




Discover Porirua



Your guide to summer 2019-20

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Walk and bike Porirua

-  Walk
-  Bike
-  Dogs allowed

Celebrate the long, sunny days of summer with a wide range of outdoor adventures in our own big, beautiful backyard. We have lots of biking and hiking options to help you explore Porirua's great outdoors – from tamariki-friendly strolls to challenging tracks for even the most seasoned and fearless mountain biker.

Te Ara Utiwai, Rangituhi

6.1km, 1 hr 45 min (one way)

There are a range of tracks on the beautiful hills to the west of the city centre. If you're looking for an easy to moderate track in stunning native forest, then Te Ara Utiwai with its gravelled track and gentle gradient from Camp Elsdon to the Rangituhi lookout is a beauty! Bikers uphill only please.

Escarpment Track

10km, 3-5 hr (one way)

Stretching from Pukerua Bay to Paekākāriki, this track will give you bragging rights that you've walked part of the Te Araroa Trail (the track that goes the length of New Zealand). Also called 'Stairway to Heaven', it has a lot of steps, some steep terrain and is a great option if you're fit and ready for a challenge with breathtaking views.

Ara Harakeke

9.1km, 2 hr 30 min (one way)

This track takes you through Mana, Plimmerton, and Pukerua Bay and includes four beaches, a wetland, a steam train operation and historic World War II sites. The flat and easy track makes it particularly popular for biking with tamariki.

Te Ara Piko

3.2km, 50 min (one way)

Take in the serene coastal wetland atmosphere and the gorgeous inlet views when you take the popular 'Meandering Path' around the stunning Pāuatahanui inlet. Its well-developed flat gravel and boardwalk tracks are buggy friendly and the perfect spot for bird-watching.

Titahi Bay Beach and Southern Clifftop

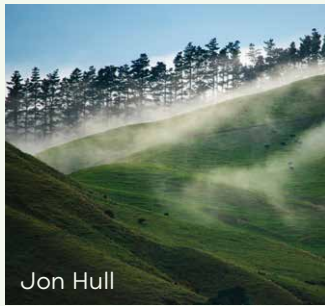
2.8km, 1 hr (return)

If you're after a mesmerising coastal view, this is the trail for you. Start at the south end of Titahi Bay Beach and then join the Southern Clifftop Walk to enjoy views to Mana Island and beyond.

Whitireia Park

6.5km, 1 hr 50 min (one way)

There are few tracks in New Zealand that can match the dramatic views that Whitireia Park offers. The walkway takes you through farmland and along the coastline between Onehunga Bay and Te Onepoto Bay to reward you with breathtaking views of Mana Island and the South Island. Decent footwear is recommended.



Jon Hull



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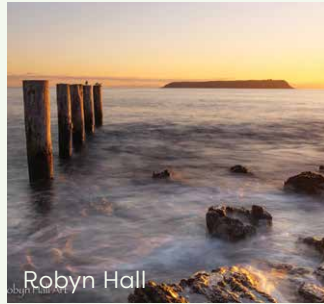
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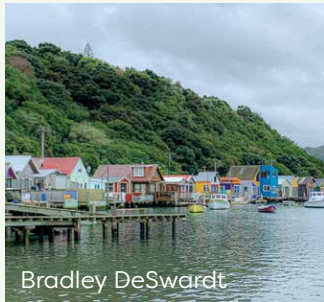
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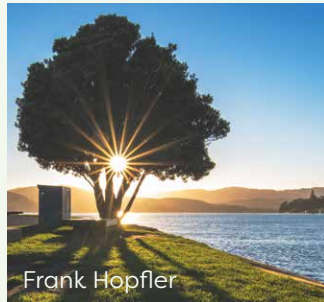
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The hunt for the perfect view

From coastal views to the South Island and beyond, to lush native bush, rolling farm hills and colourful sunsets, Porirua's views can take your breath away. A group of locals have been capturing and sharing their beautiful photos on Porirua Views on Facebook.

Here's a few to inspire you to get out there this summer and capture your own perfect view.



Share your photos of Porirua using the hashtag #PoriruaViews.



Mountain biking for beginners

Porirua has an amazing range of tracks for riders of all skills. Simon Bendall from Get Fixed Bicycle Café shares his top tips for those who want to give it a go.

1 Be comfortable on your bike.

Get your bike fitted at your local bike shop. It will make the ride an enjoyable experience.

2 Don't over inflate the tyres.

Softer tyres conform to the contours of uneven terrain and provide more grip. Start with 35psi for tubed tyres and 25psi for tubeless.

3 Change gears before climbing.

Changing gears under load while climbing is sometimes difficult as it reduces your momentum and is hard on the drive components.

