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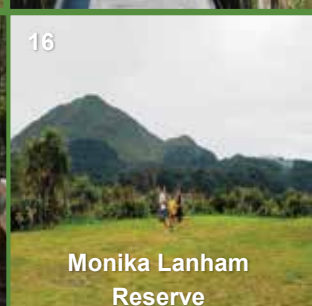
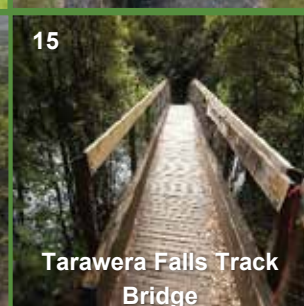
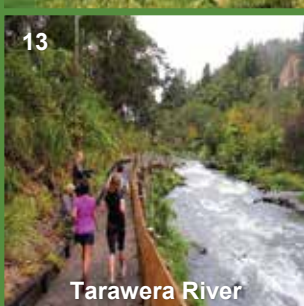
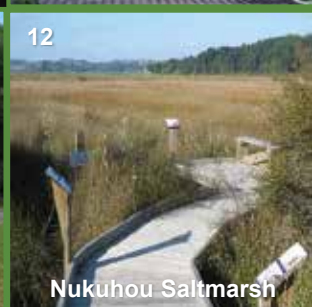
PLAY 'JOIN THE GEMS'

In the Bay of Plenty we are blessed with stunning parks, beaches and reserves to explore. This summer, Sport Bay of Plenty challenges you to discover, explore and connect with these amazing sites.

Visit the Gem sites in your local area and explore until you find the iconic locations shown below. Complete either a 'Join the Gems' horizontal line or full card by snapping a picture/selfie of yourself at each location.

Locations in a horizontal line can all be found at one Gem site - a full card means you will have explored 4 sites.

JOIN THE GEMS



Eastern Bay of Plenty

JOIN THE GEMS – EBOP

GEM: Opotiki & Motu

FIND IT: This gem sweeps east of Opotiki township to Waiaua, up Old Motu Rd, the Pakihi Track & Waioeka River.

1. **Pakowhai ki Otutaopuku Bridge:** From the start of the Motu Trail this bridge is found by following SH35 out of Opotiki. At the northern end of town is a roundabout; head north on St John St. From here you can see the bridge straight ahead.
2. **Dunes Trail:** Once over the bridge, continue to follow the trail for 5km until you reach the sand ladder seen in the photo. To complete the entire Dunes Trail is a 20km return trip. Allow 2.5 - 3 hours.
3. **Hukutaia Domain (501 Woodlands Rd, Otara):** Explore 5 hectares of one of the finest collections of native flora, with 80 species of native trees, shrubs, ferns & grasses, plus several hundred other native species introduced from elsewhere.
4. **Puriri Tree:** Also at Hukutaia Domain the Puriri tree is an ancient burial tree estimated to be 2000-2500 years old. Please take your photo from the designated path & don't cross the barrier. Allow up to 45mins at Hukutaia Domain.

GEM: Whakatane Toi's Track

FIND IT: Various start points; can be completed in sections or as a 16km round trip (clockwise direction recommended).

5. **Whakatane City View:** Start at Sea View Rd. From the carpark walk along Sea View Rd for 1 min. Look for the sign pointing to Nga Tapuwaea Toi Walkway - the start of Toi's Track.
6. **Kohi Point:** Find this by following the trail from the Whakatane City View for 30mins or drive up Kohi Point Lookout Rd.
7. **Moutohora/Whale Island:** From Kohi Point head back down to the Nga Tapuwaea Toi Walkway & go right (toward Ohope). After 20mins you'll come to a staircase where you'll get a spectacular view looking across the ocean to Whale Island.
8. **Bird Walk:** You'll find the bridge 5mins into your walk from the White Horse Dr entrance. The track then inclines before meandering through bush. A series of steps take you to the bottom of Mokorua Gorge Rd. Allow 45mins for the full track.

GEM: Ohiwa & Ohiwa Harbour

FIND IT: 35mins from Whakatane following Wainui Rd & SH2.

9. **Onekawa Te Mawhai View Point:** A little bit of climbing required to get this view but totally worth the effort. Access via the Ohiwa Domain carpark on Ohiwa Harbour Rd or via Bryan Rd at the end of Bryan Beach. Allow 45 – 90mins.
10. **Coastal Trail Ohiwa:** The harbour side trail extends 6km from Ohiwa Beach Holiday Park to the boat ramp on Ohiwa Loop Rd. Allow 1hour each way (walking).
11. **Start of Nukuhou Saltmarsh:** Off Wainui Rd, 20min drive from Whakatane. The carpark is near Cheddar Valley Pottery.
12. **Nukuhou Saltmarsh:** Follow the 2km of boardwalk & enjoy the scenic views. Visit Margaret & Stuart Slade at Cheddar Valley Pottery to learn more about the walkway & surrounding area. Allow 30 mins each way.

GEM: Kawerau/Tarawera

FIND IT: 100km south-east of Tauranga; 58km east of Rotorua

13. **Tarawera River:** Find this spot near Firmin Field, located off Waterhouse St, Kawerau.
14. **Tarawera Falls:** Pay \$5 at Kawerau Information Centre for a permit & map. Follow the track from the carpark along the Tarawera River - you'll reach a bridge. Follow the 1.4km return track to reach the falls. Allow up to 20 mins each way.
15. **Tarawera Falls Track Bridge:** Remember to get a picture on the bridge either on your way to or way back from the falls.
16. **Monika Lanham Reserve:** Park at Fenton Mill Rd. Take the blue lookout track, allowing 40 minutes.