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# West Wind Recreation Area

Welcome to Meridian's West Wind Recreation Area. The three walkways provide visitors access to spectacular views of the coastline, wind farm, World War I gun emplacements and Fort Opau.

## Take care

Makara Farm is a working farm and West Wind an operational wind farm. It is very important that you keep to the tracks and leave any gates as you find them.

There is little shelter from strong winds at West Wind. You must have warm, wind-proof clothing. The hills are often shrouded in cloud or fog. Stay on the tracks at all times.

The tracks are for use by walkers and cyclists. Please share with care and courtesy at all times.

## Contacts

Meridian ..... 0800 496 496 (Mon-Fri)

Dept of Conservation Hotline ..... 0800 362 468

If you think there is a safety hazard in the conservation area

Emergency ..... 111

Poaching Hotline ..... 0800 4POACHER

(The legal paua limit is 10 per person)

**There is limited cellphone coverage in the Recreation Area**

### Turbine Short Walk



1.5km/20 mins round trip plus time to read information about wind turbines and get up close!

Offers great views, turbines experience, return through sheltered forest.

### Opau Loop Track



5.5 km/2 hours for return walk.

The track starts just beyond B2 Turbine, winds gently down into the Opau catchment, returns alongside the Opau wetland and climbs steeply back up to the ridgeline on the Opau Bay access road. Sturdy footwear and wind-proof clothing is essential.

Walk the Shepherds Gully faultline. Great views, covenanted bush, Māori karaka groves, wetland, access to the coast.

### Makara Walkway

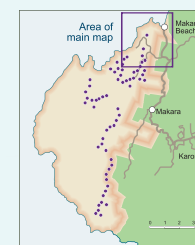


Round trip 3-4 hours.

This is a tramping track, apart from short sections along roadways. Sturdy footwear and wind-proof clothing is essential. Bikes are not permitted beyond the gun emplacements or around the coastline.

World War II and early Māori historic sites, coastal section, Cook Strait views

The Makara Walkway, gun emplacements and Pa site are conservation areas managed by the Department of Conservation.



**Gates open daily at 9am, close at 4pm April - September and 6pm October - March**

The Recreation Area is closed to the public during lambing season

## Strictly prohibited



No camping



No dogs



No motorbikes



No fires



No guns