

**Did you know?**  
The ancient adventurer Kupe is said to have discovered Aotearoa, New Zealand. His great legacy can be found throughout the Hokianga.



WANDERING WITH ANCESTORS



- 12 Point of interest
- Tohu Whenua
- Route
- Walking track
- Swimming
- Food
- Cafe
- Shop
- Petrol station
- EV Charging
- Scenic views
- Iconic photo stop!
- Local favourite
- Don't miss
- Twin Coast Cycle Trail

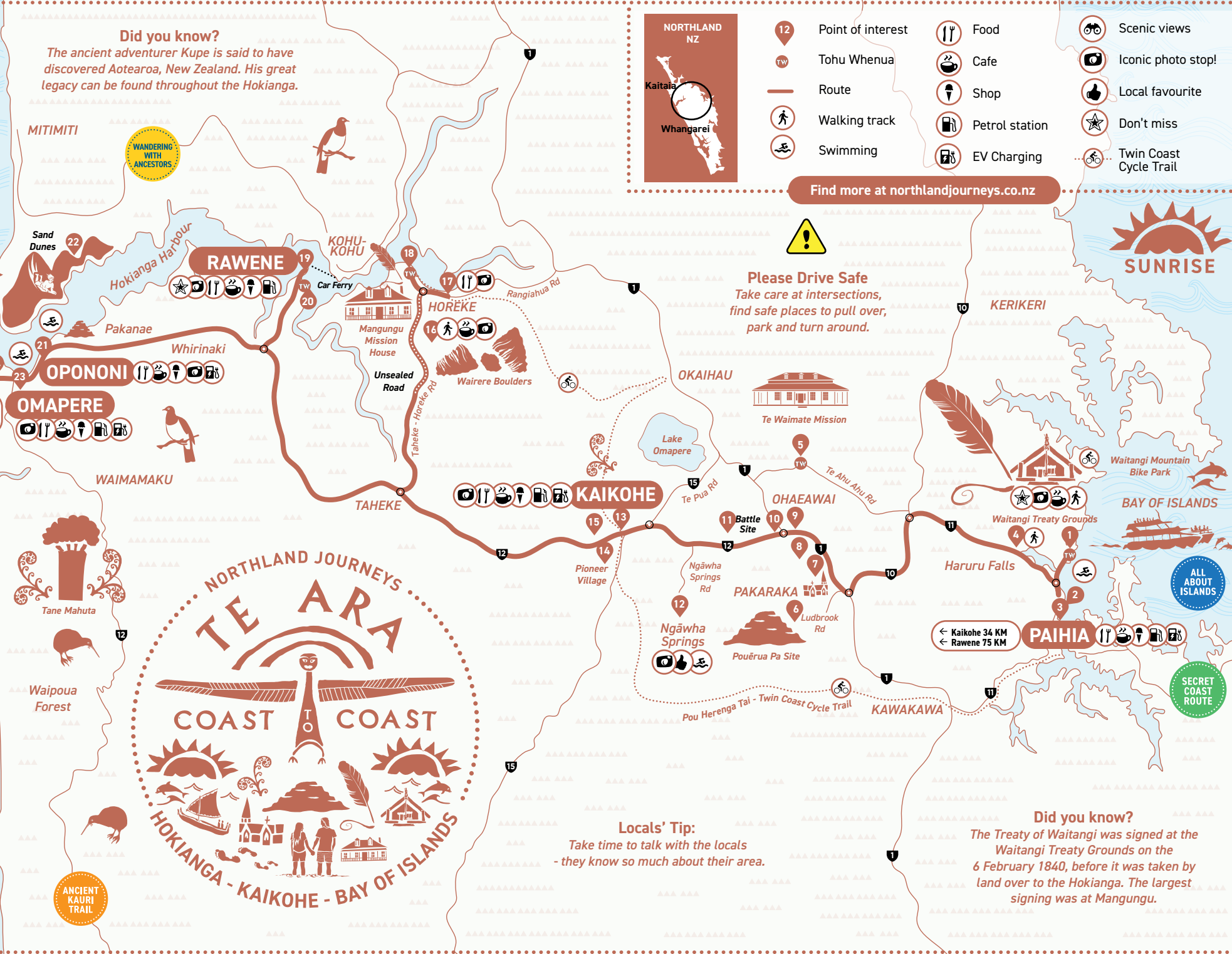
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**Please Drive Safe**  
Take care at intersections,  
find safe places to pull over,  
park and turn around.



→ Rawene 24 KM  
→ Kaikohe 55 KM  
↓ Waipoua Forest 20KM



ALL ABOUT ISLANDS

SECRET COAST ROUTE

**Locals' Tip:**  
Take time to talk with the locals  
- they know so much about their area.

**Did you know?**  
The Treaty of Waitangi was signed at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds on the 6 February 1840, before it was taken by land over to the Hokianga. The largest signing was at Mangungu.

Te Ara, the pathway, from the Pacific Ocean to the Tasman Sea has arguably seen more early human history recorded than any other journey in the land. From the time of Kupe's naming of the Hokianga Harbour (Kaitaki o Te Wahapu o Hokianga Nui a Kupe) over 800 years ago, through to the largest signings of the Treaty of Waitangi at either end of this journey, this well used pathway, portage and set of roads has provided a dependable connection between two very different coastlines.

Magnificent sunrises in the east are matched by superb sunsets in the west - only 88 km away - but the tides are different, the coastlines are different and the relaxed towns of the Hokianga are a contrast to the busier towns of Paihia and Russell on the edge of the Bay of Islands.



