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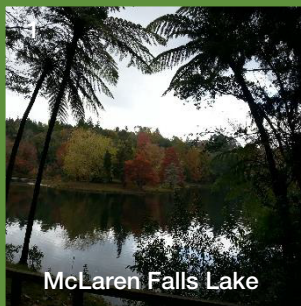
PLAY 'JOIN THE GEMS'

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



McLaren Falls Lake



McLaren Falls Bridge



McLaren Falls Waterfall



McLaren Falls Disc Golf



TECT Tree Glade



Te Rerenga Tunnel



Otanewainuku Summit



Giant Kahikatea



Bowentown - Anzac Bay



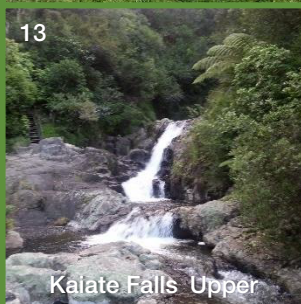
Bowentown - Shelly Bay



Orokawa - Waihi Beach



Orokawa Bay View



Kaiate Falls Upper



Kaiate Falls Lower



Summerhill Walk View



Papamoa Hills View

Western Bay of Plenty

JOIN THE GEMS – WBOP

GEM: McLaren Falls & Lower Kaimai

FIND IT: 539 McLaren Falls Rd, off SH29 (10min drive from Tauranga)

1. **McLaren Falls Lake:** Park at Bottom Flat, pick up a map from the information centre if you wish, & follow the Lakeside Walkway around the lake edge until you find this spot.
2. **McLaren Falls Bridge:** Continue on the Lakeside Walkway to this iconic location (the full Lakeside Track takes 45-minutes).
3. **McLaren Falls Waterfall:** Follow the Waterfall Track - a short (20-minute) loop walk – to arrive at this stunning waterfall.
4. **McLaren Falls Disc Golf:** Head to Pin Oak Flat & find Hole 1 of the 9- and 18-hole Tauranga Disc Golf Course.

GEM: TECT All Terrain Park & Otanewainuku

FIND IT: TECT All Terrain Park - Whataroa Rd, off S36; Otanewainuku - Mountain Rd (20km South of Tauranga or 10min drive from TECT All Terrain Park)

5. **TECT Tree Glade:** Park at the main entrance & follow the 3km Te Rerenga Tunnel Track; keep an eye out on the right.
6. **Te Rerenga Tunnel:** Halfway around the Te Rerenga Tunnel Track, this tunnel passes under Pyes Pa Rd – turn on your torch!
7. **Otanewainuku Summit:** Starting behind the shelter, follow the Summit Track for a view that is well worth the climb.
8. **Giant Kahikatea:** Located along the Summit Track, this is NZ's tallest tree species – growing up to 55 metres! The full Summit Track loop takes approximately 90-minutes.

GEM: Waihi Beach & Coastline

FIND IT: Bowentown – End of Seaforth Rd; Orokawa Bay – end of The Esplanade, Waihi Beach

9. **Bowentown - Anzac Bay:** Park at Anzac Bay carpark and head up the grassy hill to this stunning view point at Te Ho Pa site. The photo spot will be found by looking back toward where you parked the car.
10. **Bowentown – Shelly Bay:** When facing Anzac Bay from the carpark, head to the right & follow a 4-wheel drive track up & over to Shelly Bay.
11. **Orokawa Waihi Beach:** Park near the end of The Esplanade & wander to the end of the beach. Follow the signs on to the track & be sure to look behind you at the top of the hill for this shot of Waihi Beach.
12. **Orokawa Bay View:** Continue along the same track following the coastline. Snap your pic before you begin your descent into Orokawa Bay & then enjoy exploring! The Waihi Beach to Orokawa Bay round trip takes approximately 90-minutes.

GEM: Papamoa Hills Regional Park

FIND IT: Kaiate Falls – Kaiate Falls Rd, Waitao; Summerhill - 319 Reid Rd, off the Papamoa end of Welcome Bay Rd

13. **Kaiate Falls Upper:** After parking at Kaiate Falls carpark, follow the marked trail to the upper falls.
14. **Kaiate Falls Lower:** Continue along the track down to the lower falls before looping back up to the car park – the whole loop will take 45-60 minutes.
15. **Summerhill Walk View:** From the entry gate, turn left & head over farm land. You're already 250m above sea level so it doesn't take long before you find this view! Note: the entrance is a 15-minute drive from Kaiate Falls.
16. **Papamoa Hills View (via Summerhill):** Continue across farm land, following the trail past the number of sheep that call this place home. You'll see the Papamoa Hills trig in the distance – when you get there, snap your pic! Note: You cannot currently access Papamoa Hills from Poplar Lane (main entrance) due to logging.