4 Momentum is your friend.

When descending steep sections, keep your body low and towards the rear to help stop you going over the handlebar.

Kids keen to bike? Check out WORD!

For kids aged 7-17 years WORD is a non-profit organisation that offers school programmes and holiday camps in Porirua. Tamariki will learn mountain biking skills, build confidence and have fun while making new friends!



Make a splash this summer

Nothing says 'summer fun' quite like the feeling of sand between your toes, eating ice cream on the beach and the smell of sunscreen on your skin. With so many beaches and water-based activities to keep everybody entertained, you can have the best time this summer in Porirua, without breaking the bank.

Head to the beach

If you have togs, sunscreen and a towel you're already set for a good day out in Porirua. We have seven beaches to choose from where the whānau can go swimming, surfing or rockpool exploring. Keep your eyes peeled and you may even spot seals, whales and dolphins playing in our waters! Be mindful that we have plenty of birdlife nesting around our coastline and dogs on leashes are best to protect our wildlife.

Grab your snorkel

Explore our underwater world around the rocks of Titahi Bay, Pukerua Bay, Onehunga Bay and Karehana Bay. See if you can spot fish, shells, starfish and if you're lucky, seahorses! Please don't touch or disturb our special species and take only memories.

Launch your boat

The waters around Porirua are a popular playground for boaties with public launching facilities at Pukerua Bay, Karehana Bay, Paremata, Onepoto and Titahi Bay Beach. Plimmerton Boating Club and Mana Marina offer great facilities that members can take advantage of before or after heading out to sea. Remember to always wear your lifejacket and have two ways you can call for help if you get into trouble.

Have a blast at the Splash Pad

There's something for all ages at the Splash Pad at Aotea Lagoon. Toddlers will be treated to water jellies and misters, while older kids will enjoy spray cannons and a massive dumper bucket named 'supersplash'. Don't forget your sunscreen, and bring along a picnic to enjoy a day out at the Lagoon.

Surf's Up

Marty McDowell knows the waters of Titahi Bay well. The former national champion kayaker, who paddled for his country at the Rio Olympics in 2016, devotes his time to Titahi Bay Surf Life Saving Club these days, where he is part of the men's surf boat crew that won the national title last summer.

Marty grew up in the Bay and even after stints living in Gisborne and Auckland, will always call Porirua home. He enjoys what the city has to offer, especially its proximity to outstanding walks and mountain bike tracks – and the beach!

How much time do you spend on the water these days?

In summer, the surf boat crew are out there six days a week. We had a fantastic last season, winning nationals here in New Zealand and making the final at the Australian nationals. It's a very good crew and we're hoping to carry on our winning ways this summer. I'm not kayaking much now, so surf boat is it for me.

How is the club going?

This is the club I grew up with and I'm enjoying helping out with the kids where I can, trying to pass on a few tips. The ski and board squads have huge numbers and it looks like there will be 10 surf boat crews this coming season, so this could be an outstanding summer for us.

What was the best thing about growing up in Titahi Bay?

It was always a tight community. All the kids knew each other, you were never short of mates to play with and have something to do. You felt safe and a little bit out of the way in the Bay, which I loved. And the beach is right there...

What do you do to relax?

If I'm not on the water with the surf boat crew or surfing, I walk the dog around Whitireia Park and love the mountain bike trails below Colonial Knob. I really enjoy the outdoor feel you have in Porirua, it's always been something that's drawn me home.

Where do you like to eat?

The boys often head to Peppermill after training on Saturday mornings. There's a few good options for food in the city – my family and I headed to Tuk Tuk Thai for a fantastic meal recently.

What's next for you?

I'm working as an engineer on the Interislander these days, so that takes up a lot of my time. But most of my spare time will be on the water here in Titahi Bay!



Photo: Barbara Newton

Kai with a view



Looking for the best places to eat under the sun? If you are looking for a meal with some indoor-outdoor flow, or like your kai with a view over the waters, then look no further than these eateries.

Whitby Co-op Kitchen & Bar

This family-friendly restaurant on the banks of the Whitby Lakes is perfect for a burger and fries and sitting in the outside patio area with a glass of wine or craft beer.

 **69A Discovery Drive, Whitby**

Plimmerton Fish Supply

Grab your iconic summer meal of fish and chips from one of New Zealand's top-rated fish & chippies then stroll down to the beach at Plimmerton or Karehana Bay. Happy days!

 **2 Beach Rd, Plimmerton**

Backyard Café

Lush green plants, freshly baked food and some of the best coffee in Porirua awaits you in the peaceful courtyard of Palmers Garden Centre in Plimmerton.

