



BUFFALO LODGE

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Welcome to Buffalo Lodge, your cosy retreat tucked away in the Whakaneke Catchment Area of the Coromandel Range.

Surrounded by regenerating native bush, the neighbourhood is quiet and secluded while still offering easy access to Coromandel Town and hot spots around the peninsula.

Revered by both Kiwis and international travellers for its unique natural beauty and relaxed lifestyle, Coromandel is home to a vibrant community of artists from around the world. The Driving Creek Railway and Potteries in particular is a must see, but you also won't want to miss the various local artists' galleries.

In these cards, we've curated a selection of our favourite spots around Coromandel Town and the wider peninsula. Upon first arriving in the area many years ago, many of the tracks and beaches we highlight here inspired us to stay; we hope you find your time here as memorable as we did.

Noho ora mai!

Buffalo Lodge

These trail cards have been created specially for your stay in collaboration with local artist Rebekah Pearson



The sun means business. Don't forget your hat and sunscreen.

Ever heard of "four seasons in a day"? Layers are your friend.

Navigating around the peninsula? Wifi and data are hit and miss, so take a screenshot of your directions before embarking for the day.

Tidy kiwi? Practice Kaitiakitanga - be a guardian and protector of the environment by keeping track of your rubbish and disposing of it responsibly.

Last but certainly not least, please protect our Kauri trees from Kauri Dieback by staying on designated walking tracks and cleaning the soles of your shoes before and after tramping.

