

HIGHBURY + ESKDALE RESERVE

[As at Jan 09]

A strenuous walk into the 'wilds' of Highbury and Eskdale. Secluded bush reserves and some short but steep tracks are a feature of this easily overlooked territory. **More suitable for walkers who are confident in a bush setting.**

Start at **BIRKENHEAD LEISURE CENTRE** in **MAHARA AVE**. Toilets and ample parking available nearby.
Allow about 1+1/4 hours approx 8000steps/ 7KM



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START !! From the parking area walk down the drive to the right behind the grandstand down to the lower sports ground. Cross diagonally to the far left hand corner of the field and pick up a gravel path down to the next grassy level. !! Keeping to the path to the left walk round to pick up the main path into the bush and continue on to reach a bridge.

!! Take the **steep path up to the right for a few metres** then turn sharply left passing 2 manhole covers (look for them on your return). Follow on to eventually exit by no **98 Parkhill Rd** (also look for no 98 coming back).

Turn left down **Parkhill Rd** then right into **Berne Pl**!! and on into **Roseberry Ave**. Just past no **97 Roseberry** turn right into **Ridgewood Reserve** and follow this track to reach a T-junction.

!! Take the path to the right, cross the bridge, continue up through the bush to a fork in the track and take either track to exit into **Ridgewood Cres**. Turn left into **Ridgewood Cres**, right into **Inglis St** then left into **Eskdale Rd**.

!! **About 200m down Eskdale Rd** cross over and enter **Eskdale Nature Park** (signage was very damaged at time of writing). Follow the path along the fence line and eventually turn down into the bush. Follow this path until you go over a bridge then turn left at the track intersection.

!! Continue along to some wide steps down to the right – go down them and continue on this path to some more steps and at this intersection **turn left**. Continue along and over a bridge and again **turn left** and continue along this well formed track to eventually come out on **Eskdale Rd** (substation on right).

!! Walk back up **Eskdale Rd** and turn right into **Hobby Ave**. Continue to the end and up the path (**Hobby and Inglis meet here**). Turn right and go down the concrete path next to no **29** then turn left onto a bush track and continue down through the bush and across a bridge. Veer left and follow the track to return to the exit to **Ridgewood Reserve** into the end of **Roseberry Ave**.

From here you retrace your steps back to the start by turning left into **Berne Pl**, left into **Parkhill Rd**, right at no **98** then along the tracks back to the start.

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