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- Iconic photo stop!
- Local favourite
- Don't miss
- Cycleway



↑ To Kawakawa, Bay of Islands, Kaikohe, Kaitiaki

DRIVERS TIP :
Some stretches of road are slow and winding, slow down and enjoy the views and fresh Northland air.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Poor Knights Islands are the remains of a group of ancient volcanoes. Because of their incredible form and biodiversity, the sea surrounding the islands has been a marine reserve since 1981.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Glenbervie stonewalls owe their existence to the volcanic cones that lie dotted across the landscape. The walls were constructed specifically to clear the land of volcanic stone to make way for agriculture, and horticultural crops. Stone walls proved to be the only method of keeping feral pigs out of farmers' land, while containing livestock.

Valley Rd (22) Waro Reserve (22) → Tutukākā 34 KM

HIKURANGI (21) → Tutukākā 23 KM

MATAPŌURI (14) Matapōuri 7 KM, Ngunguru 3 KM

TUTUKĀKĀ (10, 11) Tutukākā Harbour, Tutukākā Block Rd (9)

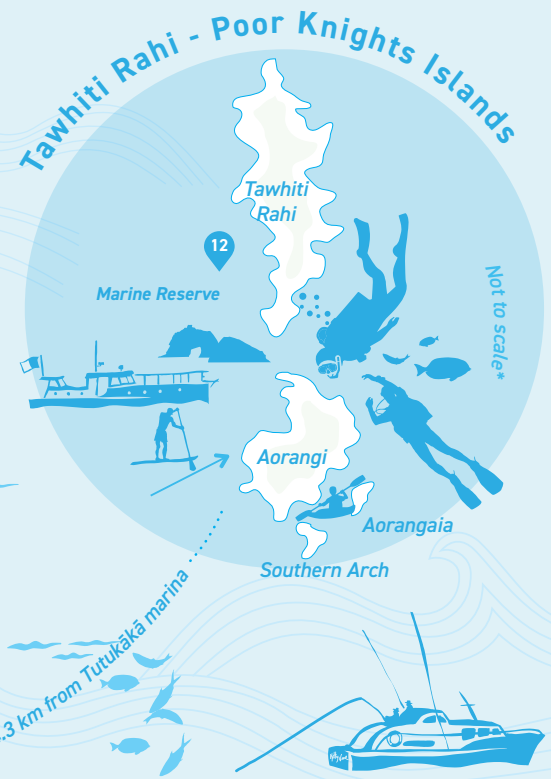
NGUNGURU (7) Ngunguru Bay, Ngunguru Sandspit

Kiripaka (5) Scow Landing, Ngunguru Estuary

Glenbervie (3) Mountain biking, Fruit, Stone walls

Whangārei (1) Otuihau Whangārei Falls, Station Rd, Corks Rd, Kiripaka Rd

Other locations: Whananaki (20), Sandy Bay (19), Woolley's Bay (17), Whale Bay (16), Tāne Moana Giant kauri tree (13), Te Toiroa Rd, Waiohoi Rd, Te Araroa Trail



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INTO THE WIDE BLUE YONDER

The Wide Blue Yonder awaits you on this circular route along the beautiful Tutukākā Coast. Start from either Whangārei or Hikurangi, and feel the lure of the ocean as you travel towards the coast. Catch your breath as you round a corner to reveal a glimpse of turquoise. Gradually the ocean unveils herself, inviting you to look, swim, paddle and dive headfirst into a limitless expanse of blue.

But why hurry? There are so many tempting side tracks along the way. Waterfalls, ancient kauri trees and breathtaking views are all within reach. Be spoilt for choice by quiet beaches and bays. Explore the gentle waters of Ngunguru and Tutukākā Harbour. And be sure to experience the underwater wonders of the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve.

1 Otuihau Whangārei Falls

Call in for a quick peek at the falls, or spend a couple of hours exploring the bush walks that start here.

2 Glenbervie Stone Walls

The drystone walls that line the roadside are a living legacy of the craftsmen who created them over 100 years ago.

