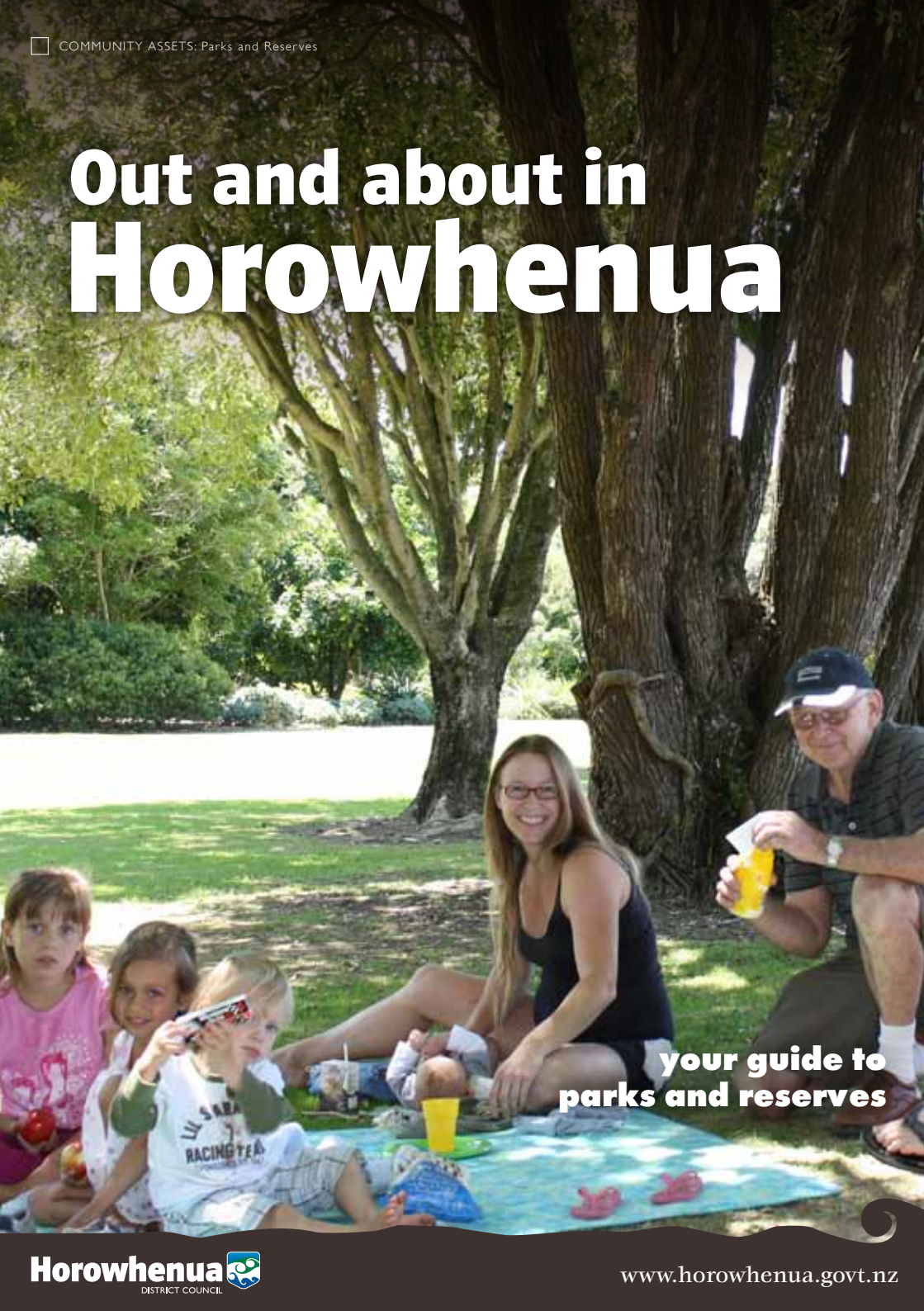


Out and about in Horowhenua



**your guide to
parks and reserves**

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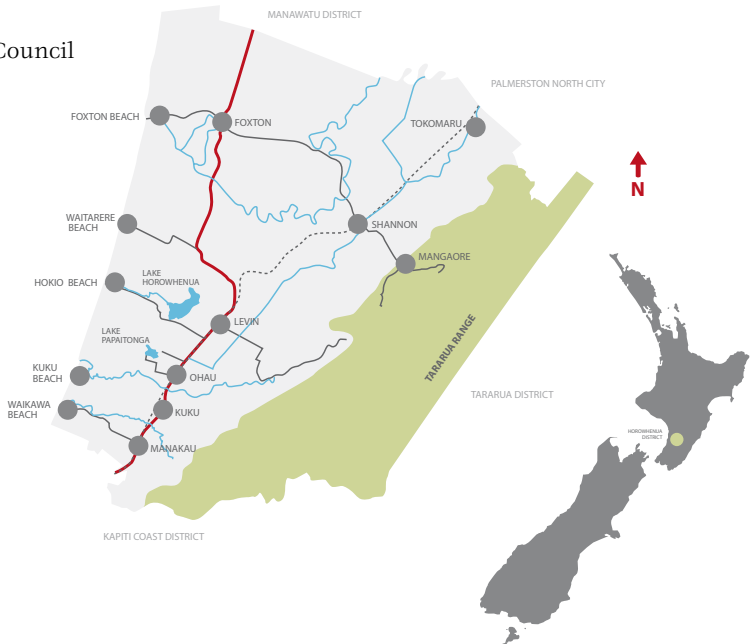


Whether you're a resident of Horowhenua or a visitor to our region, this publication is designed as a handy guide to the many parks and reserves around our District. We have over 50 of them to choose from, ranging from large adventure parks such as the Levin Adventure Park, to scenic coastal or river reserves such as Horseshoe Bend Reserve in Tokomaru or Waitarere Domain.

So whether you're looking for a great spot to take the family for a barbecue, somewhere to give your dog a run off the leash or a fantastic playground for the kids – you'll find it in here.

Horowhenua District Council maintains these parks and reserves on behalf of its residents, to ensure that our District is a great place to live, work and play in. So get out there and make the most of all our beautiful region has to offer this summer. Enjoy!

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Horowhenua District Council



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Driscoll Garden, Manakau

Location: On the corner of State Highway (across railway line, corner of Mokena/Kohere Road at Manakau)

Dedicated to the late Les Driscoll and funded by a bequest, Driscoll Garden is a pretty spot just off the State Highway with shade trees, camellia gardens, seating and small but beautifully kept gardens and lawns. Situated just across the road from attractive Manakau village and the local hotel. Driscoll Garden is the perfect place to stop for a stretch and a cuppa.

- **No cars on the grassed area or campers**



Hank Edwards Reserve, Waikawa Beach, Manakau

Location: Last on the left at the beach end of Waikawa Beach Road

Just beside the bridge where the Waikawa Stream goes out to sea, there's a perfect family picnic spot, with picnic tables, a basketball hoop, a childrens' playground and an outdoor shower for after your swim. The river is the perfect place for you and the family to enjoy canoeing, boating and swimming. You can also leave from the reserve on a number of different day walks. The attractive coastal village of Waikawa is situated nearby. The reserve is named after the late Hank Edwards who was a member of the Waikawa Beach Residents Association.

