

Waitakere NEW LYNN WARD History

The New Lynn ward holds its own history for both Maori and Europeans. Before European contact the region was an important trading crossroads between tribes of East and South Auckland with the West Coast and Kaipara areas. Additionally the Whau portage, which runs through the New Lynn ward, was the most direct route linking the Manukau and Waitemata Harbours. Canoes were dragged to the head of the Whau River and rowed down to reach the Waitemata, or in turn rowed and dragged across to the Manukau along the route that is present day Portage Road.

European settlement in the area began in the mid 1800s with the timber milling industry dominant in Titirangi, Green Bay, Glen Eden, Kelson, Glendene and New Lynn. As the timber industry began to subside in the New Lynn ward each suburb adopted various industries. Titirangi and Glen Eden took to farming when the land was cleared, with the small population at Glen Eden also working in nurseries. Green Bay, Glendene and New Lynn adopted manufacturing centres for products such as bricks, ceramics, piping and tanning, the latter of which continued operating until 2007.

The arrival of the rail through the region in the 1880s increased the population in parts of the ward, and offering more business and manufacturing opportunities turned New Lynn into one of the major manufacturing areas of the region. Suburbs such as Glen Eden, Kelson and Glendene did not see significant population shifts until after the depression in the 1930s.

Today signs of the ward's history can still be seen. Waikumete Cemetery was opened in 1896 and contains the historic Mortuary Chapel as well as memorials for our lost soldiers and those lost to the Holocaust, the losses of the influenza epidemic of 1918, and the victims of the 1979 Erebus disaster. Ambrico Historical Reserve holds an early brick making kiln, the original New Lynn Post office, now Potters Post still stands on Totara Avenue as does the Glen Eden Playhouse built in 1901 and rebuilt after the 1936 fire.

The Maori history of the area has been recognized at Olympic Park with art work depicting the significance of the crossroads and the Whau River.



Waitakere NEW LYNN WARD Playgrounds

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| Ambrico Reserve | Harold Moody Reserve | Northall Park |
| Annisson Green | Olive Grove | Olympic Park |
| Barron Green | Hinau Reserve | Onedin Green |
| Barrys Reserve | Kaurilands Domain | Parris Park |
| Brains Park | Kelman Square | Patts Reserve |
| Ceramco Park | La Rosa Garden Reserve | Prospect Park |
| Clarence Reserve | Lawson Park | Shadbolt Park |
| Copley Reserve | Manuka Park | Sunvue Park |
| Crum Park | Mason Park | Virgo Common |
| Cutler Reserve | Maui Reserve | Withers Reserve |
| Glendene Reserve | Nicholas Reserve | |
| Green Bay Domain | | |



Waikumete Cemetery



Sporting in New Lynn



Opened in 1908, Waikumete Cemetery is a place of deep history, peace, beauty and reverence. Waikumete offers a glimpse into Waitakere's pioneering days through to the present with New Zealand's strong multi-cultural history represented by those of the past. Memorials act as a reminder of historical events, from the influenza epidemic of 1918 to the Holocaust of World War II and the 1979 Erebus tragedy. Our soldiers are remembered in the Servicemen's Cemetery and the annual ANZAC day dawn service at the Cenotaph where the public can pay their respects to those that fought for what we have today.

HOW TO GET THERE:
Great North Road or Glen Road, Glen Eden.

Home to fifteen of Waitakere City's thirty plus sports fields, New Lynn offers opportunities to get fit, active and experience team spirit no matter your age or fitness level. For sporting people or passive recreation seekers the wide open spaces offered in New Lynn gives everyone the chance to get out into the fresh air. Sports parks are also ideal for community events and are available to be booked. There is no charge for hiring a park or field, although hirers must pay a bond in some circumstances. For more information contact the Waitakere City Council 24-hour call centre or visit the website.

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Parrs Park



• PICNICKING • PLAYING • WALKING
• JOGGING • SPORTS • SKATING

A favourite park for young people and one of the busiest in Waitakere, Parrs Park offers a large playground, basketball courts, skating facilities and seemingly endless space for field sports. The gentle and spacious path surrounding the sports field suits people of all ages and abilities; walkers, cyclists and joggers. Follow the walkway as it meanders around the sports fields, through the Macrocarpa shelter belt and over to the Waikumete Stream. Major renovations are set for this park over the next 5 – 10 years.

HOW TO GET THERE:

West Coast Road, Parrs Cross Road or Benita Place, Glen Eden.

Harold Moody & Duck Park



• JOGGING • WALKING • PLAYING • SPORTS

Intersected by the lush Waikumete stream, Harold Moody and Duck Park offer the space to let loose on a sunny weekend or warm evening. Take a jog around the two parks, practice your ball skills or challenge your friends to a game of softball. Fly a kite, walk the dog or bring the kids for an afternoon on the playground.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Glendale Road, Glen Eden.

Ceramco Park



• SPORTS • PLAYING • WALKING • PICNICKING

Offering open fields for ball games or kite flying, a playground for all ages, a skate park and gentle paths for bike riding, children won't know where to start. Pack a picnic lunch and bask in the warmth of the sun or seek shade under one of the lush park trees. For some gentle exercise, there is a short 15 minute walk along a beautifully planted streamside track to Kaurlands Domain.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Glendale Road, Glen Eden.