Ngā mihi nui,

Buffalo Lodge

LEGEND



Fish & Chups



Groceries



Beach



Waterfall



Bakery & Pies



Shops



Bike Park



School of Mines
Museum



Pub



OP shop



Easy Walk



The Lost Spring



Cafe



Gallery



Medium Walk



Driving Creek
Railway & Potteries



Restaurant



Kayak

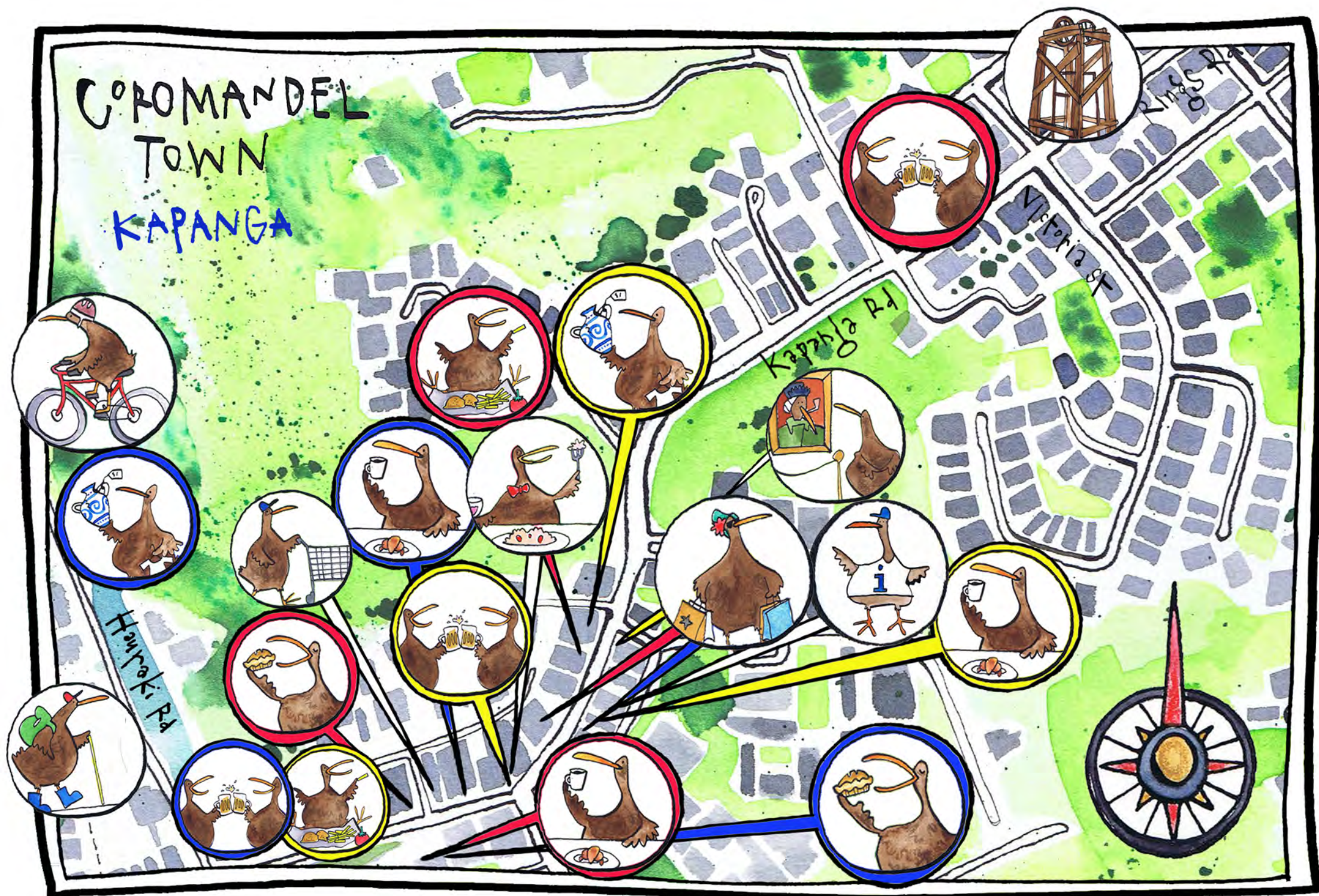


Hard Walk



Waterworks

COROMANDEL TOWN KAPANGA



Hanaki Rd

Kapanga Rd

Victoria St

Wines Rd

COROMANDEL TOWN



Coromandel Top Town Takeaways
183 Kapanga Road

Coromandel Takeaways
124 Wharf Road 11am-8pm



Coro Pies
41 Wharf Road
7am-2pm, closed Sun

Coromandel Bakehouse
92 Wharf Road
5.30am-3.30pm



Admirals Arms
146 Wharf Road 11am-1am

Star & Garter
5 Kapanga Road 11am till late

Coromandel Hotel
611 Kapanga Road



UMU
22 Wharf Road 8.30am-9pm

Weta
46 Kapanga Road
9am-3pm, closed Mon

Naughty Bean Coffee
65 Wharf Road 7am-2pm



The Bizarre
209 Kapanga Rd
10am-4pm, closed Sun

The Goldmine - Coromandel Reuse Centre
525 Hauraki Road
9.30am-4pm, closed Mon



Some of our favs:
The Source 31 Kapanga Road
10am-4pm, closed Mon&Thurs
The Star Gallery
Julie Pijfers Designer Jeweller
46 Kapanga Road 10am-4pm,
closed Sun & Mon



Coromandel Information Centre
60 Kapanga Road
10am-4pm



Ride Coromandel Bike Park
595 Hauraki Road
8.30am- 7.30pm



Four Square
50 Wharf Road
7am- 7pm
everyday



Hauraki House
Kapanga Road
Check information centre for current exhibitions



Pepper Tree
31 Kapanga Road
11.30am-9pm Mon-Fri
10am-9pm Sat&Sun



Coromandel Museum of Mines
841 Rings Road
1-4pm most days



Kauri Block Walk
Starts at 348 Wharf Road
1.6km, approx 1.5 hours,
dogs allowed on lead

FAR NORTH COROMANDEL



Fletcher Bay Square Top I.

Port Jackson

Poley Bay

Fantail Bay

Stony Bay

Motukokopo I.

Mochau Range
Mochau

Sandy Bay

Carey Bay

Port Charles

Waiaora

Otata

Colville

Waikawa

Little Bay

Happy Jack/
Motukahua

Bush/
Motukaramanga

Rabbit/
Moturua

Double/Motuiwi

Waitete

Tuteawa




FAR NORTH C'ROMANDEL

Colville: Follow the Colville Road north for 30 mins to this sleepy town nestled at the base of the Moehau Ranges. Visit the iconic Colville Store for supplies, The Side Story Gallery for locally made arts and crafts, Hereford n' Pickle for lunch, then take a stroll on the beach at low tide.






