

# OUTDOOR ARTS TRAIL MAP & GUIDE

COMMISSIONED BY 2020 NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

KEMI NIKO & CO.

Urban Hut  
CLUB

KĀPITI COAST



Gather the whānau and head outdoors for an artful expedition in search of bespoke little huts full of stories and imagination.

Inspired by iconic huts of Aotearoa, this collection of handcrafted structures await discovery along the Kāpiti Coast, from Paekākāriki to Ōtaki.

Playing with architectural forms typically found in the backcountry, artists Kemi Niko & Co. have co-designed and built five enchanting mini-huts with Kāpiti Coast communities, using salvaged materials that tell stories rich with history.

*COMMISSIONED BY 2020 NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS*

*CURATED BY BRET MCKENZIE*



*Kemi & Niko*



START YOUR HUT FINDING ADVENTURE NOW

# Urban Hut Club.NZ

Find full hut directions,  
safety notes and map

## BEFORE YOU GO

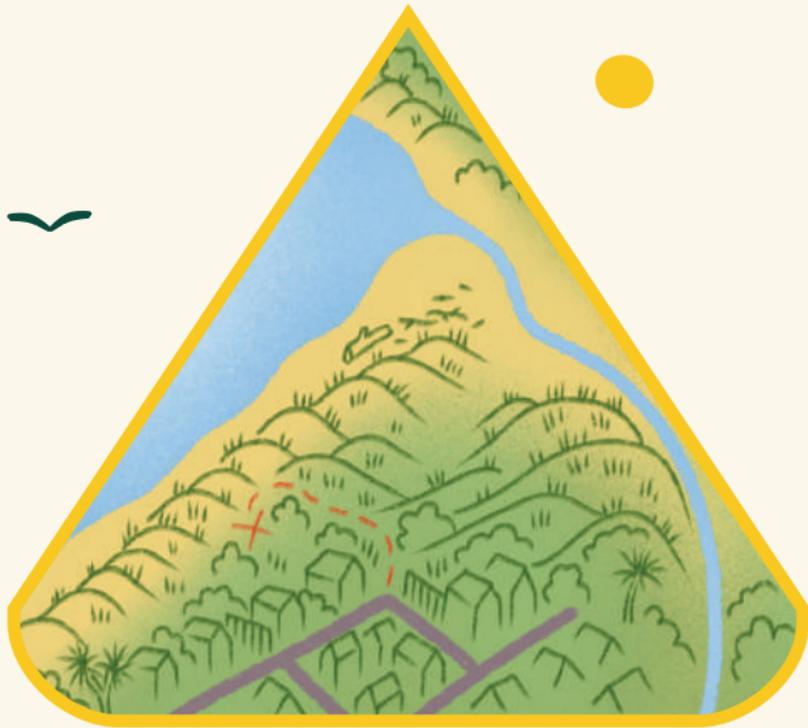
**Save your progress.** Make a shortcut to the website on your phone homescreen to keep track of what huts you've visited. If you can't get online while out and about, download the full directions beforehand at [urbanhutclub.nz](http://urbanhutclub.nz).

**Plan a day trip.** Online you'll find information on multi hut routes to try. Take your bike and the train and make a day of it!

## AT THE HUT

**Inside each hut you'll find a unique code.** Enter this on the hut webpage and it will unlock bonus hut features, including Hut Fiction, a specially commissioned short story by a local writer.





# ŌTAKI Hut

## START LOCATION

Waitohu Stream  
& Dune restoration  
area, Konini St  
entrance, corner  
of Marine Parade

## DISTANCE TO HUT

120m

## DIRECTIONS TO HUT

Walk up the path towards the beach from the Konini St entrance. Just before you get to the beach turn to your left and see if you can spot the hut. Taking care to avoid the spiky wiiwi, head off track and make your way to the hut.

## DUNE CARE

Obey all tape barriers and please don't climb the dune in front of the hut as this is an important protection for the ecosystem and is highly fragile.

