

# EAST OF AUCKLAND

- › Red-flowering trees & white sands
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- › Lakes & forest-clad hills
- › Charming villages



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When I'm not playing or training, I love heading to the beach. Out here, Cockle Bay, Howick and Bucklands beaches are only minutes away, and it's just a short drive in the country to Beachlands and Maraetai.

**THIS IS MY EAST AUCKLAND**

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This part of Auckland is world famous among 'twitchers' - bird watchers, in other words. Sweeping east around the Firth of Thames, the shallow, warm and sheltered waters of the Seabird Coast are an internationally-significant, natural haven for bird life. A stop at the information centre in Miranda will tell you all you need to know about the wading birds, their astonishing migration patterns and the habitat of the Seabird Coast.

But even if you don't go dotty over dotterels, East of Auckland will excite and delight. The Eastern bays are a magnet for boaties, windsurfers and kite-surfers, anglers, kayakers and just about anyone taking a trip out to the Gulf of Hauraki. White sand beaches, sparkling blue waters and summer's red-flowering Pohutukawa trees make any picture a postcard.

Inland, you can visit Howick for a taste of Auckland's rural past. Known for the fencible or colony community that was settled by the British in the 1840s, Howick retains a working 19th Century village display showing what life was like for early pioneers. Howick also houses All Saints, New Zealand's second oldest church.

For a delicious taste of the present, look no further than Clevedon Farmers' Market on a Sunday. Located in the showgrounds on the edge of Clevedon village, the market

## THIS IS REAL COUNTRY

Bellbirds, fantails, tui, native tomtits and wood pigeon, maybe even the endangered kokako. You can find them here.

showcases the best of local produce. You'll find organic meats and small goods, hand-made breads and pastries, rare garden-fresh vegetable varieties, local wines and a whole lot more. There are also pony rides for the children and mouth-watering cooked food available from market stalls.

The Hunua Ranges are an outdoor enthusiast's heaven. Take a walk in the woods and revel in native birdsong. Swim or kayak under Hunua Falls. You can even fish for trout in the lakes and the Wairoa river.

## THIS IS NOT TO BE MISSED

### BACK TO THE GARDEN

Green fingers and thumbs seem to go with the territory round here. There's Whitford's Bird Garden with Ayrilies Garden just nearby, plus Auckland Botanic Gardens just off State Highway 1.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Go windsurfing at Bucklands Beach
- Swim in the natural pool under Hunua Falls
- Visit Howick Historical Village
- Eat up the atmosphere - and produce - at Clevedon Farmers' Market
- Walk along beautiful Maraetai beach



### FUSH 'N' CHUPS

Everyone thinks we Kiwis have a funny accent. But, if you can make yourself understood at the Kaiaua fish and chip shop, you'll be in for a treat. It's an award winner.

### CHOCKS AWAY

Take the ultimate scenic flight over Auckland in a vintage Dakota or Catalina from Ardmore Airport. It's unforgettable.



# HOWICK

Phone: (09) 534 4769

Just 25 minutes from Auckland lies the delightful cosmopolitan village of Howick. Pavement cafés, bars and restaurants jostle with charming specialty shops. Take the ferry from Auckland to Half Moon Bay Marina with a short connecting bus to Howick. The village is steeped in history of the Fencible period, told at the Howick Historical Village in neighbouring Pakuranga.

[www.welcome2manukau.com](http://www.welcome2manukau.com)



## Howick Village

Phone: (09) 534 4796  
[www.welcome2manukau.com/howick](http://www.welcome2manukau.com/howick)

A vibrant and cosmopolitan seaside village - boutique dress and antique shops nestle against pavement cafés. Steeped in history, Howick is a great base for exploring the surrounding countryside. An excellent ferry service is available between Auckland and Half Moon Bay with connecting public transport to Howick.



## Botany Town Centre

588 Chapel Road, East Auckland  
 Phone: (09) 272 3888  
[www.botanytowncentre.co.nz](http://www.botanytowncentre.co.nz)

Botany Town Centre is one of New Zealand's largest shopping centres. It offers a unique shopping experience with over 150 stores, Berkeley Cinema, New World supermarket, cafes and restaurants to discover as you meander along cobbled lanes and picturesque piazzas.



