



Hamilton City

 Walking

Difficulties

Easy , Medium

Length

8.6 km

Journey Time

5 hours

Region

[Waikato](#)

Sub-Region

[Hamilton](#)

Part of Collections

[Te Araroa - New Zealand's Trail](#) , [Te Araroa - North Island](#)

Te Araroa section: Located on the banks of the Waikato River, Hamilton is one of the most populous cities in New Zealand. Hamilton is known for its award-winning Hamilton Gardens, green spaces, river banks, gourmet eateries and colourful street art

Follow [Te Awa](#) [↗](#) (a combined walk-cycle way) south through Braithwaite Park along the (true left) bank of the Waikato River to just south of (having passed under) the Claudelands Road Bridge. From here, you will travel through the city as follows:

Leave the walkway and take the Centennial Steps up onto Alma Street. Head past the Novotel Tainui and turn left/southeast into Victoria Street. Almost immediately, turn right (southwest) into Garden Place, an open-space mall. At the far side of Garden Place, turn right and walk through the Centre Place Shopping Centre to Ward Street (or if after hours, continue through Garden Place past the Hamilton City Council building to the Ward Street/Anglesea Street intersection). Follow Ward Street southwest to the corner of Ward and Tristram Streets.

Here, walk west through Norris Ward Park and the far side of the park on Seddon Road. Follow signs onto the Western Rail Trail, which runs adjacent to the railway line, past the Hamilton Railway Station to Killarney Road. Walk west along Killarney Road and through the Dinsdale Roundabout to Whatawhata Road on the southwest side.

Follow Whatawhata Road until turning left (south) into Melva Street. At the end of this street is Tills Lookout.

Continue south-westward across farmland on a paved city walk-cycleway, turn left (southwest) into Wallace Road, turn right (northwest) into Taitua Road and walk down the road to the Taitua Arboretum.

Conditions

Potential hazards

- Vehicles on road or track - some walkways are shared with bicycles. Take care crossing roads.

How to get here

Northern Start: Pukete Road, Hamilton

Southern End: Taitua Arboretum, Taitua Road

Transport

Hamilton Transport Centre - National/regional bus services, shuttle services and taxis - Corner of Bryce and Anglesea Sts - P: 07 839 6650 - Facilities include - Café, toilets, showers, bike and luggage lockers, telephones and parking.

- [InterCity](#) - Major North Island routes - E: info@intercity.co.nz - P: 09 583 5780
- [BusIt](#) (Huntly and Hamilton) - P: 0800 800 401
- [Dalroy express](#) (Hamilton - Auckland, New Plymouth and Hāwera) P: 0508 465 622
- [Hamilton International Airport](#) - 15km south of the city - Air NZ - P: 0800 737 000
- [Super Shuttles](#) - P: 0800 748 885 or 09 522 5100 -E: reservations@supershuttle.co.nz - Airport shuttles
- [Minibus Express](#) - P: 0800 64 64 28 or 021 685 099 - test "bus" to 9090 and they will call you. E: info@minibus.co.nz

Local transport

- Free Hamilton City Centre buses - leave every 10 minutes Monday - Friday: 7am-6pm Mon-Fri and 9am-1pm Sat-Sun
- [BusIt](#) - P: 0800 205 305
- [Hamilton Taxis](#) - P: 0800 477 477

Accommodation

There are many options available at a variety of levels, including the below:

- [Microtel Backpackers](#) - 140 Ulster St, Hamilton - P: 027 957 4848 - E: info@microtel.co.nz
- [Eagles Nest backpackers](#) - 937 Victoria St, Hamilton - P: 07 838 2704
- [YWCA Hostel](#) - Corner of Clarence and Pembroke Sts, Hamilton - single or twin share rooms at \$50 per person, per night P: 0277564402 - E: hostel@ywcahamilton.org.nz
- [Forty winks Backpackers Hostel](#) - 267 River Rd, Claudelands, Hamilton - P: 07 855 2033

Detour to campsite

- [Hamilton City Holiday Park](#) - Camping, cabins and self-contained units - 14 Ruakura Rd, Hamilton - P: 07 855 8255 - E: hchp@xtra.co.nz

