

ŌTUKAIKINO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE – THE WONDERFUL WETLANDS!

1. First Bridge: Many different creatures call these ponds home. Can you spot any fish or eels hiding underwater?
2. Wai Tapu sign: New Zealand's Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu iwi used this site for burial preparations many years ago. Why do you think Māori picked this spot?
3. Lookout: The wetlands are also home to special plants that grow in water! Do you spot any other plants that can grow in the water?
4. Oak Grove: These impressive oaks were planted many years ago to feed the ducks. Can you see any other birds playing in the oaks?
5. Restoration Planting: The wetlands were once full of weeds, but now it is home to thousands of native plants. How many different plants can you find?
6. Ground Breaking: Look at all the cracks in the ground! Did you know these were caused by a giant earthquake? See if you can count all the cracks!
7. Bird Haven: Many different birds call this area home. You can always hear them singing. How many different songs can you hear? Tweet. Tweet.
8. Pūkeko Pantry: Find out about the tale of the curious pūkeko. If you were a pūkeko where would you build your nest?



Health and Safety:

There are many water hazards, please stick to paths and always watch out for each other when near water. Please bring appropriate footwear and enough hydration for your trip.

Distance Easiest: Short Walk. 40 mins loop.