West Coast Beaches

The roads are unsealed from Colville to Fletcher Bay.
Please drive slowly, keep left and let the traffic behind you pass.

-  **Otautu Bay:** Located 5km north of Colville on the Port Jackson Road. A sheltered bay, good for swimming, kayaking and launching boats. A great spot to watch the sunset.
-  **Fantail Bay:** 23kms north of Colville. Huge pohutukawa trees, grass, and a sheltered, stony beach. Lots of short walks with fantastic views. En route you will pass the historic Paritu Granite Wharf (1559 Port Jackson Road) built in 1918, and the point where large blocks of Coromandel granite were shipped to Auckland for use in government buildings.
-  **Port Jackson and Fletcher Bay:** 26kms north of Colville and located at the northernmost point of the peninsula. Stroll the 6km Muriwai coastal walk from the hilltop carpark and follow the farm track along the ridge towards the Wharekaiatua Pa and down to Fletcher Bay. Breathtaking views of Aotea (Great Barrier Island) 20km away.

East Coast Beaches

The Kennedy Bay Road over the Tokatea Hill is gravel with some sealed sections. From the turnoff at the end of the Waikawau Beach Road the road is all gravel.

-  **Waikawau Bay and Little Bay:** 1 hr via Kennedy Bay Rd and Tuatēawa or 1 hr via Colville and Waikawau Beach Road. A stunning white sandy beach with glorious views of Moehau, it is beautiful to walk. At the back of the campground there is access to the Matamathareke track where, after a steep climb through the bush, you can see across the Hauraki Gulf to Auckland. Little Bay has a small collection of baches huddled around a sheltered beach perfect for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking, or borrowing a book from the mussel bouy library and relaxing under the shade of a pohutukawa tree.
-  **Port Charles and Sandy Bay:** 45 mins north of Colville via the Port Charles Rd. Left of the pier at low tide there is a lovely walk and good fossicking. Sandy Bay is a white sandy beach perfect for a swim or a kayak, with great views of Great Barrier Island.
-  **Stony Bay:** 1 hr north of Colville and nestled at the feet of Mt Moehau is Stony Bay. Showers and toilets are available at the DOC campground. Good fishing and diving here and, if you're lucky, you'll see the eels chilling in the creek at the back of the campground.



Coromandel Walkway: 10km (one way) walk from Stony Bay to Fletcher Bay along the old bridle path formed by early pioneers. Breathtaking views at every turn of this 7 hr return trek. Grade 3 mountain bike track.

COROMANDEL TO WHITIANGA

Motukawa Group

Happy Jack /
Motukahana

Double /
Motukahi

Bush /
Motukaramarama

Rabbit /
Moturua

Geat /
Motuopuhi
Is

Waimate
Is

Motutapere Is

Whanganui Is

Rangipukea Is

Wokarua Is

Mania Harbour



COROMANDEL TO WHITIANGA



Oamaru Bay: 10 mins by car, perfect for swimming, fishing, kayaking. Head southwest on Buffalo Rd, then turn right onto Rings Rd. Continue onto Colville Rd, follow for 4.3km.



Amodeo Bay: 15 mins by car. Beautiful views out over the Hauraki Gulf and Motukawao Island Group. From Oamaru Bay continue north up the coast.



Waitete Bay: 25 mins by car. A beautiful, secluded bay with spectacular views of Mount Moehau. From Amodeo Bay continue on the Colville Road north.



Kennedy Bay: 30 mins by car. Head southwest on Buffalo Rd and then turn right onto Rings Rd. Turn right onto Driving Creek Rd, continue onto Kennedy Bay Rd and head over the Tokatea (excellent views from the top). Continue for 10km. At Kennedy Bay, turn right before the second bridge onto the left hand side of the track down to the beach, or if your vehicle is not suitable for driving on soft sand, park on the verge and walk down the track.