# WAIKANAE Hut

## START LOCATION

Hemi Matenga  
reserve, entrance  
on Tui Cres

## DISTANCE TO HUT

250m

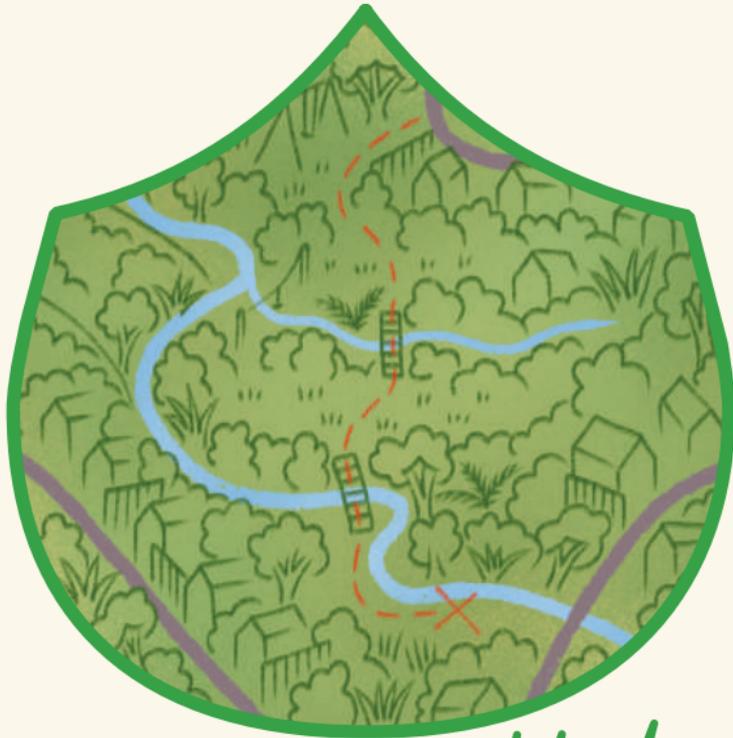
## DIRECTIONS TO HUT

Head up sealed driveway to start of bush walk and follow main track along stream. About 5 – 10 metres up from the gate there is a rough track up to your left. Scramble up there and you reach a ferny plateau. Head towards the big tree with the pink triangle marker on it. You can see the hut from there, take a selfie, then make your own way to the hut.

## TAKE THE TRAIN

The start location is 1.2km from  
Waikanae Station.





# KAITAWA Hut

## START LOCATION

Kaitawa Reserve entrance, between 22 & 26 Kaitawa Cres, Paraparaumu.

## DISTANCE TO HUT

400m (75m via more accessible route)

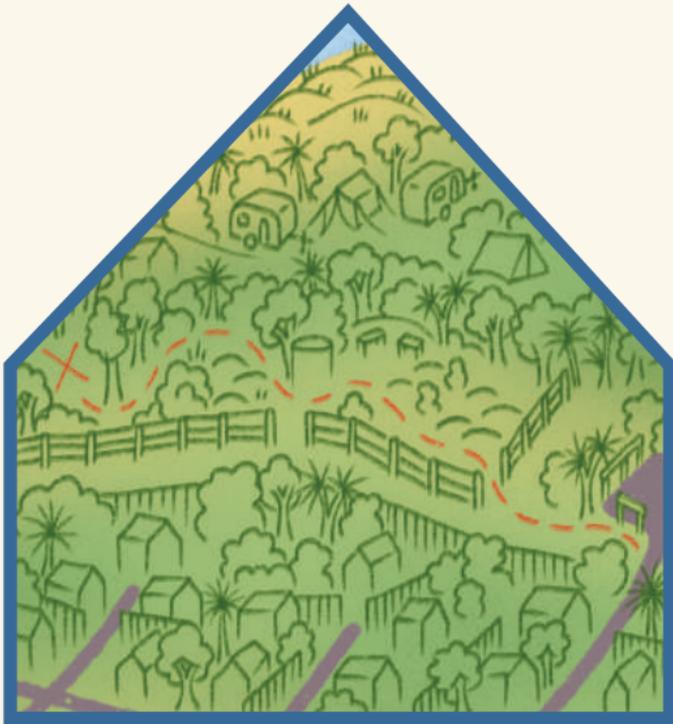
## DIRECTIONS TO HUT

Follow main track past the playground and flying fox. Cross two bridges through the bush and continue until you reach the sign for Mamakū. You will see a rough path heading towards the right, follow this. The hut sits facing the stream.