SUNSET

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### Te Waimate Mission <sup>tw</sup>

New Zealand's first farm was established by the Church Missionary Society to teach farming practices in the new colony. There have been many visitors over the years including Charles Darwin for Christmas in 1835!

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### Pouērua (basaltic scoria cone)

Pouērua is registered with the Heritage New Zealand as a traditional site. It shows a series of contours that would have been pathways up and around the mountain to and from the pa site.

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### Pakaraka Church

The Holy Trinity Church (Anglican) is listed as a historic place built in 1873 to commemorate the life of early missionary Henry Williams, who retired to Pakaraka.

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### Ludbrook House

Still in the Ludbrook family, this heritage property dates back 190 years and is now registered by the New Zealand Gardens Trust. Offers garden and farm tours incl. gourmet food. Best to book in advance (ph 09 4059 846).

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### Taiamai Rock

About 400 metres south east of the Ohaeawai Hotel there's a large volcanic, sacred boulder standing 3.5 metres high.

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### Ohaeawai

Today Ohaeawai is famous for its authentic wooden buildings on the corner of two highways but in 1845 near St Michael's Church it was the site of a major battle at Hone Heke's pa where 41 British soldiers died and over 70 were injured.

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### St Michael's Church

This historic church sits on one of the most significant battle sites in Te Tai Tokerau Northland. There is a pathway between the church and old school with interpretation panels sharing an overlay of the rich history of the battle and other associated narratives.

# TE ARA

## COAST TO COAST



SUNRISE

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### Rawene

No trip to this part of the world would be complete without visiting this picturesque waterfront town. Rawene is New Zealand's third oldest European settlement. Wander past the historic buildings and art galleries, or board the car ferry from Rawene to Kohukohu on the northern shore of the harbour.

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### Clendon House <sup>tw</sup>

Enjoy a glimpse of stylish colonial living dating back to 1860. Learn about the resourceful wife of Captain James Reddy Clendon.

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### Opononi

A beautiful place to stop for a coffee or a bite to eat on a sunny café balcony and enjoy the views across to the sand hills on the northern side of the Hokianga Harbour.

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### Sand Dunes

Sandboarding, hiking or fishing, with sand hills more like sand mountains there's some serious fun to be had in the north-western side of the Hokianga Harbour.

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### Omapere

This is the place for a walk on the beach or jumping in for a swim, and afterwards a rewarding view of the sunset from the hotel deck is a must.

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### Arai Te Uru

The views from here are legendary and there's a legend here to behold just a short walk from the carpark. Arai Te Uru Heritage Walk offers much more than spectacular views - the legacy of Kupe and his descendants are described here.

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### Ngāwha Springs

The healing and hot waters of Ngāwha Springs are a very special place for local Māori. All pools have individual names and amazingly they are different colours and different temperatures.

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### Kaikohe

With over 500 years of continuous settlement Kaikohe is home to Ngāpuhi - New Zealand's largest Iwi (tribe) and it's also the midpoint of your journey from coast to coast and the midpoint for Pou Herenga Tai - Twin Coast Cycle Trail.

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### The Pioneer Village

There are some hidden gems here inside and outside the 11 heritage buildings dating back to 1862. The friendly guides have the time to share some of the secrets of the village with you.

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### Hone Heke Memorial Park

Head up the hill to the Hone Heke monument at the western end of town for great views of the surrounding area.

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### Wairere Boulders Nature Park

Classed as an 'outstanding natural feature' these eroded basalt rocks alongside subtropical rainforest offer self-guided walks of between 30 minutes and 2 hours.

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### Horeke

When visitors want to get away from it all, places like Horeke answer the call. Once home to NZ's first shipyard, post office, and hotel, Horeke is now a quaint settlement that wraps the harbour's edge. Mangungu Mission House is close by.

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### Mangungu Mission House <sup>tw</sup>

Originally a Wesleyan mission station this beautifully positioned house became the scene of the largest signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

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### Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Stand at the place where our founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi, was signed by Māori Chiefs and the British Crown on 6 February 1840. Waitangi Treaty Grounds hosts two contemporary museums, including Te Kōngahu which brings to life the history of Waitangi and Aotearoa New Zealand's founding documents.

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### Paihia Wharf

There is always something happening here. Enjoy a drink or dine at one of the waterfront bars and restaurants, or board a boat to head out into the bay. Visitors can also find more information at the i-Site.

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### Paihia Township

Enjoy the excitement that is Paihia where the cafés, restaurants, shops and tourism businesses are all geared towards you enjoying this beautiful bay.

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### Haruru Falls

A lovely horseshoe shaped waterfall only 3km from Paihia. Also connecting with 5km walk through to Waitangi Treaty Grounds.



## Must Do's

### Dip

Celebrate the different coasts by dipping your toes in the ocean then the sea or the sea then the ocean. You could even photograph the messages you write in the sand on either coast.

### Taste

The name Kaikohe is a shortened version of Kai kohekohe which means 'to eat berries'. Kaikohe is the midpoint of your journey from east to west (or west to east). It's a busy service town with cafes famous for their fried bread sandwiches and, if it's a hot day, an ice cream - *preferably berry flavoured* - is a must!

### Pa Sites

If you were to travel this route a few hundred years ago you would see a series of Pa sites on many of the hilltops between the coasts.

<sup>tw</sup> **Tohu Whenua** are places around New Zealand that matter to us. Northland has nine 'Tohu Whenua' - places rich in historical or cultural significance. Visit [www.tohuwhenua.nz](http://www.tohuwhenua.nz)