- **Changing sheds** • **Off road parking** • **No camping**
- **Water on site is unsuitable for drinking unless boiled**
- **Play equipment**





Ohau Domain, Ohau

Location: Just off the State Highway, adjacent to Ohau School

Ohau Domain is a well equipped sportsground that sits next to attractive Bishops Vineyard. It's a popular sportspark and neighbourhood park with a sports pavilion that hosts many sports tournaments. It's situated adjacent to the Ohau School tennis/netball/basketball courts and there is also a café nearby.

- Off road parking
- Toilets available for sports events



Argyle Ave Reserve, Levin

Location: Argyle Ave, Levin

This is a small neighbourhood park which services the local community. It's a grassed area which is dog friendly – a great spot to let your four legged companion have a run around. It's also a popular spot for joggers or for the kids to kick a ball around.

- Play equipment





Adventure Park, Levin

Location: Oxford Street (State Highway 1)

Set in amongst trees in the middle of Levin is a family park with a bright and cheerful under five's play area and a variety of play equipment for all ages – including tumbling drums, ropes course, climbing wall, fitness trail, mini-ball court, skating area, sand volleyball court, disability swings, Bocce courts and a separate dog rest/exercise area. There are free model train rides from 1.00pm – 3.00pm weekends and holidays. The park is open during daylight hours.



- Indoor picnic area with hot water and microwave • BBQs
- Off road parking • Designated dog area





Donnelly Park, Levin

Location: Adkin Avenue, Levin

Donnelly Park is Horowhenua's premier sports park with artificial cricket wickets, netball courts, soccer fields, changing rooms and a popular BMX track. It's also an international hockey venue. The park is situated close to schools and Lake Horowhenua and is a popular spot for sports training and hosting sports tournaments and other events such as 'Lift Off Levin - the annual ballooning festival.