*More accessible route and start location available at [urbanhutclub.nz](http://urbanhutclub.nz)*

## TAKE THE TRAIN

The start location is 800m from Paraparaumu Station.



# PAEKĀKĀRIKI Hut

## START LOCATION

Paekākāriki  
Community  
Gardens, north  
end of Tilley Road

## DISTANCE TO HUT

200 metres

## DIRECTIONS TO HUT

Walk up the rise through the gardens and down through and under the pine tree. Beyond the blackberry patch there is an overgrown patch of tall fennel, forge your way through here a few metres, until you spy the hut.

## TAKE THE TRAIN

The start location is 1.4km from Paekākāriki Station.



# WHAREROA Hut

## START LOCATION

Whareroa Farm information bay, inland from Mackays Crossing

## DISTANCE TO HUT

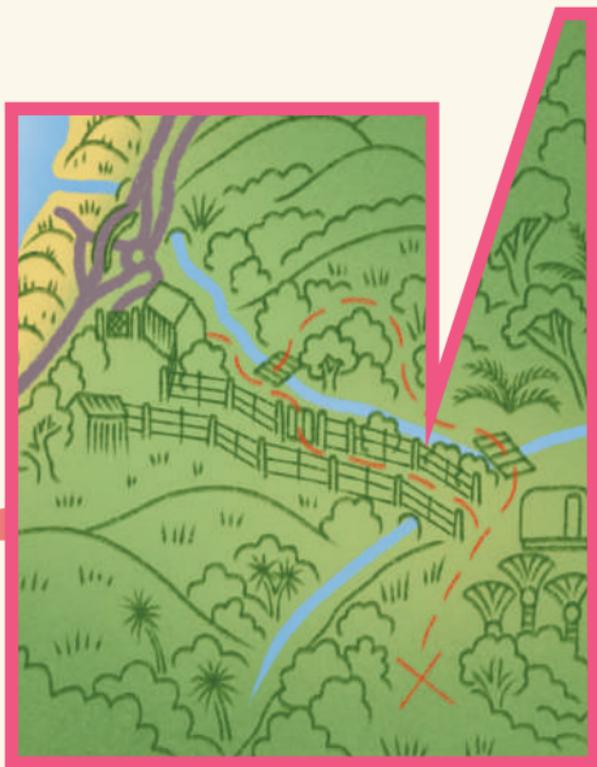
1.2km to 90m elevation

## DIRECTIONS TO HUT

From the info bay, take the 'Forest Loop Walk' route to the Hub. From this crossroads near the caravan, look south up the hill towards the Nikau palms and Matai bush. That's where you are heading. Walk uphill along the track through long grass and let the joy of being in view of the hut propel you onward.

## TAKE THE TRAIN

The start location is 4km from Paekākāriki Station.





# IF THE WALLS COULD TALK

## AUTHORS

Mandy Hager, Apirana Taylor, Renée,  
Bernard Beckett and Chris Maclean

Each hut has been paired with a Kāpiti writer who has crafted a short story to furnish the hut with character. Enjoy this story in written or audio form, either in the hut or at home.

---

In each hut you'll find a hard copy of the story and a unique code. Enter the code into **urbanhutclub.nz** to unlock your very own digital and audio copies.

FIND STORIES ON **URBANHUTCLUB.NZ**

PARTNERED BY:

**Springload** 

THANKS TO:

 **creative** *nz*  
ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND / TOI AŌTEAROA

**NZCT**  
NZ COMMUNITY TRUST

  
**Kāpiti Coast**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
He Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri



*We want to see your hut  
selfies! Tag us in your posts  
and get featured on the  
project Instagram page*

 [@UrbanHutClub](https://www.instagram.com/UrbanHutClub)

 [Kemi Niko & Co.](https://www.facebook.com/KemiNiko)

"IF ART SHOULD BE  
ACCESSIBLE, PARTICIPATORY  
AND FUN, THEN KEMI AND  
NIKO HAVE SUCCEEDED  
SPECTACULARLY"

— *Wilderness Mag on Miniature Hikes 2014-16*



**New  
Zealand  
Festival**

**OF THE ARTS**

*Discover all 5 Urban Huts*

@URBANHUTCLUB | FESTIVAL.NZ/URBANHUTCLUB