Crum Park



• SPORTS • PLAYING

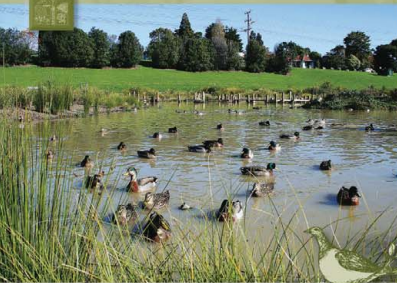
Situated in a quiet Titirangi neighbourhood, Crum Park offers a large open space for people of all ages to enjoy, surrounded by lush Waitakere bush. Practice your ball skills, spend an afternoon playing games or be entertained on the playground. Get out of the house and take a breath of fresh air at Crum Park.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Hilling Street via Golf Road, Titirangi.



Manawa Wetland



• PICNICKING • WALKING • BIRD-WATCHING

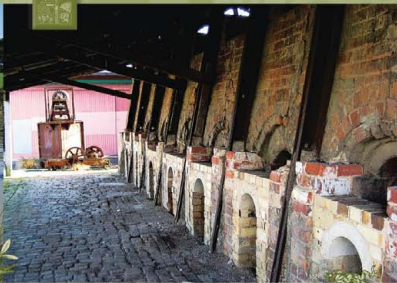
Hidden behind the busy New Lynn town centre, Manawa Wetland is a park with a difference. Once rich in clay, the area was exploited during the early to mid 20th century by the neighbouring Ambrico brickworks leaving a large quarry in the New Lynn landscape. The area has now been transformed into a wetland, utilising the remnant clay pit. The park and wetland acts as a filter for pollutants running off the road and surrounding areas helping to preserve our streams and harbours. The wetland has also become the home for many a bird, including ducks and pukekos. Take a stroll and try to spot the elusive eels living in the cool water of this magnificently transformed park.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Margan Avenue or New Lynn Place, New Lynn. Just a short walk from the New Lynn rail and bus stations.



Ambrico Historical Reserve



• PLAYING • PICNICKING • HISTORY

New Lynn was once the centre of ceramic, brick and crockery production in Waitakere. Ambrico Historical Reserve represents the remains of this historic industry with the only remaining kiln in the city. This down-draught kiln was built in 1926 and produced 30,000 bricks a fortnight for the expanding Waitakere and Auckland regions.

A hop, skip and a jump away from the kiln is a place for the family to picnic and a playground for the kids to play.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Ambrico Place via Rankin Avenue, New Lynn.



Todd Triangle



• RELAXATION • REFLECTION

Located in the heart of New Lynn's bustling town centre, Todd Triangle offers a breath of fresh air and sunshine when rushed off your feet. Sit and relax on one of the park benches or wander through the annual gardens and let Todd Triangle brighten your day.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Corner of Great North Road and Totara Avenue, New Lynn. Just a short walk from the New Lynn Shopping Centre.

Ken Maunder Park



• PLAYING • WALKING • SPORTS

If your backyard is too small for a rousing game of backyard cricket or kikitiki, come down to Ken Maunder Park. Utilise the fields for exciting summer sports and games with your children or friends. Ken Maunder doesn't just stop with its love of active life, enjoy a stroll around its estuarine boarder and take in the wildlife this environment has to offer. A long footbridge links this park to the residential suburbs of New Lynn via Queen Mary Avenue.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Binsted Road via Rata Street, New Lynn.



Shadbolt Park



• SPORTS • PLAYING • WALKING • JOGGING
• SKATING

Shadbolt Park is yet another park with vast amounts of open space that the New Lynn ward has to offer. It lies on the border of Waitakere and is opposite another large park owned by the neighbouring Auckland City. Play on the grassy fields, or test out your skills at the popular skate park. Shadbolt Park also offers over 700m of walking track through parkland and bush for a jog or stroll.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Portage Road, New Lynn.

Green Bay Beach



• WALKING • PICNICKING • KAYAKING

Green Bay Beach is a hidden gem and offers access to the beauty of the Manukau Harbour. It is one of only a few beaches in urban Waitakere and perfect for a short trip to the beach when you don't want to travel far. Wander along the waters edge, explore the rock pools and paddle in the calm waters of the sheltered bay. Pack a picnic lunch and bring the family down for a day in the sun, or enjoy a quiet evening walk along the tranquil coast.

HOW TO GET THERE:

South end of Portage Road, New Lynn.



Olympic Park



• PICNICKING • PLAYING • HISTORY • SPORTS • WALKING

Located on Waitakere's border, Olympic Park grew through the joint effort of the Olympic Trust and Waitakere City Council and was awarded the Outstanding Park Award 2007 by the New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA). It brilliantly utilises space and brought the Whau River running through the heart of the park back to life through the replanting of native streamside trees and wetland vegetation. Bring a picnic and enjoy lunch alongside the Whau River as it meanders through the heart of the park offering panoramic views of aquatic, wetland, and riparian habitats. Olympic Park is located on land with both prehistoric and historical significance which is represented in the art work displayed along the parks gentle pathways.

Children can unleash their imagination on the state of the art playground, from web-like rope climbing frames and traditional swings with a twist, children will be easily entertained at Olympic Park. For the younger ones of the family the park offers a sheltered sandpit filled with toys and activities to keep them busy for hours on end. If all the bright coloured play equipment isn't enough, they can search eagerly for a sight of the Avondale spider in the unique wooden sanctuary. Olympic Park also emphasises Waitakere City Council's eco-city vision in its development and presents both educational and sustainable features throughout.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Wolverton Street, New Lynn.