- **Changing Rooms**
- **Toilets available for sports events**





Gladstone Reserve, Levin

Location: From State Highway 57 behind Levin, turn towards the hills on Tararua Road and turn right into Gladstone Road – the Reserve is 1.6km up Gladstone Road – or alternatively, turn on to Gladstone Road from Queen Street East and travel 3.6km to the Gladstone Reserve where you can park off the road. 4WDs and motorbikes are no longer allowed.

The gateway to the Tararuas, Gladstone Reserve is a horseshoe shaped reserve surrounded by native bush that offers safe swimming in the Ohau River as well as access to bush walks that will take you to the Waiopehu huts or link to the Te Araroa walkway. Situated just 10 minutes from Levin's centre, it's a great spot for family picnics with the dog.

- Toilets (summer only)





Hokio Reserve, Hokio Beach

Location: Hokio Beach

A delightful, sheltered park area with a stream that runs alongside, Hokio Reserve features a childrens' playground, basketball hoop and BBQ for public use. It's a great place to end your day at the beach.

• **Play equipment**



Iona Park, Levin

Location: Bartholomew/MacArthur Streets

A dog-friendly, grassed “pocket park” situated in the North Eastern area of Levin, near Fairfield School, Iona Park is surrounded by residential housing. A good spot for the kids to kick a ball around.





Jubilee Park, Levin

Location: Corner Bath/Parker Streets, Levin

Jubilee Park is a great spot to take the littlies who will enjoy the original Disney look-alike characters built by the local Rotary Club! There's also a toddlers' paddling pool, BBQs and plenty of shade trees. Jubilee Park is a small, classic New Zealand family park situated on about one hectare with a playground that's suitable for children of all ages. A great place for a family picnic.

- **Street parking outside**
- **Play equipment**
- **BBQ available**





Kennedy Drive Reserve, Levin

Location: Kennedy Drive, Levin

A neighbourhood park with a traditional style skate bowl that is popular with both skaters and BMX riders. There is also a BMX track and play equipment. The park is set amongst residential houses and is dog friendly.

- Play equipment
- Skate Bowl



Kimberley Reserve, Levin

Location: From SH57, travel about 2km down Kimberley Road East

Kimberley Reserve is nestled in a bush setting next to a braided river with many popular swimming holes and walking tracks nearby. There are plenty of grassy areas for families to enjoy a picnic, a spot of cricket, touch rugby or take the dog for a walk. Situated just 10 minutes drive from Levin, Kimberley Reserve is also popular with freedom campers. Freedom camping is permitted December and February, subject to availability. A permit is required to camp at Kimberley Reserve at all times.

- Dogs unleashed (but stay away from swimming holes/bush)
- Freedom Camping OK (with Council permit – Ph. 06 366 0999)
- Toilets (summer only)





Kohitere Trig, Levin

Location: From Queen Street East turn left into Denton Road to the carpark. Cross the stile and proceed up the road through the pine forest and turn right at the top to reach the trig (approx 1 hour) or turn left and travel along the ridge. Alternatively, take one of the forestry roads down from the Trig into Makahika Road. This requires a long walk back into Levin or a car positioned at the bottom or a car to pick you up

This popular spot is situated on private land and features walking and biking tracks and access to Tararua Forest Park via Kohitere Forest. It also links to the first stage of the Te Araroa walkway which runs the length of New Zealand. From the Denton Road carpark, you can walk approximately 30 minutes up to the top ridge trig which offers outstanding views on a clear day with a panorama including the South Island, Kapiti Island, Mt Taranaki and Mt Ruapehu. There are intermediate to advanced mountain bike tracks and an annual mountain biking event is held here.



Kowhai Park, Levin

Location: Entrance from the end of Queen Street West near Lake Horowhenua

This popular dog exercise spot close to Lake Horowhenua is landscaped and extensively planted, covering a large area. It's also the site of a native bush restoration project. Enjoy a view of the lake while walking your dog. There are large open areas as well as short walks and more sheltered spots.





Lake Papaitonga Scenic Reserve, Levin South

Location: Travel to the end of Buller Road

Papaitonga is a dune lake in the Horowhenua coastal plain containing two islands – Motukiwi (Papaitonga) and Motungarara (Papawhaerangi). The latter is an artificial island constructed by Muaupoko residents in 1820 to extend their village. The lake and the surrounding wetland and lush coastal forest make up 135 hectares of scenic reserve. It's a refuge for birds that depend on wetlands or lowland forests for their survival.