## Half Moon Bay Marina

Cnr Aratai Rd/Argo Drive, Bucklands Beach  
 Phone: (09) 534 3139  
 Email: [info@hmbmarina.co.nz](mailto:info@hmbmarina.co.nz)  
[www.hmbmarina.co.nz](http://www.hmbmarina.co.nz)

Half Moon Bay Marina offers cafés, restaurants and shops. Ferry service between Auckland/Half Moon Bay, times from Fullers (09) 367 9111. For Waiheke Island car/passenger services phone Waiheke Shipping on (09) 534 5990 or Sealink on (09) 300 5900.



## Basalt Bar & Restaurant

127 Picton Street, Howick  
 Phone: (09) 533 0081  
[www.basalt.co.nz](http://www.basalt.co.nz)

Basalt is a warm and welcoming restaurant/bar located in the main street of Howick. We offer outstanding value for money meals and a relaxed, fun bar environment.

Try one of our unique Monteith's beers or be adventurous and dine on a hot volcanic stone with a stonegrill meal!



## Howick Historical Village

Lady Marie Drive, Lloyd Elmore Park, Pakuranga  
 Phone: (09) 576 9506  
[www.fencible.org.nz](http://www.fencible.org.nz)

A living museum of 30 buildings from 1840 to 1880, covering 7 acres.

Open daily 10am to last admission 4pm. Costumed guides, and customised group outings. Homestead Café with home baked food on site.



## Extreme Indoor Karts

82B Kerwyn Avenue, East Tamaki  
 Ph: (09) 273 5552 for track availability  
[www.extremekarts.co.nz](http://www.extremekarts.co.nz)

New Zealand's only two-level kart track. Come and try our serious hill with banked curve, steep downhill and Underpass.

Open 7 days

# POHUTUKAWA COAST

Fringed by the sparkling waters of the Hauraki Gulf, the Pohutukawa Coast is a corner of Auckland not to be missed. Catch a coffee or a late breakfast in the tiny village of Whitford, then on to busy Pine Harbour Marina for lunch. Discover the beaches of Omana and Maraetai, with spectacular views across the Hauraki Gulf and out to the Coromandel.

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## Ayrlies Garden

125 Potts Road, Whitford  
Phone: (09) 530 8706  
Email: [ayrliesgardens@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ayrliesgardens@xtra.co.nz)  
[www.ayrlies.co.nz](http://www.ayrlies.co.nz)

A 40 year old Auckland Country Garden combining temperate and subtropical planting, mature trees, waterfalls, and views to the sea. Open all year round by appointment only. Closed Sundays. Just telephone in advance.



## Whitford Bird Garden

100 Trig Road, Whitford  
Phone: (09) 530 8807  
Email: [scott42@xtra.co.nz](mailto:scott42@xtra.co.nz)

Visit our sub-tropical paradise for pheasants, finches, ducks, turtles and Amazon fish. Experience our original concepts in design, art and wildlife, including sculpture and paintings by artist Blake Twigden. Open Friday and Saturday 10am-4pm or by arrangement.



## Prenzel of Whitford

7 Whitford Wharf Road, Whitford  
Phone: (09) 530 8888  
[www.prenzelofwhitford.co.nz](http://www.prenzelofwhitford.co.nz)

"At Prenzel we take European distillation and infusion techniques and use New Zealand flavours to create International award winning alcoholic and culinary products. Our tasting room is a delicious visit and an unforgettable experience."

# CLEVEDON

Phone: (09) 534 4796

Clevedon is synonymous with 'Rural Style' where farming is still a way of life. Clevedon village offers kiwi hospitality, country charm and a burgeoning array of little shops, galleries and cafés. Discover the vineyards and wineries of the area with a visit to the lively Sunday morning Farmers Market.