 **99-109 St Andrews Rd, Plimmerton**

D4 Mana, Supply Room and The Sandbar

With west-facing decks and patios for maximum sea views and afternoon sun, you may even catch a show of kite-boarders while sipping on a refreshing beverage.

 **105-109 Mana Esplanade**

Café Kaizen

Sit outdoors and enjoy the tranquility of the Japanese garden while enjoying abundant cabinet food or yummy meals from Kaizen's extensive menu.

 **Pātaka, 17 Parumoana St, Te Manawa**

Get Fixed Bicycle Café

Perfectly positioned to take in the views at Harbour's Edge, you can relax on a bean bag with a gelato or sip on a coffee while watching the kids play.

 **16 Parumoana St, Te Manawa**

The ideal Porirua summer checklist

- ☐ Take a picnic to Aotea Lagoon and enjoy the summer concerts.
- ☐ Head to the local library and enjoy A-Long Hot Summer Story Festival.
- ☐ Stop and smell the old fashioned roses at Pāuatahanui Cemetery.
- ☐ Visit the Po at Pukerua Bay, then hunt for paua shells at low-tide.
- ☐ Paddle on Pāuatahanui Inlet or Porirua Harbour.
- ☐ Follow the Plimmerton Heritage Trail.
- ☐ Give the kids some thrills on the long slide at Mungavin Park.
- ☐ Explore Mana Island and spot the takahe.
- ☐ Go-karting at Porirua Indoor Raceway.
- ☐ Take the kids rock climbing at Awesome Bounce.
- ☐ Cool off with an iced coffee or gelato at one of our city cafés.
- ☐ Surfing at Titahi Bay Beach.
- ☐ Take the Titahi Bay murals walking tour.
- ☐ Fish 'n' chips at the beach, an evening swim and watch the sun set.
- ☐ Walk or bike Porirua's epic trails and find your favourite view.
- ☐ Grab your friends for a game of beach cricket or volleyball.
- ☐ Try your detective skills at the Police Museum.
- ☐ Take the kids camping at Battle Hill and feed the eels.
- ☐ Pick blueberries at an orchard along Paekakariki Hill Road.
- ☐ Beer tasting at Tinker Tailor.
- ☐ Adrenalin Forest rope challenges.
- ☐ Check out an exhibition at Pātaka.
- ☐ Visit a playground that you haven't been to before.
- ☐ Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf.



Laughalots mural,
Lydney Place South

Summer in Te Manawa

Te Manawa, our city centre, has plenty for everyone. Tamariki love the outdoor playground in Hartham Place and there's a wide variety of food options to suit all tastes. Enjoy music on the Cobham Court stage on Wednesdays 12-1pm during December.

Porirua Night Market

Enjoy delicious kai from the Wellington Food Truck Collective and live entertainment in Cobham Court, 5-9pm on the last Thursday of every month (except for December, it's on the 19th).

📍 **Cobham Court**

The Post Hotel

Perfect for a city centre 'staycation' with 10% discounts for Porirua residents who book directly at theposthotel.nz.

📍 **3 Serlby Place**

Local Authority

A place to enjoy great coffee, food and smoothies. Offering single origin and filter coffee, the baristas know that sometimes a mocha with extra choc is really all you want – there's no coffee judgement here!

📍 **1 Walton Leigh Ave**

Harbour's Edge Pop Up

You can pull up a bean bag and relax or hire a bike from Get Fixed Bicycle Café, shop for Pacifica inspired homeware at Blue Bell Club, or enjoy delicious food at Grilla BBQ.

📍 **End of Norrie Street,
Harbour's Edge**

Laughalots

More than a playland, this is Porirua's new social hub with loads of amazing indoor amusement activities for kids, a café, party areas and even a commercial kitchen for hire.

📍 **Lydney Place South**

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Experience Porirua's new premium group training studio and full access gym. With athletic-play style workouts and top quality new equipment, you'll be smashing goals and feeling great.

📍 **16 Parumoana Street**

Let your mind explore at Pātaka

Photo: Shannon Novak's "Nexus" installation in Pātaka's atrium

20/20: Words of Wisdom

A major survey of Titahi Bay old boy Wayne Youle, one of our country's leading contemporary artists. He played for Norths Rugby and competed in events across New Zealand and Australia as a Titahi Bay lifeguard. This exhibition looks at 20 years of professional art practice since his very first art exhibition at Pātaka. With this exhibition Pātaka is also celebrating its 21st birthday!