The area was settled by the Muaupoko people during the early part of the 19th century, but they were driven from the area in 1822 by Ngati Toa people led by Te Rauparaha. Te Rauparaha had narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Muaupoko previously, in an incident that claimed the lives of his son and daughter.

In 1897, Sir Walter Buller purchased an area including Papaitonga with the intention of protecting the land around the lake for future generations. In 1901, 27.5ha of bush were formally established as a reserve, and the lake was added to the reserve in 1991. (Source: Department of Conservation – www.doc.govt.nz).

- **Off Road Parking**  



Levin Domain & Gladys Taylor Park, Levin

Location: Bath Street/Queen Streets, Levin – or access the Levin Aquatic Centre end from Queen Street West

Set amongst the huge Canary Island Palms around the Levin Aquatic Centre, Gladys Taylor Park offers plenty of shade and easy access for a picnic. There's a small children's playground near the entrance to the pools. Nearby is the Levin Domain which has a pavilion, grandstand, tennis courts, rugby field, a cycle track and toilets. Public toilets are also available in the Levin Aquatic Centre or adjacent to the children's playground on Salisbury Street.

- Play equipment





Levin Public Gardens/ Remembrance Park

Location: Corner of Cambridge and Bath Streets, Levin

The area around Levin's Thompson House was officially renamed Remembrance Park on 27 August 2010 in recognition of the servicemen and women listed on the plaques of the refurbished Cenotaph.

The Cenotaph steps are now lit by permanent 'poppy boxes' and the surrounding gardens have well established shade trees, extensive lawns and a small area of native bush. Across the road is the historic Levin Courthouse

which has been refurbished on its new site amongst the rose gardens. Popular for people to sit and enjoy a coffee or their lunch under shade or surrounded by scented roses. The Levin Model Rail Club now operates from the old Courthouse building and is open at weekends from 1.00pm – 4.00pm and during school holidays.





Lincoln Place Reserve

Location: Access from both Lincoln Place and Goldsmith Crescent, Levin

A small neighbourhood park with enough space for kids to kick a ball around. There is also seating and shade trees making it a pleasant place for a picnic.



Maire Street Reserve, Levin

Location: Maire Street, Levin

This neighbourhood park features play equipment including a basketball hoop and pleasant spots to sit. It's an area where local residents can enjoy some family fun or walk the dog on a leash.

• Play equipment





Morgan Crescent Reserve, Levin

Location: Morgan Crescent, Levin

This neighbourhood park is popular with local residents and features seating and swings. Set amongst residential housing, you'll often find local children playing in the park or having some fun on their BMXs.

• Play equipment



Muaupoko Park (Lake Horowhenua Domain), Levin

Location: Queen Street West, Levin

Offering great views over Lake Horowhenua (Punahou), Muaupoko Park is an extensively landscaped area of parkland around the lake with a playground. Lake Horowhenua (Punahou) is one of the coastal dune lakes typical of the region. It is a peaceful spot with play equipment and large grassed areas. No power boats are allowed and the lake is not suitable for swimming.

• No swimming or power boats • Play equipment





Playford Park

Location: Bartholomew Road, Levin

Playford Park is the second most widely used sportsground in the Horowhenua and features fields, a softball cage and sand field and a sports pavilion. A recently completed project has seen the installation of lighting towers on five senior playing fields, construction of two new changing room/toilet facilities, extensive inground irrigation installation and levelling and resowing two fields. It's the home of the Horowhenua Community Softball Club and a hub for Rugby Union, Rugby League and touch rugby. This park is now capable of holding regional and national sports tournaments and is the best training facility between Wellington and Palmerston North.



- **Toilets available for sports events**



Prouse Bush Reserve, Levin

Location: Bush / Totara Streets, Levin

Just minutes' drive from State Highway 1 and five minutes drive from the centre of Levin, Prouse Bush Reserve is a great place for picnics. The reserve features remnant podocarp bush with short walking tracks. It's a quiet and peaceful location surrounded by an industrial and residential area.





Solway Park Reserve – Levin

Location: Solway / Perth Streets, Levin

This neighbourhood park in the south eastern corner of Levin is a popular spot with locals for practising rugby or enjoying a game of volleyball. The reserve has a playground and shade trees and is a great spot for families to enjoy some informal sport.

