

RECREATION AND PARKLAND

What the Act says

Features identified in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 relating to recreation include:

- Opportunities that the area provides for wilderness experiences, recreation, and relaxation in close proximity to metropolitan Auckland; and
- The Waitakere Ranges Regional Park and its importance as an accessible public place with significant natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources.

Recreation and parkland in the Oratia / Waiatarua Area

There are a range of groups that use the Oratia / Waiatarua area recreationally. These cover activities such as walking, cycling, running, bowls, table tennis, craft, history, markets, kindergartens, playgroups, guides and scouts.

Waitakere City Council manages a number of reserves and parks in the Oratia / Waiatarua area while land close to the Scenic Drive is managed by the Auckland Regional Council as part of the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park. Tracks from the Arataki Visitors Centre link through to places including Parker Road, Parkinsons Lookout and Rose Hellaby House. Parks managed by Waitakere City Council in the Oratia / Waiatarua area include:

- Rimu Esplanade
- Douglas Reserve
- Raroa Reserve
- Shaw Rd Reserve
- Taumata Scenic Reserve
- Driving Esplanade
- Bush Rd Reserve
- Waiatarua Reserve
- Ruru Reserve
- Bendall Reserve
- Oratia Hall Reserve
- Kauri Reserve
- Cascade Reserve
- Mountain Reserve
- Kauri Plant Reserve
- Tawari Reserve