3 Glenbervie Forest

Walkers and mountain bikers will find many trails to explore in Glenbervie's expansive pine forest and native bush. Adrenalin seekers will love the Glenbervie Adventure Forest with various circuits high in the trees suitable for all levels.

4 Orchards & Fruit Stalls

Grab a fruity pick-me-up at one of the orchards and fruit stalls that welcome the public.

5 Kiripaka

This pleasant picnic spot by the river was once a loading point for boats carrying coal from the nearby mine.

6 Scow Landing

A picturesque, shady reserve, with cartloads of mining history. You can also explore the river by boat, or hire a kayak from Ngunguru.

7 Ngunguru

A great place to stop for an ice cream, wander along the sandspit, or paddle the estuary on a kayak or stand-up paddleboard.

8 Frying Pan Corner Lookout

Take a photograph or just take in the wide ocean views from this hilltop viewpoint. Look for the sharp bend shaped like a frying pan!

9 Tutukākā Block Road Beaches

It would be easy to spend a day or more visiting all the serene and scenic beaches along this meandering side road.

10 Tutukākā Marina

Take your pick from an abundance of water-based activities available at the marina, along with shops, bars and restaurants.

11 Tutukākā Lighthouse Walk

On the bottom half of the tide, you can walk to the lighthouse on Tutukākā Head via a track at the end of Landowners Lane.

12 Poor Knights Islands

Join a snorkelling, scuba-diving, or eco-cruise to these magnificent protected islands, and learn about the unique flora, fauna and history that make them such a special and unforgettable place.

13 Tāne Moana

The track from Waitoi Road will bring you face to face with the largest kauri tree remaining on the east coast.

14 Matapōuri Bay

An irresistible expanse of white sand greets you at Matapōuri. Dip your toes in, or join the locals with a flying leap off the bridge at high tide.

15 Whale Bay

If you're looking for seclusion, you'll find it at Whale Bay. Accessible only on foot, head down from the carpark at the top of the hill, or take the scenic coastal track from the north end of Matapōuri Bay.

16 Woolleys Bay

A long, wide, sandy beach that's popular with locals for swimming, picnics and beach games.

17 Sandy Bay Surf Spot

Bring your board or hire one from the Tutukākā surf shop - this is one of the best surf spots on Northland's east coast.

18 Whananaki Coastal Walkway

One of the longer walks in the area, this walkway offers spectacular coastal views. If the tides are right, you can detour along the beach for a section.

19 Capitaine Bougainville Monument

Divert from the coastal walkway along a short side-track that leads to a monument remembering those lost from the French freighter Capitaine Bougainville in 1975.

20 Whananaki Footbridge

At 395m, this footbridge is the longest in the Southern Hemisphere, and connects Whananaki North to Whananaki South.

21 Hikurangi

A scenic drive through native bush and farmland connects the rural township of Hikurangi with the coast.

22 Waro Reserve

This curious boulder-strewn landscape is a great place to picnic, swim and jump into the clear blue waters of an old limestone quarry.

Must Do's!

See

Prepare to be ever more awestruck by the views of the wide open Pacific as you journey along the coast. There are plenty of gram-worthy stops to discover or simply pull over and take it all in.

Swim

Take your pick, whether it's high tide or low tide, surf or sheltered water, there are so many great places to dip into the beautiful blue.

Paddle

There's so much more to see here than you can reach from the shore, so hire a kayak or paddleboard and explore all that's on offer in the tranquil harbours of Ngunguru and Tutukākā.

Dive

Don't miss the chance to experience the underwater world of the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve. Snorkel from the surface or dive deep into the Wide Blue Yonder, and open up a whole new environment that's teeming with life, as well as fascinating natural and cultural history. Avid divers will also enjoy the wreck dive of the HMNZS Waikato.

Ride

Whether you've been riding for years, or it's your first time, horse riding on Sandy Bay is a magical experience. Not to mention the stunning scenery and excellent coastal views.

Fish

Head out for big game fish, try your hand at salt water fly fishing, or get under the water and give blue water spearfishing a go.