- No motorbikes
- Play equipment
- Drinking fountain



Village Green Levin

Location: At the rear of the Levin Mall carpark and accessible from Queen Street East / Salisbury Street

This large park right in the heart of Levin is a great location for informal sport or a place to come and eat your lunch. The area is used for games by a variety of different clubs and is also a popular spot for events. It's situated adjacent to the Levin Skate Park which is popular with skaters from around the lower North Island.

- Disabled toilets nearby (on Salisbury Street)
- Skate Park
- Drinking fountain





Vincent Drive Reserve, Levin

Location: Vincent Drive, Levin

Vincent Drive Reserve is a large neighbourhood park in a residential area that's an ideal place to enjoy some informal sports such as touch rugby or baseball. There is play equipment for the kids and a grassed area (not mown) for family recreation.

- Play equipment



Waiopehu Scenic Reserve, Levin

Location: 4km from State Highway 57 on Queen Street East, Levin

This quiet and peaceful spot set on 22.5 acres sits under Kohitere Forest and is just five minutes drive from central Levin. The area has picnic tables, a meandering stream and a number of native bush walks suitable for all ages. The remnant native podocarp forest has some large old Rimu trees. This land was proclaimed as a scenic reserve in 1913-15 after previously being set aside as a waterworks reserve. In earlier times, this land was a refuge for the Muaupoko tribe with the Koputaroa stream providing water and an abundance of eel and kakahi shellfish.

- Off road parking





Weraroa Domain, Levin

Location: Mako Mako Road / State Highway 1, Levin

This small domain in Levin features play equipment and clubrooms. It's a popular spot to enjoy playing or watching a game of cricket during the summer months. This is also the place where you'll find the circus when it comes to town.

- Play equipment



Western Park, Levin

Location: Tiro Tiro Road, Levin

If you're a petanque player or if you'd like to try your hand at the sport, this is the place to go. Western Park is home to two Petanque associations and has eight Petanque courts. It's a popular spot for hosting national tournaments. Western Park is also an area that can be used for informal sports.

- Petanque Courts





Holmwood Park, Waitarere Beach

Location – End of Park Avenue, Waitarere Beach

This small park situated adjacent to the beach is a good alternative to the beach on a windy day. It features play equipment including swings and slides and a picnic area. There are also rugby goal posts available.

- Play equipment 



Waitarere Domain, Waitarere Beach

Location: 627 Waitarere Beach Road, Waitarere Beach

This centrally located domain offers a range of sporting and recreation opportunities including tennis courts, play equipment and a skating half-pipe. There is space to play sport and the area also has a community hall and toilets. During the summer months Waitarere Domain is a popular spot for picnics due to its sheltered location and proximity to shops and the beach. Easter sees the local community hold their very popular annual fair.

- Play equipment  



Waitarere Esplanade Reserve, Waitarere Beach

Location: Access from Waitarere Beach Road

Waitarere Esplanade Reserve is an ideal spot to park up and go for a wander along the beach. Here you can visit the remnants of the Hyderabad shipwreck which foundered after a gale on June 24, 1878 while on a voyage from Lyttleton to Adelaide. The wreck has been almost completely covered by sand over the years, but parts are still just visible. It's also a good place to see dunes covered in the native sand grasses such as pingao and spinifex which are much lower than marram dunes you'll see in most other parts of the country. There are good swimming spots nearby and this is a patrolled beach during summer.





Easton Park, Foxton

Location: Off State Highway 1, Foxton

Situated close to Foxton Pools and right in the centre of Foxton is Easton Park, a sports ground with rugby posts and grandstand. It's a great location for a picnic after a dip in the pools (open in the summer season) due to its central location and State Highway frontage. It's also a popular venue for events such as Foxton's Easter Fair.

- Toilets (open for booked events only)



Flagstaff Reserve – with Jones Playground, Foxton Beach

Location: Corner of Seabury Ave and Flagstaff Street, Foxton Beach

This quaint little reserve has a nautical theme to it. The creek running along the eastern boundary is very popular with local white baiters, the children's play area includes an enormous slide and is a sheltered spot for a picnic. From the reserve, you can link to walkways along the banks of the adjacent Manawatu River which will take you along the river bank. Enjoy the views across the river to the Tararua Mountain ranges. There's a great viewing platform of the Foxton Estuary, the tidal outlet for the river.

