

NORTHCOTE – Tuff Crater and Onepoto Basin

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This surprising and well camouflaged walk follows round the craters of two extinct volcanoes and includes a number of hidden walkways and reserves which often need careful scrutiny to locate – be warned! This is an easy to medium grade walk with mainly level tracks and just a few short uphill slopes.

Start from Northcote Library, Northcote Shopping Centre. Ample parking nearby, toilets available at Northcote Centre by library and Onepoto Domain. Allow approximately 1 hr/ 6 000 steps/5 KM



START !! From the **Northcote Library**, walk up **Ernie Mays St** turn left into **College Rd** cross over and walk along **College Rd to no 77**. Turn right down the walkway, exit into **St Peters St** and continue down to the **Tuff Crater Lookout**.

!! From the **Lookout** take the track to the right and walk right round the basin to exit at the grassy area near the motorway over bridge (go up and check out the view if desired).

!!!!!! A very tricky section here!!! Facing inland veer left towards a small shed (Pumping station no 40) continue on the same line towards the near side of the most obvious house. Walk up the grass on the left hand side of their drive as this is the public walkway up to HEATH AVE

!! At **Heath Ave** turn right and walk along to **Sylvan Ave** cross over and turn left. Just past the flats at no 72 turn right into a major access way down into **Onepoto Basin**.

!! Walk carefully down the gravelly track to the bottom and follow the track across the basin through the playground area and out to the access road (toilets

available here). **!!! Another tricky situation here so look carefully at the map to get an idea of where you should be aiming for!** Walk to the right of the lakes and head off across the grassy area towards trees and a stream, cross the bridge and continue on the same line out to **Tarahanga St**.

!!! Go to the lamp post about 100m to the left of the first house across the road and down the steps leading to the path beside the stream. Follow this track as it becomes a bush track. After 5 mins or so it comes to a set of steps, ignore these and continue to a second set of steps – go about halfway up then turn left to a poorly defined track with lots of tree roots etc This track continues to follow the stream and will bring you out just before NORTHCOTE TENNIS CLUB.

As you approach Northcote **Tennis Club** turn right and walk round the courts and up their driveway to **Kororo St**.

Turn right and walk along to the end of **Kororo St** then turn left into the tiny bush reserve up to **Dudding Ave**.

Walk up **Dudding Ave**, turn left into **Exmouth St**, right into **College Rd** and back to the start.,

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