

Goldie Bush Walkway, Waitakere Ranges Regional Park

Many visitors choose to start the walk from the northern side at Constable Road, however, the south entrance at the end of Horsman Road is more accessible for those coming from Auckland city.

Here, the Mokoroa Falls Track starts by passing through walk-through footwear cleaning station before gently sloping down through the quiet bush. It soon passes the left-hand turnoff to the return leg of the loop – Goldie Bush Track – which can also be done first if attempting the loop clockwise.

The track surface, clearly upgraded with new stone chips, is excellent and makes for easy walking. Extra dense layers of gravel packed onto jack mat mesh can be seen adjacent to kauri stands, adding protection against the movement of soil.

After a 30 minute descent, the track reaches a viewing platform offering a fantastic outlook over the reserve's main attraction – Mokoroa Falls.

The clearing can be accessed by descending the stairs near the platform and then walking up the Mokoroa Stream for a few minutes. From here, the route continues downstream following its true left bank. While the initial segment to the falls was quite accessible, this next leg is a marked tramping route only and becomes considerably more difficult with multiple stream crossings throughout, which can be dangerous in wet weather. The stream crosses to the right bank and continues uninterrupted for some time before connecting with Goldie Bush Track near the swingbridge. It's 35 minutes to the northern exit at Constable Road, but the loop continues across the swingbridge and along Goldie Bush Walkway. A steep ascent up a set of newly-constructed steps is followed by a gradual incline through the kauri forest.

Like the first section, this track has been upgraded with aggregate and boardwalks, mostly where vulnerable kauri stand. The track connects with Mokoroa Falls Track from which point it's just a few minutes to the end of the loop at Horsman Road.

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Access From Constable Road near Muriwai or from Horseman Road near Waitakere township

Grade Easy

Time 3-4hr. Mokoroa Falls Walk, 45min; Mokoroa Stream walk, 1-2hr; Goldie Bush Walkway, 1hr

Distance 6.1km

Total ascent 283m

Map BA31

Elevation Profile



Goldie Bush Walkway

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