- Play equipment





Flaxmill Reserve, Foxton

Location: Main Street, Foxton

The area around the Foxton windmill, known as 'De Molen' is a favorite stop for visitors to Foxton and Foxton Beach. The public toilets in the Station Café building are well placed in the middle of Foxton's Main Street. The Tram Station Café is known as the home of the historic Foxton horse-drawn tram which can be viewed from inside the café, when it's not in use. The tram takes passengers for Sunday rides from 11.00am – 2.00pm (weather permitting) and can be booked for weddings & functions. De Molen is a working windmill, open daily (7 days) from 10.00am – 4.00pm and is home to the Foxton Information Centre. The Netherlands shop entices visitors to a range of imported delicacies, as well as selling the stone-ground flour produced by the windmill. The site also houses the Flax Stripper museum which is open every day from 1.00pm – 3.00pm. The public can view a working machine. This was used in earlier times to strip the area's Moutoa flax which was used in rope, wool packs, and carpets. The Murals Festival is held bi-annually on this site at Easter.





Foxton Beach Surf Club, Foxton Beach

Location: Foxton Beach – off the Esplanade

The elevated carpark overlooking the ocean beach at Foxton is a great place to watch the sea and the sights or enjoy an awesome West Coast sunset. Kilometres of hard West Coast iron sand makes this the perfect playground for kite sports and blow carting. Drive at low tide to the Manawatu River Estuary, a favourite spot for fishing, jet skiing, sailing and pleasure boating. The area is close to a café and to the Foxton Beach walkway system. It's also Horowhenua's best surfing beach as well as a popular spot for kite surfers.

- **Swimming and surfing**



Foxton Beach Esplanade, Foxton Beach

Location: Foxton Beach – Hartley Street

A popular picnic area on the banks of the Manawatu River, just downstream from the Manawatu Marine Boating Club which is a great place for kids to catch a fish off the jetty. A lime walkway on top of the rivers stop bank takes you past the world famous 'Ramsar' site which is home to rare migrating birds through to Holben Reserve. For those who wish to explore a little further a dune walkway leads out to the estuary and out to the Manawatu River mouth.

- **Public toilets nearby**



Holben / Te Wharangi Reserve, Foxton Beach

Location: Holben Parade, Foxton Beach

Holben or Te Wharangi Reserve is a great place to park the car and walk to some of the best bird watching spots in the region, where you can see wading and migratory birds. From the reserve, you can also access the extensive Foxton Beach walkway system. With ponds, a childrens' playground, bike skills area, basketball hoop, a skating area and situated close to a café, it's a popular family picnic spot in summer. Grab a latte or an ice-cream and watch the kids run around. The area is situated right next to Foxton Beach Holiday Park and is a popular venue for social events over summer.

• Play equipment • Skate bowl



Ihakara Gardens, Foxton

Location: Corner of Duncan Street/Ravensthorpe Place and Avenue Road, Foxton

Presented to the citizens of Foxton by Te Aputa Ihakara Karaitiana Te Ahu Rangiahuta Pataka, July 11, 1919. The cemetery in the gardens is the oldest used by Europeans in the Manawatu and is one of the few reminders of Te Awahou Village. The graves, marked and unmarked, are those of noteworthy Maori and Europeans and the gardens are symbolic of the peaceful relations that have existed between Maori and Pakeha in the Manawatu – both races lie buried in ground which was bequeathed to the citizens of Foxton by local Maori. Situated in central Foxton, this area will appeal to those with an interest in history. Ihakara Gardens is situated at the northern end of Main Street, with Seaview Gardens at the southern.





River Loop Playground

Location: Harbour Street, Foxton

Situated at the site of the town's old Port, the River Loop Playground has a 'ship' theme where an old historic port building can still be seen nearby. The Foxton River Loop is an oxbow section of the Manawatu River which has become disconnected from the main river channel. The area is currently undergoing extensive regeneration work. The esplanade area runs alongside the river behind Foxton township with walkways at either end. The River Loop playground an interesting spot for anyone interested in history as well as a great place to take the kids.

• Play equipment



Seaview Gardens

Location: Main Street / Union Streets, Foxton

An historic, elevated garden at the south end of Foxton's Main Street, with walkways up to the landmark working water tower and views of the Seaview Gardens, originally named 'Ferry Hill' as the Ferry crossed the Manawatu river to the west. The ferry enabled travellers and the Wellington-Wanganui stage coach to cross the river to Foxton after travelling up the coast. Ferry Hill became Seaview Hill and with the planting of the gardens, became Seaview Gardens. In the 1930s the gardens included terraces, plantings, fish ponds, ponga shelters and a bird aviary. Following a cutback in Borough spending in the 1950s, the gardens have gradually "disappeared". The water tower was constructed in 1923 and still provides pressurised water distribution for Foxton. Recently a new area has been developed with a viewing platform and seats which allows for uninterrupted views north up the Foxton Main Street and west out to the Manawatu Estuary. New lime walkways and bank plantings have reinvigorated this park.





