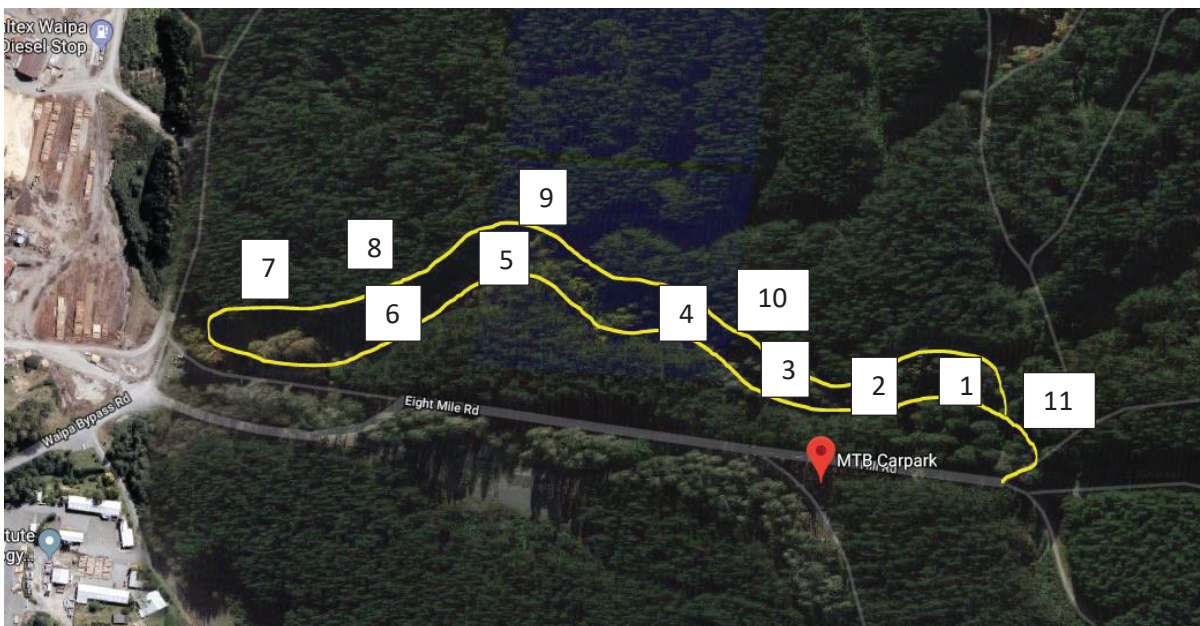


Puarenga Stream Scavenger Hunt

To begin this hunt, head south on SHW 5 towards Taupo and take a left at Waipa Mill Road (entry to Mountain biking hub at Whakarewarewa). Drive along Waipa State Mill Road then turn right onto Waipa Bypass Road, Head past Planet Bike and merge onto Eight Mile Road. You will see a white gate (eight mile Rd gate) that you can park near. Once parked walk towards the sign and you will hear the stream. Take a left at Larch Road.

This scavenger Hunt can be completed on foot or by bike so please be mindful that this is a dual use and two-way trail. Prams not advised, mountain buggies should be suitable (take at your own risk). Closest toilets are back at the Mountain Bike Hub. Allow 60 minutes to complete



1. There are many bridges along the stream, make a tally of the ones you see along your walk here _____

2. Ferns are abundant around Puarenga stream, can you find a Silver Fern amongst the other more common varieties? Take a photo and send it through with your answer sheet.
3. Name five things you can hear before you reach you next clue. _____

4. Look to your right and you will see a Maori Carving, what has been used to decorate the eyes?

5. Using only items found on the forest floor make a raft and float it down the stream. Make sure to take a photo of your raft and send it through with your completed answer sheet.

6. What species of tree is being logged in the area? _____

Head over to the water tank to complete the loop

7. What mountain bike trail exit sign do you pass as you re-enter the loop? _____

8. Can you find an unwound punga frond? Draw a picture of it here



9. Other than the punga what other native plants can you see?

10. What different leaf shapes can you see? Draw some of them below

Follow the sign for the hill road exit

11. How many mountain bikers did you pass along the way? _____

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Well done, you did it! Feel free to explore the surrounding area more or if this is the first scavenger hunt you are completing why not head 5 minutes up the road to complete our other scavenger hunt at the Tree Trust?

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.