

## Walk of the Month



Welcome to 10,000 Steps Northland's 'Walk of the Month'. Each month a stunning walk somewhere in Northland will be highlighted. If you have a favourite track or walk in your community contact us by email at [10000steps@sportnorth.co.nz](mailto:10000steps@sportnorth.co.nz).

### June's Walk of the Month – **Magical Mangawhai Walkways**

The Mangawhai Walking Track Development Group has recently put together a map of the local Mangawhai walks (which can be found at the Mangawhai Information Centre and now online at [www.10000stepsnorthland.co.nz](http://www.10000stepsnorthland.co.nz)) which details 10 walks ranging from the spectacular coastal cliff top walk, to gentle strolls through local reserves, rambles along the harbour edge and two new walks in Mangawhai Park.

The tracks that we focus on in this article is the Heads Lookout and Te Uri o Hau pa site walk (Walk #9) and part of the Moir Point walk from Lincoln Reserve (Walk #6).

The Heads Lookout is a short climb up a gravelled pathway and stairs (150 steps or 120m). Once at the top, you will take in spectacular coastal views of the sand dune, sand spit, estuary and surf beach. To get to the Heads Lookout, head along Mangawhai Heads Road, following the road until it ends at the Ocean Beach. Parking is available at the Ocean Beach car park.

The Moir Point walk follows the edge of the estuary with beautiful views of the sand dunes. This walk is best undertaken at half tide or lower. From Lincoln Reserve heading south, you can walk approximately 1,125 steps (900m) along the grassy reserve strip before having to use the foreshore. A circuit can be completed using Lincoln, Suffolk, Devon and Moir Point Road.

To get to Moir Point Walk, exit off Molesworth Drive and enter Moir Point Road via Estuary Drive or at the corner where the garden and café shop is located.

The other walks featured on the map include:

- Last of the Summer Wine (with the option of part 2) – Potentially a circuit walk, this trail winds through bush and is undulating
- Back Bay - a level gravel path along the estuary edge passing beside a beautiful salt marsh and ending at the Back Bay jetty
- Domain - An easy level stroll beginning opposite the tennis courts and following the stream into the Anchorage subdivision



*Pictured above, views from the Heads Lookout looking down to the sand dunes and Te Arai beach.*



*Pictured above, Moir Point views over looking the sand dunes and Sail Rock in the far distance*

- Pohutukawa - A circuit walk from the village down Moir Street to the Tavern and a track along the estuary edge with its pohutukawa fringe
- Motor Camp walk – A short walk parallel to the estuary
- Fagan Place walk – A short walk close to the Wood Street shops
- Mangawhai Cliff Top Walkway – considered to be one of the finest coastal walks in the country (Refer to Department of Conservation website for more information).

So if you are in Magical Mangawhai for the upcoming Queens Birthday weekend, make sure you grab a map from the Mangawhai Information Centre and enjoy many of the wonderful walks.

Enjoy another Northland gem!