



Orange badge parking spaces are provided in the main car park beside the access to the emergency road to the beach. Wheelchair access to the beach is possible through the gateway and sealed emergency road, but the road is steep. Much easier access to the beach is available from Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive.



Dogs are permitted in the unfenced areas of the reserve and on the beach. Please keep your dog under control, carry a plastic bag to pick up your dog's droppings and don't take your dog into a cattle paddock.

The **cattle** on the reserve are generally docile, but may chase dogs. If cattle do follow you, turn to face them; they shy away if you try to stroke them. Cattle are kept to maintain the open pastures and contribute to the running costs of the reserve.



Cycling is permitted throughout the reserve, though there are no specific facilities. Care should be taken on the roads and on tracks when pedestrians are present.



Horses are welcome to use the marked track from Wainui Rd through the pine plantation to the beach. Please leave gates as you find them.



Horses are not allowed on the emergency access road between Surf Club and beach.



Buses leaving Hamilton at 10.15am and 3.45pm and Raglan at 11.10 and 4.35pm run past the reserve at weekends. Fares are \$5.50 from Hamilton and \$1 from Raglan. For a good walk catch the bus to Bryant Reserve and walk back to Raglan following the waymarked green route and the beach. Check details on 0800 4 BUSLINE or at <http://www.ew.govt.nz/regionalservices/passengertransport/timetables/raglan.htm>

Swimming is safe when the lifeguards are present (October to April), but otherwise be aware that strong rips can make it hard to keep your feet even well within your depth. For surfing the left hand break is one of the best. Thousands enjoy the water each year, but a few have drowned. If in doubt, seek advice.

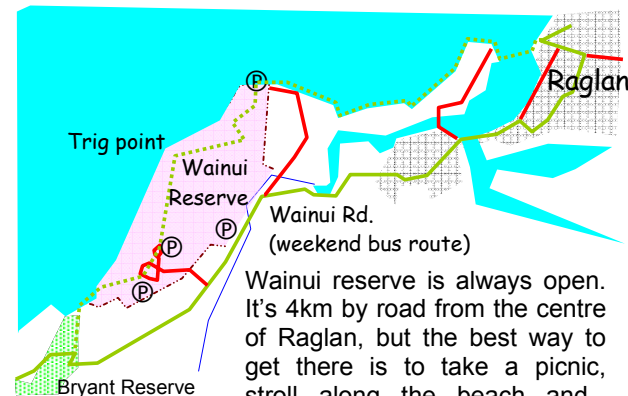
The **amphitheatre** is used as an occasional venue for concerts, weddings, etc. The acoustics, grass terraced seating and views of Karioi make it a unique venue. Bookings can be made through the council office – 07 825 8129.


Wainui Reserve Management Committee runs the reserve for Waikato District Council. It consists of local people appointed 3 yearly by the council. Meetings are open to the public and held monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7.30pm in the Surf Club.

Geology Like most of the Raglan area the reserve is made of 2 to 3 million years old Okete volcanics; lavas, tuffs and scoria. The dunes are recent and constantly eroding and building, often changing several metres in a year, both vertically and horizontally.

Plants Many trees in the Friends of Wainui Bush Reserve are labelled. The main dune grasses are marram and the natives, spinifex (the yellow spiky seed heads are often seen blowing along the beach) and pingao (a darker green).

Birds most commonly seen on the reserve are sparrows, yellowhammers, magpies and skylarks. There are also some piwakawaka (fantails), and kereru (pigeon) and the tui's bell like song can often be heard in the Bryant Reserve.



Wainui reserve is always open. It's 4km by road from the centre of Raglan, but the best way to get there is to take a picnic, stroll along the beach and spend a day exploring the reserve's marked tracks. At weekends there's also a bus (route marked in green above - see ). The main car parks are shown above.



Wainui Reserve is a Council owned 140 hectare farm park giving access to one of the best surfing beaches in the world.

Except at spring high tides you can walk about 6km along the beach to the far end of Ngarunui (Ocean) Beach. From the bottom of Bow St (Raglan's main street) take the walkway to the left, cross the footbridge, follow the beach round to the right and keep walking. On the way you'll pass 2 pill boxes. They date from World War 2, when the lights of Japanese warships could be seen off the coast. The army later tried to blow one up, but only chipped the edges. It is part sunk in the sand. The other is almost completely buried and hard to find. Another war relic is the airfield. In 1941 the Maori villagers were moved, but promised their land back after the war. It was only after 17 arrests and a landmark court case that the southern half of the airfield was returned in 1984. Since then Ocean Beach Rd has been renamed Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive, at the end of which the reserve begins. The choices of tracks are described overleaf.



→ cliff top to bush

Leave the beach at the car park and climb up the grassy track to a gate, then turn right and follow the green arrows. Most of the track to the Trig Point is through pine forest, but there are some good views up the coast. On a clear day the Waitakere ranges west of Auckland can be seen.

The Trig Point is only 81 metres above sea level, but gives good views of the coast, harbour, Raglan and Karioi. The reserve was originally set aside by the government as the Pilot Reserve to provide a lookout for ships and a lighthouse. The lighthouse was never built and the reserve transferred to the council. Council planned to sell most of the reserve, but local protest, supported by Cr Michael Hope, saved most of it.