Stuart Donnelly Park, Foxton

Location: Futter Street/ Avenue Road, Foxton

Situated adjacent to the Coley Street School, Stuart Donnelly Park is a neighbourhood park in a residential area that features a skate bowl and swings. It's a popular place to play for local children.

- Play equipment



Victoria Park, Foxton

Location: SH1 Northern entrance to Foxton/Victoria Street

Situated just off State Highway 1 is Victoria Park, a large open sports field with picnic tables. Camper van friendly, it's a popular spot for freedom campers. The area has an amenities building including toilets and squash courts. At the western end of the park, near the squash club, is a set of swings. A great place for travellers to stop and have an ice-cream, or to park up the campervan for a day or two and enjoy some of the many attractions the Foxton area has to offer.

- Bookable toilets
- Waste disposal area for campervans
- Squash courts
- Designated dog area
- Play equipment





Hyde Play Park Shannon

Location: Grey/Whittaker Streets, Shannon

This local play park is set in a residential area and has play equipment and picnic areas. A good place to enjoy a game with the family.

- **Play equipment** 



Mangahou Reserve, White Water Park, Shannon

Location: 5km south east of Shannon on Managahao Road

Mangahao White Water Park is a world class venue and a great place to watch kayakers rodeo kayaking or 'hot dogging' during competitions. The area, located below the Mangahao Power Station at Shannon, has been transformed into a community based nature reserve with world class kayaking facility. The 300 metre section of river immediately below the power station has been modified, so that water hydraulics form features perfect for slalom and freestyle white water paddling. The riverbank has been developed into a small nature park complete with native plants, perfect for family picnicking. There is also a community hall on site. The area is also a gateway for mountain bikers to go for a ride up to the dams (3-4 hours).

- **No swimming** • **Public toilets nearby** 



Moynihan Park, Shannon

Location: Engles Road, Shannon

This local sportsground is used by a variety of different sports groups and is often used to host sports tournaments. Situated just a few minutes from the centre of town, it's a great place for footy practice, a jog or a game of cricket or touch with the family. It's also a dog friendly spot where your dog can have a run around.

- Off road parking
- Toilets available for sports bookings



Shannon Domain

Location: Corner Ballance (State Highway 1) and Vogel Street, Shannon

An extensive sports ground in Shannon with grandstand, pavilion, skate park and courts, Shannon Domain is regularly used for both winter and summer sports such as tennis and netball and to host sevens tournaments.

- Bookable toilets





Te Maire Park Shannon

Location: Plimmer Terrace (State Highway 57) Shannon

Te Maire Park is over 100 years old and was one of the first sites in New Zealand where an Arbour Day planting was held. Over a century ago, local school children, both Maori and Pakeha, planted native and European trees together for the community to enjoy. Today, Arbour Day is still celebrated with plantings, although on a different date to the rest of New Zealand.

Te Maire Park is ideal for a travelling stop on State Highway 57 or as a place to enjoy your lunch while visiting Shannon. Situated adjacent to the township, it's a great place to enjoy fish n chips or a picnic – there are picnic tables available.

The Shannon Railway Station Museum is situated in the long border garden along Plimmer Terrace and is open Friday to Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm. At the southern end of Te Maire garden is the Shannon Cenotaph and memorial garden and a monument to a local soldier who was killed in the Boer War – one of the few such monuments around New Zealand.



• Toilets nearby





Horseshoe Bend Reserve Tokomaru

Location: End of Tokomaru Road, Tokomaru

Horseshoe Bend is one of the most popular swimming spots in the District. The reserve has a café nearby open Thursday – Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm, and there are plenty of magical bush walks and swimming holes. Established trees make this a lovely shady spot to enjoy a picnic and a swim during the summer months.

- **No camping**
- **Swimming**
- **Toilets open summer months only**



Tokomaru Domain

Location: State Highway 57, Tokomaru

The original classic Kiwi sports field with a hall, and a large grassed area. A good spot to stop for an ice-cream, kick a ball or take the dog for a run.

