards Little Munroe Bay, which marks the end of the Mount Aubrey Walkway. However, the loop walk continues from the bay and along Reotahi Coastal Walkway, which takes us along the side of the harbour to McLeod Bay.

Along the way, there are interesting ruins – the remains of the Whangarei Freezing Works. Established in 1912, the works provided meat for England until a fire in 1921 destroyed the buildings.

The coastal views here encompass Motukaroro Marine Reserve to Beach Road.

A little further along, pass the bottom of Reotahi Road, where you can return to the car park, or continue along the track through a section of bush that leads to Norfolk Avenue, Matuku Street and into a DOC reserve at McLeod Bay.

The final part of the walk follows the road uphill, past a popular cafe, and back to Tiller Park.

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Access From Onerahi take Whangarei Heads Road for 13km. Turn into Reotahi Road at McLeod Bay. Tiller Park is 600m on the left

Grade Easy

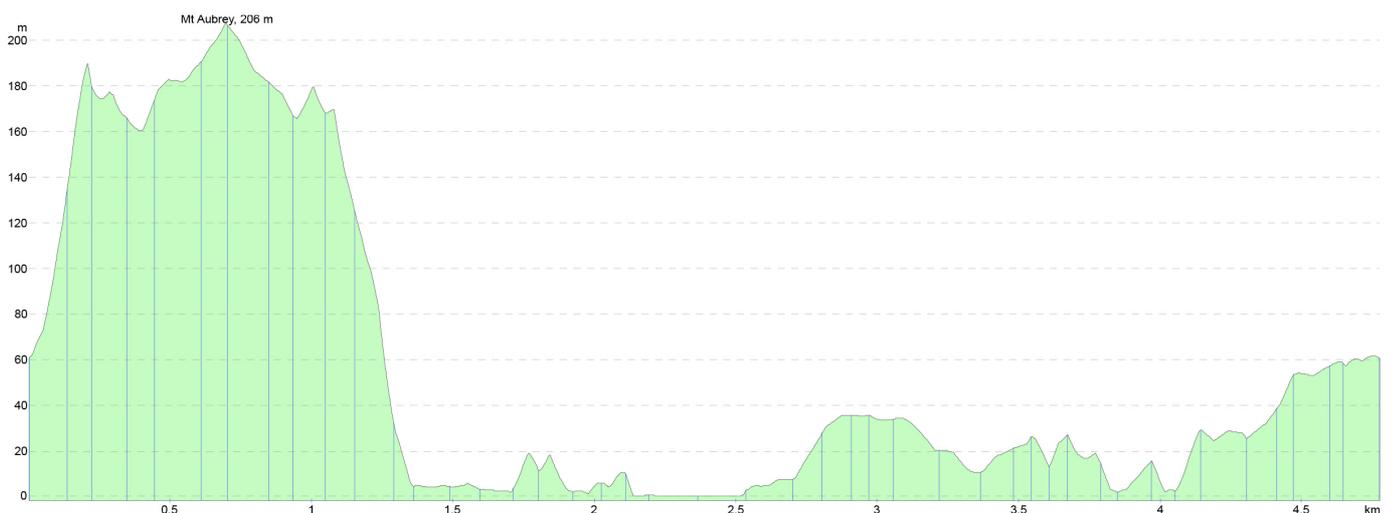
Time 2hr

Distance 4.78km

Total ascent 353m

Map AX31

Elevation Profile



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