Whangapoua: 25 mins by car. From Buffalo Rd turn left onto Rings Rd and continue onto Kapanga Rd through Coromandel Town. Turn left onto Tiki Rd and then take the first left onto Pacific Coast Hwy/State Hwy 25 (signs for Whitianga). In 12.5km turn left onto Whangapoua Rd and then right onto Tangiora Ave after 5km.



New Chums: 30 minute hike along the shoreline. At the end of Mangakahia Rd in Whangapoua, walk along the rocks at low tide and follow then track through the bush to New Chums. For stunning views, climb the steep track up to the lookout. Best walked at low tide. No toilet facilities on the beach.

Matarangi: 30 mins by car. From Buffalo Rd turn left onto Rings Rd and continue onto Kapanga Rd through Coromandel town. Turn left onto Tiki Rd and then take the first left onto Pacific Coast Hwy/State Hwy 25 (signs for Whitianga). After 20.7km turn left onto Matarangi Dr then right onto Kenwood Dr.

Kuaotunu: 35 mins by car. Continue on SH25 for another 11km after the Matarangi turn off. Excellent pizzas at Luke's Kitchen.



Otama: 40 mins by car. A white sandy beach overhung with pohutukawa trees. From Kuaotunu, follow Black Jack Rd over the hill for 3.5km. Parking and access to the beach at both ends.



Opito: 50 mins by car. From Otama, carry on Black Jack Road to Opito Bay Rd.



Hahei: 1.5 hrs - From Coromandel take either State Highway 25 or, for a more adventurous drive, take the unsealed 309 Road to Whitianga. Continue on or join SH25 to Hot Water Beach Rd and then to Hahei Beach Rd in Hahei.

Whitianga: Via SH25 (50 mins) or the 309 Road (40 mins), Whitianga has a plethora of shops and restaurants and is home to the famous Lost Springs Hot Pools and Day Spa.



Castle Rock/Motutere: Take 309 Road and turn onto Castle Rock Rd. A 2 hr return walk, Motutere means 'floating island' and is a 525m high rocky core of a former volcano rising above the bush. It offers excellent views of both sides of the peninsula from a rough, steep, unmarked, and unmaintained track.