[www.welcome2manukau.com](http://www.welcome2manukau.com)



## Puriri Hills Vineyard and Lodge

398 North Road, Clevedon  
Phone: (09) 292 9264  
Email: [wine@puririhills.co.nz](mailto:wine@puririhills.co.nz)  
[www.puririhills.co.nz](http://www.puririhills.co.nz)

Vineyard and winery making right bank Bordeaux style red wines. Tasting room open 11am - 4pm Sat & Sun, most weekends. Other times - please phone first. Lodge accommodates up to 6 in one suite and one double room. \$250-\$500 per night.



## Twilight Vineyard

105 Twilight Road, Clevedon  
Phone: (09) 292 9502  
[www.twilightvineyards.com](http://www.twilightvineyards.com)

Drive along our rose-lined road, through the vineyard to the tasting room where award-winning wines and amazing views await you! Please phone for group bookings. Open: All year Sat & Sun 11am-4pm Jan & Feb: everyday. Mar, Nov & Dec: Thurs-Sun. April-Oct: Weekends only



## Clevedon Animal Farm

271 Clevedon Kawakawa Road, Clevedon  
Phone: (09) 292 9231  
[www.clevedonanimalfarm.co.nz](http://www.clevedonanimalfarm.co.nz)

Visit the animals at Clevedon Animal Farm where you can watch a show, hand feed the animals and have a ride on a pony or donkey. Childrens parties and holiday programmes - prior bookings essential.



## Pine Harbour Marina

Jack Lachlan Drive, Pine Harbour  
Phone: (09) 536 4720  
[www.pineharbour.co.nz](http://www.pineharbour.co.nz)

Pine Harbour is a short ferry ride from downtown Auckland or 15 minutes drive from the Southern Motorway. A unique mix of marina facilities, cafes and shops with picnic areas, a sheltered beach and a world class golf course next door.



## Formosa Golf Resort

Experience the Lifestyle  
110 Jack Lachlan Drive, Beachlands, Auckland  
Phone: (09) 536 5895  
[www.formosa.co.nz](http://www.formosa.co.nz)

- 18 holes PGA standard golf course
- International cuisine and fine wines
- 50 luxury accommodation
- Indoor tennis, squash courts
- Swimming pool, Spa, Sauna, Gym
- Conference Facilities
- Panoramic sea views of Hauraki Gulf



## Omana Shuttles

Phone: 09 536 5935  
[www.omanashuttles.co.nz](http://www.omanashuttles.co.nz)

Door to door airport transfers, sightseeing and charters available.

Servicing and promoting the Pohutukawa Coast.



## Clevedon Woolshed

At the Clevedon Roundabout  
Phone: (09) 292 8615  
Email: [info@clevedonwoolshed.co.nz](mailto:info@clevedonwoolshed.co.nz)  
[www.clevedonwoolshed.co.nz](http://www.clevedonwoolshed.co.nz)

This charming iconic country store offers excellence in NZ-made classical knitwear and accessories, slippers, boots and other sheepskin, calfskin and possum products, woodware, ceramics, jewellery, rugs, throws, babywear and exceptional fine gifts. Open seven days, 10am-5pm.



## Clevedon Chocolate Shop

31 Main Road, Clevedon  
Phone: (09) 292 3091, (09) 238 2463  
[www.chocolateshoppe.co.nz](http://www.chocolateshoppe.co.nz)

A little bit of country with city sophistication! Over 40 hand crafted chocolates & truffles to choose from with old fashioned sweets and New Zealand favourites. Sit in our garden courtyard & enjoy a sipping chocolate - unique to us and pure heaven in a cup! Open 7 days 9.30am - 5pm. Also at 22 King Street, Pukekohe.



## Pukerau 4WD

50 Townson Road, Kawakawa Bay  
Phone: (09) 292 2825  
[www.pukerau.co.nz](http://www.pukerau.co.nz)

Pukerau in Maori means - 'a hundred hills'. An off-road experience with spectacular views and stories of a land in family ownership for over 100 years. Your vehicle or tourist in mine. Open most days by appointment.