Exhibitions at Bottle Creek

- Festival of Wood, The Wellington Guild of Woodworkers, 1 Nov – 1 Dec
- A Toi Poutama, Whitireia Graduate show, 6 Dec – 19 Jan
- Creative Fibre Wellington, 'Four Seasons', 24 Jan – 1 Mar
- Tokelau: Energy of a Nation, 6 Mar – 12 Apr
- Grant Sheehan: 'Does Ava Dream?', 17 Apr – 17 May

Exhibitions at Toi Gallery

- James Harcourt, Nikau Palm Masks, 15 Dec – 26 Jan
- Kerry Jane Scott, Local Painter, 31 Jan – 8 Mar
- Clive Kelly, Local Painter, 13 Mar – 19 Apr



Bring your tamariki to Pātaka for interactive activities, learning experiences and workshops. Check Pātaka's Facebook page for dates and details.

Adventure awaits at the Arena

Te Rauparaha Arena hosts dozens of awesome events and also has a fantastic gym, stadium and pool.

Come and make a splash at **Arena Aquatics** where everything is included with entry! There's lane swimming, aqua jogging, spa, sauna and a steam room for the adults. The wave pool, hydro slide, lazy river, inflatables and toddler's pool will keep the kids entertained for hours.

In need of a workout outside the pool? Join **Arena Fitness** to enjoy Porirua's only Les Mills group fitness classes, and membership includes free access to all the pool facilities.

If you want to gain water confidence or learn to swim, then **Dash Swim School** can help. More than 20,000 people have learnt to be safe and strong swimmers with Dash. It's not just for the kids – anyone can learn lifesaving skills or improve their technique with Dash.

Arena Activities offers a wide range of fun for all ages. There is Kindy Gym for the tamariki as well as trips and adventures for our older friends who are still young at heart. Go to their website terauparaha-arena.co.nz for a full programme of what's on.

Summer reading

There's no better way to relax than by grabbing a book – or ten! Get your book fix with our libraries this summer.

Our main City Centre Library has a wide selection of books to satisfy the interests of readers from all ages and is open every day, except public holidays. Pukerua Bay, Cannons Creek and Whitby also have smaller community libraries and the library in Titahi Bay

will open its doors again soon. Can't find a book at one of our local libraries? Don't despair, Porirua is part of the SMART library group, which gives you access to libraries across Greater Wellington. Ask one of our friendly librarians about this service, it's free and easy to use.

Summer events calendar

We have plenty of night markets, concerts, sports events, expos and open air festivals to keep you entertained through the long warm days of summer.

For more events in Porirua visit:
poriruacity.govt.nz/events



LAST
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EVERY
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EXCEPT
19 DEC

Porirua Night Market

5 – 9pm | Cobham Court

Enjoy delicious kai from the Wellington Food Truck Collective and live entertainment in Te Manawa - the heart of Porirua City.

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Tuia Mātauranga Roadshow

10am – 5pm | Te Rauparaha Park

Come experience this free touring interactive truck, full of stories and resources about Pacific and Māori migration and wayfinding.

16
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Wellington Pet & Animal Expo

10am – 4pm | Te Rauparaha

Looking for the best products, services and entertainment for your fur babies? This event will have plenty to satisfy even the fussiest pet lover satisfied.

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DEC

Christmas in the City

12 – 4pm | Cobham Court | Free

Get your skates on for snowy Christmas fun for the whole whānau! There will be an ice rink, food trucks, music, children's activities, market stalls, Santa Claus and more.

23
NOV

rePurposed Christmas Market

10am – 2pm | Mungavin Hall

Christmas shopping with a difference. All stalls have products to help reduce waste, or are made from reused or recycled treasures.

14
DEC

Pukerua Bay's Christmas on the Field

4 – 8pm | School Field, Rawhiti Road

A fabulous, free evening of family fun, with kids' rides, tasty food and carols. Bring along a can of food to donate to the 'Cans for Christmas' collection.

17 JAN - 20 JAN Summer Concert Series

6 – 8pm | Aotea Lagoon | Free

Pack your picnic and enjoy the long summer evenings with live music during Wellington Anniversary weekend.

Friday: The Hustle

Saturday: Mojo

Sunday: Shenanigans

Monday: Shaun Preston



22 FEB

29 FEB

New Zealand Festival of the Arts – Te Ata

Te Rauparaha Arena, Pātaka | Free / Ticketed

Te Ata, a festival within the Festival, brings together artists from Aotearoa and around the world to exchange with young New Zealanders who wish to take a bold, brave and active role in shaping the culture of the place where they live. Two weeks of ground-breaking creative development will culminate in a week of public performances in Porirua City. Proudly partnered by Wellington Airport, visit festival.nz/teata for more information.



