

# The McLaren Falls Park Scavenger Hunt April 2019

Approximately an hour return going slow and taking your time. This hunt follows part of the Lakeside Walkway at McLaren Falls Park. This track is very serene with new plants and trees to view and finishes with a stunning waterfall.

The walk is all on tracks that would be suitable for prams and some wheel chairs. The tracks do have tree roots sticking up in places.

To find the START point, drive past Marshalls Animal Park. Follow the road up to the left past Pin Oak Flat veer right at the top of the hill and follow the road back down to the lake. At the bottom of the hill where the three roads meet, carefully make your way over the road to a little carpark area on the side of the lake. This is where your walk starts to your right. (Pink highlight below shows where to drive to, and then arrows show the walk)



1. How many different bird species can you name at the park today?

2. Take a rest on the first seat on the track. Look across the water and you can see trees growing in the water, amazing! How many are there?

3. In the same area, look across from you and spot the tallest tree. What kind of tree is it?

**Optional: Skip numbers 4 and 5 and continue to clue 6 if you don't want to go up the stairs**

4. Go up the stairs to count how many steps there are. (optional)

5. Name two man-made structures at the top of the stairs. Can you find the other stairs that loop back to the track? If not, you can go back down the way you came up. (optional)

6. Who's name is on this seat?

7. You've reached the gate. What animals are restricted past this point?

8. Take a selfie with you and your friends/whanau in front of the new tree plantings.

9. Walk over the bridge, and take the path to the right (walk past a BBQ with it on your right side). Up ahead, stop to draw the little waterfall beside the picnic table. Can you see any Kōura today? Leave them in the water if you do.

10. **WARNING!!** – There is a road to cross up ahead. Keep your group together and cross safely. Toilet stop if needed, then take the Waterfall loop track.

11. Find a hollowed out tree by the track and stand in it. See how many people you can fit in there. Do you think anything lives in this tree?

12. While walking through this beautiful bush, list 3 sounds that you can hear.

13. Take a photo of your group with the beautiful waterfall behind you.

Walk past the waterfall until you come to a junction. Take the 'Glow Worm' track back then cross the road and follow the track back the way you came to find your car.

**NOTE:** Please apply safe practices; be aware of yourself and others while completing this course. Please ensure you are wearing clothing and footwear appropriate to weather conditions and uneven terrain. There is no need to enter any water or veer from the main trail to complete this challenge, and persons undertake this challenge at their own risk. Sport Bay of Plenty will not be liable should an injury, loss or damage occur while undertaking this course.