

Warkworth & District Museum

Accessibility Information



Kia ora, and welcome to the Warkworth and District Museum.

Location

Steeped in history and set in the stunning Parry Kauri Park, our museum offers something for everyone. Visitors can learn the story of Warkworth's rich heritage, which is told through our wonderful collections and exhibits.

The Museum is governed by an Incorporated Society. We are constantly working on ways to make museum visits more inclusive and accessible. Please complete our Accessibility Survey after your visit. We appreciate your support and feedback, to help us achieve this.



Parking

Spacious, level parking area with ample parking spaces; two allocated mobility parking spaces - one at the new observation deck; one directly outside the museum entrance.



Reception and Shop

A short concrete pathway leads directly to the Museum and Shop entrance, which opens with an automatic door. The reception desk is manned by volunteers who are always happy to assist. The Museum Shop offers a range of wonderful craft work and other locally-made products, as well as ice-creams and cold beverages.

**Guide Dogs
Welcome**

Entrance Fees

Discounted entrance fees are available and one accompanying support person is provided with free entrance. Payment can be made by cash or eftpos.

Opening Hours
Daily 10am - 3pm*

Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday
and Anzac morning

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Indoor Accessibility

The Museum is a 2-storey building, constructed in the late 1970s. The entire ground floor is single-level and wheelchair accessible, however the 1st floor is accessed by a narrow stairway. There are plans to install an internal lift. Until then, wheelchair access to the archives and upstairs display areas is via sloping concrete pathways that run alongside the building exterior, to the upstairs entrance at the rear of the building. Please make contact the museum prior to your visit if you wish to use the outer access route.



“Beautiful, tranquil reserve with heaps of bird life and wonderful native trees and bush.”

– Davis C, Tripadvisor

Outdoor Accessibility

Outdoor zones offer a mix of covered and uncovered areas with some grassed areas and some concreted sections and pathways (see Museum Layout Plan). The outdoor cabin exhibits are raised off the ground and may be problematic to fully access. If you require assistance to open any of the doors for a view inside, please ask at Reception. Accessible picnic tables are available in various locations in the grounds, and are for public use.

Bathrooms

Public bathrooms maintained by Auckland Council are accessed to the left side of the Museum building, facing the forest. These are well signposted. One accessible toilet is available.

Parry Kauri Park

Entrance to the Parry Kauri Park is free. The walkway is accessed from the carpark and begins at the cleaning stations to the right of the new observation deck. The cleaning stations are vital for kauri conservation; however, they require some caution to navigate with a wheelchair

Once through, the boardwalk includes a 50m wheelchair accessible section. Dogs are permitted but must be kept on a leash and on the boardwalk, at all times. Free brochures are available from the Museum Shop describing and identifying the native trees and shrubs in the bush.

Here is one of the best-preserved stands of New Zealand Bush. The incredible walkway makes for an easy look at what the country was in the past and the museum makes the history of the area come to life. Great place to visit and the nearby town of Warkworth is a gem.”

Tony, Tripadvisor