From the Trig Point the track keeps on the ridge as it drops to the car parks. To the left Pirongia is on the skyline, another former volcano, like Karioi. Keep along the cliff top passing the 2002 sculptures representing north south east and west, then drop



down past the Surf Lifesaving Club to the beach. Turn left past the lifeguard lookout station until reaching the second toilet. The track climbs up through bush from the toilet about 200 metres south of the lifeguard lookout. A good view of the beach is from the lookout in the Bryant Reserve. Look too here at the wind sculpted akeake and tea trees with pohutukawa standing a bit higher. The track continues up to Wainui Rd (there's also steps to the right up to Earles Pl). Cross Wainui Rd and just inside the garden on the left take the gate and then the clearly defined track left through the bush. In the 1920s a power house was built to generate electricity for the Bryant camp and the channel alongside this track fed water from the Wainui Stream to a water turbine above the beach. An iron pipe took the water across the valley and remnants

of it can still be seen. Cross the valley up to a 4 way junction of paths. Straight ahead gives a pleasant detour to Wainui Stream. Otherwise turn left, then right downhill to cross Wainui Stream on a sturdy DOC bridge and up to Upper Wainui Rd.

→ bush to beach

a lot of planting has also been done by the Friends of Wainui who have transformed part of the Wainui valley from farm to bush reserve. From their car park this track crosses the stream, climbs through the bush reserve, crosses the ridge, then descends to a walkway over the dunes to the beach.

→ Wainui valley

The other marked track from the Friends car park follows the valley, passing water features created by the Friends, to reach Ngarunui Beach Rd, at the

→ yellow circuit

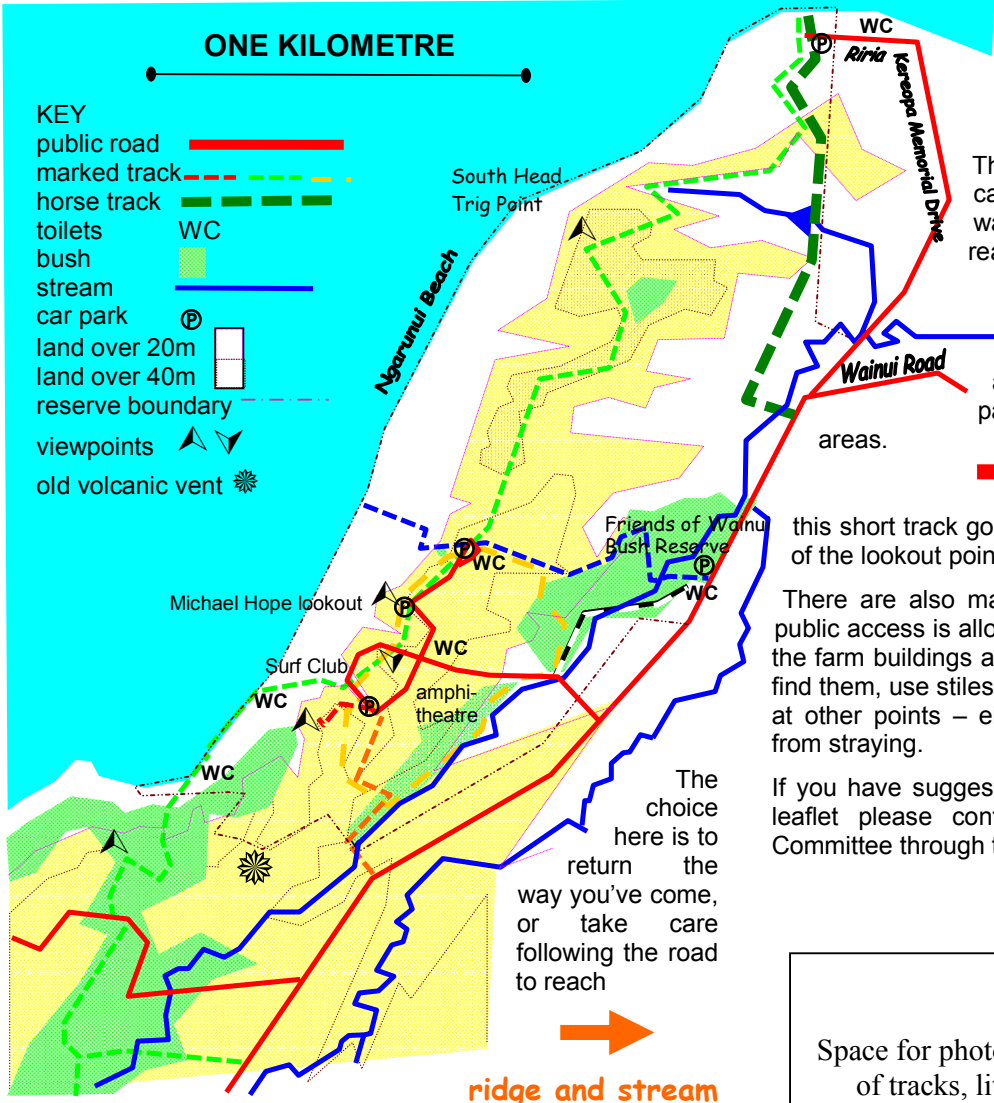
a track linking the main parking areas with the Wainui valley and passing through several recently planted areas.

→ lookout

this short track goes uphill from the main car park to one of the lookout points

There are also many **other tracks** on the reserve and public access is allowed throughout the reserve, except for the farm buildings and nursery. Please leave gates as you find them, use stiles to cross fences and don't cross fences at other points – electric fences are used to keep stock from straying.

If you have suggestions for improving the reserve or this leaflet please contact Wainui Reserve Management Committee through the council office – 07 825 8129.



ridge and stream

a useful link from Wainui Rd to the centre of the reserve, with much evidence of wide-scale planting by Whaingaroa Harbour Care.

The choice here is to return the way you've come, or take care following the road to reach

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