06 FEB Waitangi Day

11am – 3pm | Te Rauparaha Park, Pātaka, Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour | Free

Nau mai, haere mai, ki Porirua. Gather your whānau and join us as we celebrate Aotearoa's national day. There will be live music, tasty kai and lots of fun activities on Te Rauparaha Park, in the Arena and at Pātaka. You can also have a go at paddling a waka in our harbour.



25 JAN

Eat, Drink & Be Crafty

10am – 4pm | Battle Hill Farm Forest Park | Gold coin donation

Enjoy the very best of locally-made crafts, artisan food, live music and entertainment for the whole family in this lovely rural setting. Proceeds support Wellington Free Ambulance and local Porirua charities.

01 MAR

Children's Day

Te Rauparaha Park | Free

Children's Day is all about putting tamariki first, and what better way to celebrate than with a great day filled with fun and activities at Te Rauparaha Park.

01
MAR

Plimmerton Fun Run

7:30 – 11am | Plimmerton School | Registrations required

Come along for a run, walk, or stroll through beautiful Plimmerton and Pukerua Bay. Enter at plimmertonfunrun.com

07
MAR

Titahi Bay Beach Festival

1 – 7pm | Titahi Bay Beach | Free

Head to the beach for Titahi Bay's annual festival and enjoy a great day out with live entertainment, delicious kai and activities for the whole family.



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ANZ Premiership Netball Games

Te Rauparaha Arena | Ticketed through Ticketek

After maintaining the majority of last year's champion squad, the 2020 ANZ Premiership season promises to be an exciting one. Support our local team – Te Wānanga o Raukawa Central Pulse – as they strive to go back to back!

05
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Porirua Grand Traverse

7am | Race HQ, Whitireia Polytech, Wineera Drive | Registrations required

The ultimate multisport event across Porirua's spectacular coastal landscapes and rugged hills. Something for everyone with running, walking, biking and paddling options for all ages and abilities. Enter at pgt.org.nz



Discover Porirua Map

Eat & drink

Get Fixed Bicycle Café
16 Parumoana St, Elsdon

Peppermill Café & Bar
4 Norrie St

Tuk Tuk Thai Kitchen
15 Hartham Place North

The Co-Op Kitchen & Bar
69A Discovery Dr

Plimmerton Fish Supply
2 Beach Rd, Plimmerton

Backyard Café
99–109 St Andrews Rd, Plimmerton

Supply Room & D4 Mana
105 Mana Esplanade

Café Kaizen
17 Parumoana St

Local Authority
Shop 1/1 Walton Leigh Ave

Places

Pukerua Bay Beach
Pukerua Beach Rd, Pukerua Bay

Karehana Bay Beach
Moana Rd, Karehana Bay

Ngāti Toa Domain
Pascoe Ave, Mana

Titahi Bay Beach
Beach Rd, Titahi Bay

Aotea Lagoon
Papakōwhai Road, Papakōwhai

Cobham Court
Te Manawa – Our City Centre

Pāuatahanui Burial Ground
2 Paekakariki Hill Rd, Pāuatahanui

Libraries

Cannons Creek Library
18 Warspite Ave

City Centre Library
17 Parumoana St

Pukerua Bay Library
6A Wairaka Rd

Whitby Library
69 Discovery Dr

Activities

Splash Pad
Aotea Lagoon

Indoor Raceway
3 Raiha St, Elsdon

Awesome Bounce
8c Mohuia Cres

NZ Police Museum
Royal New Zealand Police College

Adrenalin Forest
Okowai Rd

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2 Wi Neera Dr, Elsdon

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Reading Cinemas
North City Shopping Centre, 2 Titahi Bay Rd

Paths & trails

Whitireia Park
Whitireia Rd, Titahi Bay

Ara Harakeke
Pukerua Bay Shops/Station Rd

Harbourside/Streamside Paths
Wi Neera Dr/Station Rd

Te Ara Piko
Pāuatahanui




Bothamley Pathway
Bothamley Park

Southern Clifftop Walk
Titahi Bay Beach

Rangitūhi/Colonial Knob
Porirua Scenic Reserve

Te Araroa: Escarpment Track
Pukerua Bay Station/Beach Road, Paekakariki

Porirua City

-  Places
-  Libraries
-  Paths & trails
-  Activities
-  Eat & drink



Te Manawa – Our city centre



We love Porirua City and we think you will too.

Nau mai, haere mai! It's summer in Porirua – come over and play! From beautiful beaches and a myriad of trails to fun festivals and yummy kai, we have you and the whole whānau covered.

Discover Porirua and enjoy the best fun under the sun this summer.

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On the cover: Escarpment Track

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