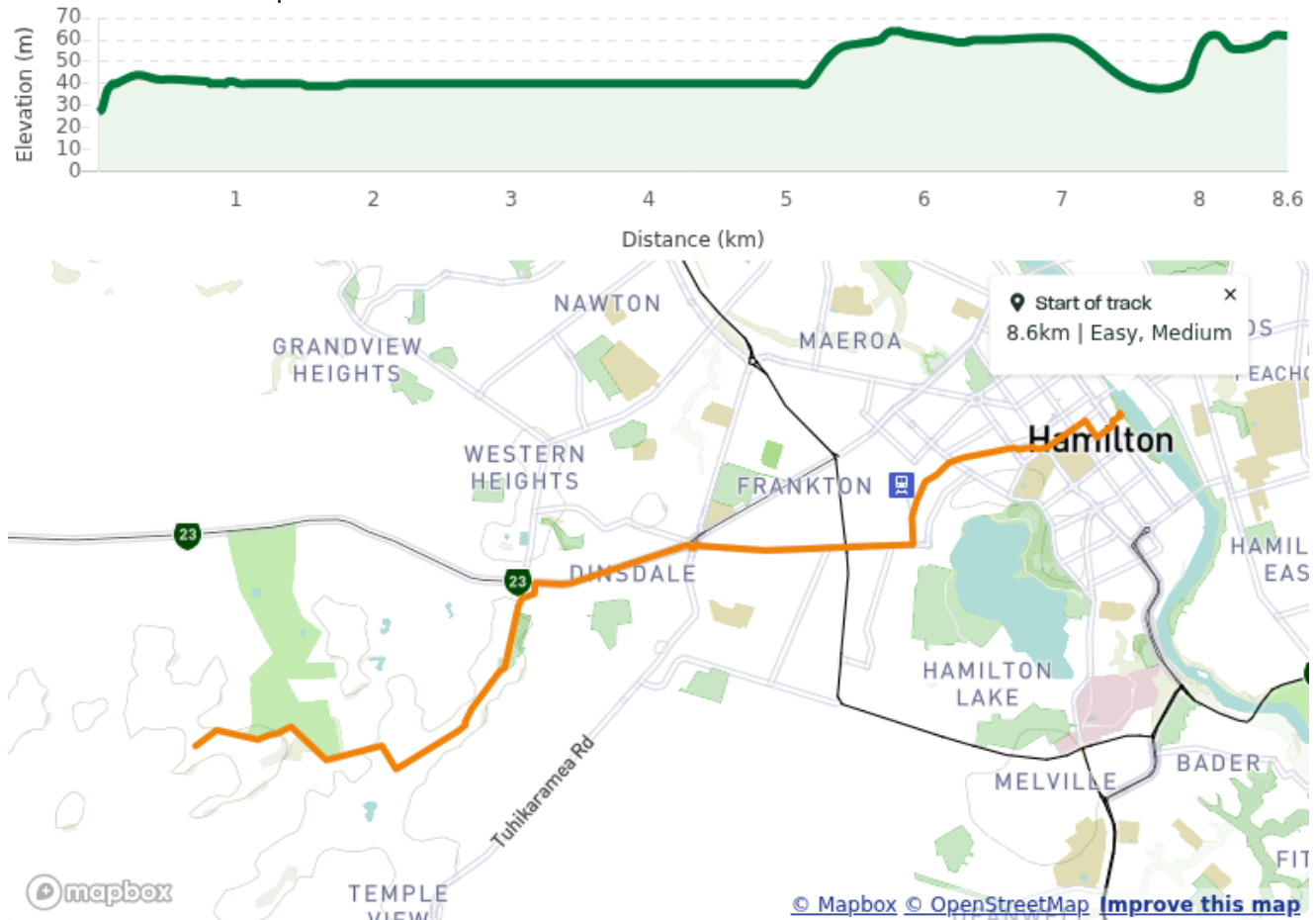
Trail Host After Hamilton

- **Taitua Road**, km 801. Rural property between Hamilton and Whatawhata. Tent space, a meal and shower if needed. Koha would be appreciated but is not compulsory. We have a big lawn with 2 friendly dogs and a space inside if the weather is not favourable. 31 Taitua Road, red ladybird letter box. Please call Matthew Snodgrass M: 021 352 818

Food And Supply

- [Pak'nSave Supermarket](#) - Clarence St, Hamilton - P: 07 839 4056 Open 7.00am -10.00pm daily.
- [Countdown Supermarket](#) - Cnr Anglesea and Liverpool Sts, Hamilton - P: 07 834 1490 Open 7.00am -10.00pm Daily
- Ginger and Honey Cafe - 1369 Victoria Street, Beerescourt, Hamilton - 10% off food and drink when Te Araroa trail pass is shown.

Track Elevation and Map



More information

- Hamilton's Taitua Arboretum is a collection of mature trees on 20 hectares of open pasture, lakes and woodland gardens linked by a network of walking tracks and bridges. The park also features great views and wonderful birdlife. Open 7 days from 8am to half an hour before dusk. Admission free.
- [i-SITE Visitor Information Centre](#) – 120 Victoria Street, Hamilton – P: 0800 426 45866 E– info@visithamilton.co.nz
- [DOC Waikato Area Office](#) – 73 Rostrevor Street, Hamilton – P: 07 858 1000

Before starting Te Araroa either as a through-walker of the whole country or a section walker, [please register on Te Araroa website](#). Please also [visit the website](#) or [download the app](#) for detailed maps, trail alerts and other relevant information.

This track is part of the Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa track database. Herenga ā Nuku has [maps and advice about public access to the outdoors](#).

We encourage you to continue gaining the skills and knowledge required for a safe trip. The NZ Mountain Safety Council has lots of free resources and information you can use. These can be accessed via www.mountainsafety.org.nz.

We recommend trying these online learning tools:

- [Trip Planning](#)
- [Tramping/field Skills](#)
- [Basic Navigation](#)
- [River Safety](#)

Additionally, check out the range of helpful videos available from the NZ Mountain Safety Council [YouTube channel](#).