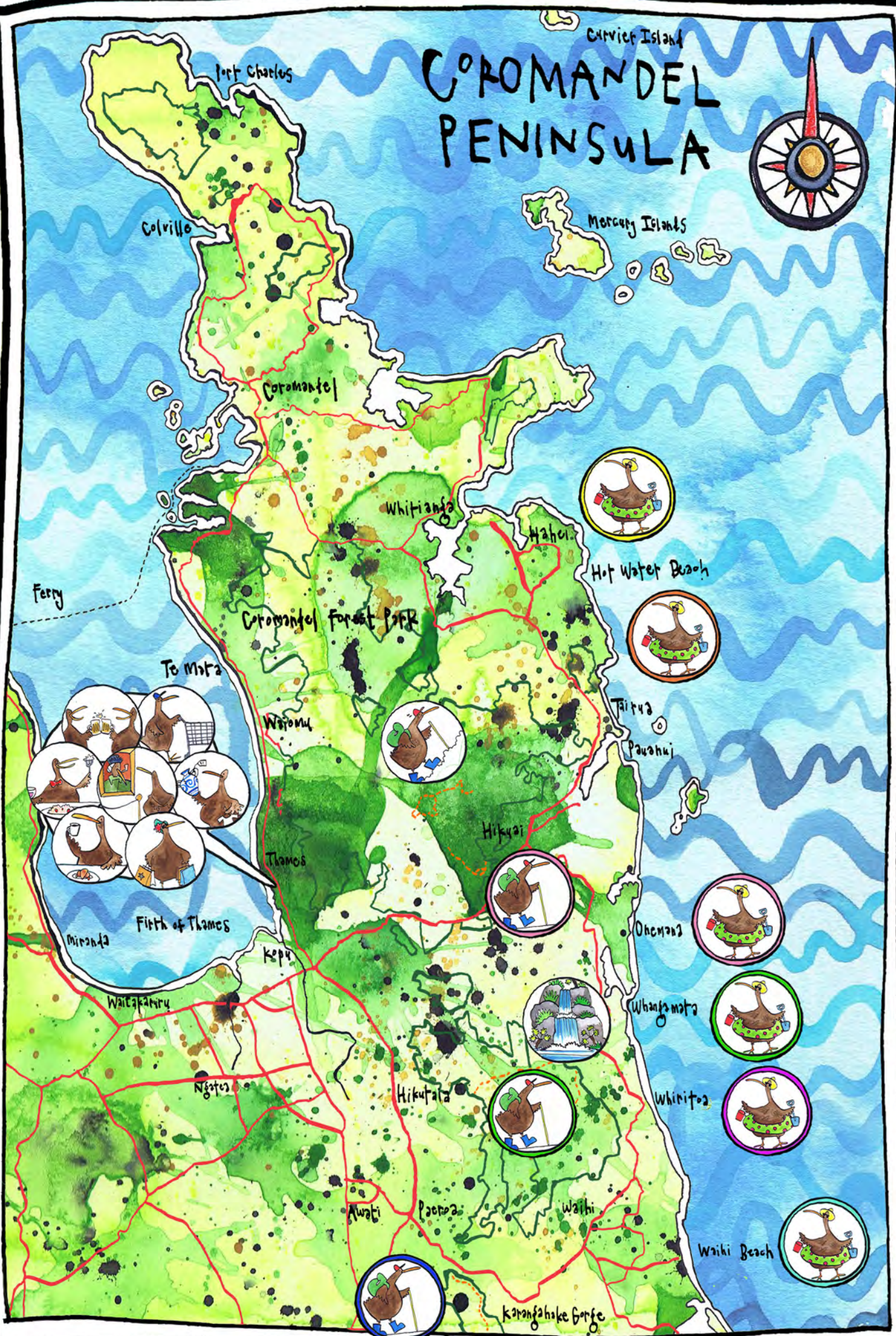


Waiiau Falls and Kauri Grove Walk:
A beautiful swimming hole and access to a 30 min walk around a mature kauri grove. See our website.



Waterworks: 471 The 309 Road.
A quirky park with water-powered inventions, a playground, swimming hole and organic cafe.

COROMANDEL PENINSULA



Hot Water Beach



Tairua
Paohui



Ohinemuri



Whangamata



Whiritoa



Waihi Beach



Hikurangi



Waihi

Paopao

Awati

Karangahake Gorge

Ngarua

Waikaremu

Miranda

Firth of Thames

Kepe

Thames

Waiotapu

Whitianga

Coromandel Forest Park

Coromandel

Colvillo

Port Charles

Curvier Island

Mercury Islands

Ferry

Toi Mota

COROMANDEL PENINSULA



Hot Water Beach: 1.5 hrs from Coromandel Town by car.

A world-renowned destination. Dig your own hot water pool at low tide. Beach access as well as showers, toilets, cafes and galleries at the southern end. Good surf beach.



Tairua Beach: 1.5 hrs from Coromandel Town by car. Located at the base of Mt. Paku, a great beach for surfing and soaking up the sun. The sheltered harbour is perfect for swimming and water sports.



Onemana: 2 hrs from Coromandel Town by car. Golden sand, rocky inlets framed by pohutukawa trees, and expansive views of offshore islands..



Whangamata: 2 hrs from Coromandel Town by car. A popular beach for watersports and access to Whenuakura (Donut Island). The town has an array of shops and restaurants.



Whiritoa: 10 mins from Whangamata, Whiritoa is populated by Kiwi baches and a general store which does a wonderful fish and chips. Follow the track at the southern end to the blow hole and epic views back up the coast.



Waihi Beach: 2 hrs hrs from Coromandel Town by car, Waihi Beach has 9kms of sweeping white sand and is known as one of the safest surf beaches in New Zealand.



Wentworth Valley Walks: Walk to the beautiful Wentworth Falls or to views of two mine shafts. 1-5hrs



Broken Hills Walking tracks: a number of walking tracks through old mining sites. 5mins-10hrs. Broken Hills Gorge provides many opportunities for walking, swimming, canoeing, trout fishing, fossicking, rafting, bird watching, photography and picnicking.