- **Dogs unleashed (except during sporting or community use times)**



Parks and Reserves With Play Equipment

The District's parks and reserves with children's play equipment are as follows:

- Stuart Donnelly Park, Avenue Road, Foxton
- Holben Parade Reserve, Holben Parade, Foxton Beach
- Gladys Taylor Park, Queen Street, Levin (outside the Levin Aquatic Centre)
- Jubilee Park, Bath Street, Levin
- Muaupoko Park, Lake Horowhenua Domain, Queen Street, Levin
- Solway Park, Solway Street, Levin
- Weraroa Domain, Oxford Street, Levin Vincent Drive, Levin
- Maire Street Reserve, Maire Street, Levin
- Hokio Beach, Tawhiti Street, Levin
- Western Park, Tiro Tiro Road, Levin
- Kennedy Park, Kennedy Drive, Levin
- Argyle Park, Argyle Avenue, Levin
- Levin Adventure Park, Oxford Street, Levin
- Morgan Crescent Reserve, Morgan Crescent, Levin
- Vincent Drive Reserve, Vincent Drive, Levin
- River Loop Reserve, Harbour Street, Levin
- Victoria Park, SH1/Victoria Street, Foxton
- Hyde Play Park, Whittaker/Grey Streets, Shannon
- Flagstaff Reserve, Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach
- Holmwood Park, Park Avenue, Waitarere Beach
- Waitarere Beach Domain, Waitarere Beach Road, Waitarere Beach
- Hank Edwards Reserve, Waikawa Beach

Skate Parks

Skate Parks can be found on the Village Green in Salisbury Street, Levin, Holben Parade at Foxton Beach and also in Shannon Domain in Shannon. There are smaller facilities at Kennedy Park in Kennedy Drive, Levin, Waitarere Domain at Waitarere Beach and Stuart Donnelly Park in Foxton.

Exercising Your Dog

Horowhenua District Council provides plenty of places across the District where people can exercise their dogs. It is important to note that all Horowhenua District Council Cemetery areas in the District are to be "leashed" areas for dogs and that dogs are allowed to be "unleashed" on grounds used by recognised dog obedience groups or similar clubs and organisations, when conducting training, display, or other similar type activities, including 'dog trials' and public awareness activities.





Dog Exercise Areas “Leashed”

Tokomaru

Residential streets (unless prohibited).

Shannon

1. Residential streets (unless prohibited).
2. Shannon CBD prohibited area (permissible after shop trading hours).
3. Moynihan Park.

Foxton

1. Residential streets (unless prohibited).
2. Foxton Town CBD prohibited area (permissible after shop trading hours).

Foxton Beach

1. Residential streets (unless prohibited).
2. Hennessey Street/Lowe Avenue grounds.
3. Hartley Street Esplanade.

Waitarere

1. Residential streets (unless prohibited).
2. Esplanade Reserve.
3. Waitarere Beach Motor Camp (Caretaker and Camp Tenants only).

Hokio

Residential streets (unless prohibited).

Manakau

1. Residential streets (unless prohibited).

Levin

1. Residential streets (unless prohibited).
2. Levin Town CBD prohibited area (permissible after shop trading hours).
3. Iona Park.
4. Cambridge Street Rose Gardens (including Railway Reserve Land).
5. Lincoln Place Reserve.

6. Maire Park.
7. Railway Reserve Levin North (Kiosk).
8. Railway Reserve (Liverpool Street to Tararua Road).
9. Jubilee Park (defined area outside of play equipment area).
10. Playford Park Motor Camp (Caretaker and Camp tenants only).
11. Morgan Crescent Reserve.
12. Prouse Bush.

Mangaore

1. Residential streets (unless prohibited).
2. Mangaore Park.

Ohau

1. Residential streets (unless prohibited).
2. Ohau Domain.

Waikawa

Residential streets (unless prohibited).



Dog Exercise Areas “Unleashed”

Tokomaru

Tokomaru Domain when not being used for sporting or other community uses.

Foxton

Victoria Park excluding sportsgrounds and River Loop Reserve.

Foxton Beach

Foxton Beach outside of patrolled area and Cousins Avenue Plantation Reserve.

Waitarere

Waitarere Beach outside of patrolled area.

Hokio

Hokio Beach.

Levin

- * Kowhai Park.
- * Argyle Avenue Reserve.
- * Kimberley Reserve (1).
- * Gladstone Reserve (1).
- * Kennedy Drive Park.

Notes: (1) Owners are to ensure dogs using both Gladstone and Kimberley Reserves are kept away from recognised swimming holes/areas used by the public, and any areas of bush.

Ohau

Parikawau/River Reserve.

Waikawa

Waikawa River to the south of the Waikawa river mouth.



No Dogs



Photo: Horseshoe Bend, Tokomaru

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