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A – Remuera Library

Begin at the Remuera Library, an architectural gem in the heart of Remuera. The friendly staff are always willing to help visitors and the building is just as stunning inside as it is outside. Collect a pamphlet from the Library to tell you more about Remuera’s heritage as you walk. The historic building and shaded grounds are yours to relax in and enjoy.



B – St Aidan’s Church

When you are ready, turn right when you come out of the Library and continue down Remuera Road towards the Anglican Parish Church of St Aidan. The Church's main entrance is located on Ascot Avenue. The church was built here in 1905 by eastern suburbs parishioners to save trudging to St Mark’s Church each Sunday. Walk through the lych-gate and explore the memorial and leafy grounds. When you are ready to continue the Remuera Loop trail, cross the road to Orakei Road and walk to number 32 Orakei Road where you will find the entrance to Waiata Reserve.



C – Waiata Reserve

Enter Waiata Reserve next to 32 Orakei Road. This reserve offers a peaceful retreat among nature and is nestled between residential streets. Waiata the in Maori language, te reo, loosely translates as ‘song’; take time to listen to the different bird life abundant in this reserve. This 10.5ha green space is a marvel of ever-changing colours, mature trees, a babbling stream, and native bird life. Characterised by rolling slopes with large areas of open space and re-generating bush, the reserve has a pathway for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheel chairs right through the reserve providing excellent year-round access. It is a dog-friendly off-leash reserve. Meander your way across to Waiata Avenue (entrance/exit) or keep walking down through the reserve and connect back to the trail via Waimea Lane, to Victoria Avenue.



D - Victoria Avenue

As you walk up Victoria Avenue there is a range of architectural styles on this iconic road in Remuera. At the top of Victoria Avenue - where it meets Remuera Road - cross the road to the right at the pedestrian crossing towards the historic post office building now home to the ANZ bank.

E - Remuera Town Centre and Historic Post Office

Remuera Town Centre is one of Auckland’s most established upmarket shopping precincts. The Remuera Pharmacy, the fruit and veg shop and the fish shop are among several shops that have been here for over a hundred years, - these long standing icons are valued by locals. The ANZ bank on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Remuera Road was the original Remuera Post Office and was built in 1914. This landmark corner building is a good example of early 20th century government architecture in the Edwardian Baroque style.



F - Garden Road

Continue along this side of Remuera Road to Garden Road. This road was originally the driveway to Ladies' College where New Zealand's greatest aviatrix Jean Batten, the first person to fly solo directly from England to New Zealand, was a student. As you stroll down you will see some fine examples of architecture. Return up the hill to re-join Remuera Road and continue along Remuera Road towards Ōhinerau/Mt Hobson. Image from Auckland Libraries, Sir George Grey Collection (1900 – 1909) 35-R118



G - Chapel of the Holy Child (Kings School)

This pretty little chapel was converted from the original stables in 1927 - 1928. King's School began as King's College in 1896 and continues to educate young men from ages 5 through to 13 years.



H - Ōhinerau / Mt Hobson

Continue along Remuera Road to the traffic lights at Market Road cross over to the other side of Remuera Road and then cross over Market Road and find the entrance to Ohinerau/Mt Hobson a few metres along Remuera Road. Ohinerau/Mt Hobson (143m) is a large scoria cone built by lava fountaining from a central crater. There are two distinct areas of the reserve. The northern side is reasonably formal with constructed, formed walkways which wind up the slopes through exotic and native planted trees, including the daffodil War Memorial located on the north east slope of the reserve. The southern side of the reserve has clearly visible archaeological sites and grass tracks. From the summit and upper slopes of the cone there is a virtual 360° panoramic view of the region. The ancient Māori name for the mountain is Ohinerangi, 'the dwelling place of Hinerangi'. Later the mountain became known as 'Remuwera'.



I - Heritage drinking fountain - Training Hill

From the memorial seat keep walking along the path to the heritage water fountain, (no longer in use) from here you will see a steep path. This steep slope path will burn the calories and work the leg muscles going up and down. More fun than the cross trainer. Get your fitness fix here.



J - Archaeological Site - Kumara Storage Pits

As you reach the top of the path, take in the stunning views across the region. Then climb the short stairs and look to your right. What you see are the remnants of storage pits used by Maori. This is an archaeological site. It is estimated that 1,000 people once lived atop this Mount. These pits were used to store Kumara (a type of sweet potato), so some could be eaten and the rest planted out in the next spring. Kumara were important to Maori as a source of carbohydrate.



K - Ōhinerau / Mt Hobson Crater

Follow the path towards to the top of the Mount, to your left a small path winds down towards a large round basin. This is the crater of Ōhinerau/Mt Hobson the volcano you have just climbed. Here you see geological features, the breached crater scoria cone and archaeological features.



L - Trig Station

The structure that you can see sitting atop the summit is a 'Trig Station' - a geodetic survey mark (instrument used to measure the earth). It forms a component of New Zealand's geodetic system. It's one of a network of Trig Stations across New Zealand that serve as a physical reference point. They are used in the creation of maps, charts and interestingly are essential to determining legal property boundaries. Follow the path back down the way you came to get back onto Remuera Road. Cross Remuera Road at the pedestrian crossing at the junction with Market Road and continue along Market Road.



M - Remuera Bowling Club and Dilworth School

Crossing over Dromorne Road continue along Market Road to the Remuera Bowling Club. Established in 1895 it is still actively used by the locals and boasts natural and artificial surface greens. Continue along Market Road to the playing fields now part of Dilworth School. This was the U.S. No.4 Mobile Hospital from 1942 - 44. A plaque situated in the garden on the Dilworth School grounds (opposite 51 Market Road) is all that is there to remind us of the mobile hospital.



N - Aachen House - Officers Club

At 39 Market Road stands Aachen House originally a boarding house in the 1920's. During WWII it was used as an Officers Club associated with the U.S. Mobile Hospital opposite. Turn around and head back to Dromorne Road.



O - WWI and II memorial gates at Remuera School

At Dromorne Road turn right and walk along Dromorne Road crossing over Omaha Rd to Remuera Primary School where the memorial gates bear the names of the 225 old boys of the school who served in WWI. The plaques were unveiled in 1922. The archway is a later addition inscribed to the old boys who fell in WWII.



P - Remuera Road and the Village Green

Continue along Dromorne Road to Armadale Road and turn left. Continue to Remuera Road cross Armadale Road and continue eastwards along Remuera Road. Take time to wander through the many shops on Remuera Road and enjoy a coffee and cake at one of the many cafes as you end the Remuera walk. The Village Green can be accessed through a pathway between 411 and 417 Remuera Road and is a pleasant diversion from Remuera Road. A quiet place to relax from the busy-ness of Remuera Road. This area was once used as Council yards and stables after Remuera's amalgamation with Auckland City in 1915. Prior to this it housed Remuera's first fire station.