Karangahake Gorge:

Windows Walk- 2.5km loop boasting beautiful scenery and spectacular mining remnants. Take a torch for mine tunnel exploration.

Rail Tunnel Loop - 2.5km loop along the river's edge and through the remains of 19th century mine buildings.

Karangahake Mountain - 4.3km return, a network of tracks provides access to the summit and the forested flanks of Karangahake Mountain. About 2.5 hrs to the top where it becomes steep and exposed.

Karangahake Historic Walkway - 7km return, walk alongside the Ohinemuri River past old mining infrastructure and the tumbling Owharoa waterfall. There is a café and railway station at Waikino. The track is shared with cyclists.



The Pinnacles:

A steep trek climbing ladders and stairs to the peak of the Coromandel Ranges with spectacular 360 degree views from the top. Can be done as a day trip or overnight in an 80 bunk DOC hut. Link to book a spot in the DOC hut: <https://bookings.doc.govt.nz/Web/Facilities/SearchViewUnitAvailability.aspx>
30 mins from Thames via Kauaeranga Valley Rd.

Thames: An historic town 1.5 hrs from Auckland. Nab a bargain in one of the many op shops that line the main street (Pollen St) or at the Saturday Market. Immerse yourself in history at the Gold Stamper Battery or visit one of the many Steam Punk events held throughout the year. Favourite spots include Cafe Melbourne at the Depot (715 Pollen Street), Carson's Bookshop (600 Pollen Street) and the Seagull Centre (102 Burke Street) where you will find everything that you never knew you needed!

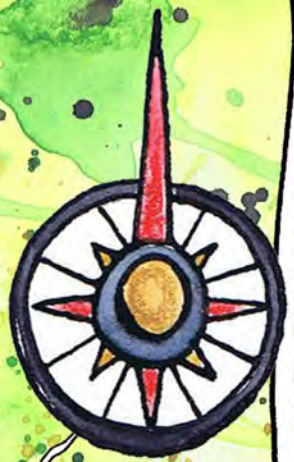




Colville Road



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Wauna Bay

Long Bay Rd.

Motregor Bay

Coromandel
Kapanaga

Korangi Rd.

Wharf Rd.

Whangapoua Rd.

Preece Point Rd.

McQuoid Rd.

Preece Point

Brickfield Bay

Coromandel
Preece Point
Airfield

Tiki Quarry Rd.

309 Road



Sugar
Loaf

Waipapa Bay

Ferry to
Auckland

Te Kouma Rd.

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Long Bay: Close to town, a great spot for a swim or kayak. Walk along the coastline from Long Bay to Tucks Bay, the ideal spot for a quiet picnic on the beach.



Harray Track and Kauri Block Walk: An intermediate track with sea views that weaves through the bush around the back side of the golf course. 70mins one way or 2.5hrs return loop including the Kauri Block Walk.

Start from either 356 Wharf Rd, 5 Harbour View Rd or 2365 Rings Rd, Coromandel. Many steps to climb/descend plus a rougher track and an unbridged stream to walk through at the northeast (Rings Rd) end.



Ride Coromandel Bike Park: A free to use network of mountain bike trails, flow trails, downhill and gravity jumps and Velosolutions pump track for all cyclists and e-bikers. 525 Hauraki Road



Driving Creek Railway and Pottery: Established in 1972 as one of New Zealand's first potteries, Driving Creek has become a hub for artists worldwide. Hop on the railway tour through regenerating native forest up to the EyeFull Tower for phenomenal views of the Coromandel coastline. Afterwards, take part in a pottery workshop, or glide through the kauri canopies on a zipline tour.



Coromandel Mussel Kitchen: Located a few minutes drive outside of Coromandel town on the intersection of the Pacific Highway and the 309 Road, this is a popular spot for sampling the local kai moana. Dine in or take away. 10-4pm, closed Monday



The Workshop Gallery: peruse local arts and crafts including beautiful wood and glass work



Coromandel Oyster Company: Enjoy fresh oysters, mussels or a delicious fish burger while relaxing in the garden overlooking the oyster beds. 1611 Manaia Road, Coromandel 3581 10am-5pm



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