

Thursday 9 March

Puketoki Reserve walk and talk

Take a stroll along the long loop checking out the photo montages and the significant trees en route. We'll 'show and tell' the traps and trap lines along the way. Spot prizes are on offer to all. Bring a picnic lunch to have by the car park reserve. Please leave your dogs at home.

10am, Puketoki Reserve, Whakamarama. Meet at the carpark on Leyland Road.

Hosted by Friends of Puketoki Reserve

Saturday 11 March

Pukehina Surf n Sand Autorama 2023

It's all about supporting our local heroes the Pukehina surf life saving club and Pukehina Volunteer Fire Brigade whilst having some fun. Live music, food and craft stalls and some of the best classic and custom cars from around the Bay.

\$10 entry fee for cars and bikes, gold coin entry for the public.

10am-2pm Midway Park, Pukehina.

Hosted by the Pukehina Charitable Trust.

Friday 10 March

Outdoor Yoga

Free outdoor yoga with Liv from Manawa Yoga. Gentle, flowy yoga to celebrate Parks Week. Mats will be provided and places are limited.

10-10:45am, Behind the Arts Junction, Katikati

Hosted by Manawa Yoga, Katch Katikati and Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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Phone: 07 549 5250

Sunday 12 March

Maketu Spit Litter Clean-up

Join us to collect litter along Maketu Spit and protect our moana from rubbish. Meet Rangers from the Department of Conservation with tips about what to do when you see wildlife on the beach. Gloves and bags will be provided alongside light refreshments.

9-11am, starting at the mouth of the Kaituna River, Ford Road, Maketu.

Hosted by Maketū Ōngātoro Wetland Society, Envirohub and the Department of Conservation.

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Join us in celebrating

**PARKS
WEEK** 
4 - 12 March 2023

Parks Week 2023 is all about celebrating our parks, and all the ways we use them to gather and connect. We've pulled together a packed calendar to of events that showcase how much we use and love our local parks.

You can also enjoy Parks Week by doing your own self guided scavenger hunt in TECT Park, Te Puke, Te Puna, Katikati or Waihi Beach. Everyone who completes a scavenger hunt worksheet during Parks Week can claim a prize from their local Western Bay library. Scavenger hunt worksheets can be downloaded from westernbay.govt.nz/discover-your-district.

Be sure to RSVP where needed, or follow along on Facebook for event updates. Details also available online at westernbay.govt.nz/parks-week-2023

Saturday 4 March

Wander dogs walk and educational kōrero

All dog breeds are welcome, for this free community dog walk, and everyone gets a special doggy treat bag to take home. This year our walks will also include a cool new feature - 'power-up education talks' from our Animal Services Officer Betty (and her sidekick Alfie).

9am, Te Ara Kahikatea Walkway, Te Puke

Hosted by Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Waitekohekohe Recreational Park Opening

Join us for the official opening of Waitekohekohe Recreational Park. BYO bike to have a go on the beginners trails or chuck your togs on and try out one of the swimming holes.

10am, 252 Thompsons Track

Equestrian carpark

Hosted by Katch Katikati and Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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Rongoa in your local Reserve

The guided walk and workshop will cover and introduce Rongoa (health and wellbeing from a Māori perspective), what it is, tikanga (culturally correct way of engaging with the plant world), plant identification and sustainable harvesting. At the end of the walk you'll make drinks to take home using the Rongoa plants you've learnt about. Bring appropriate footwear, hat and water bottle. Bookings are essential as spots are limited.

10am-2pm, l'Anson Reserve (meet at the Loop Road entrance), Te Puna

Hosted Kiwi Homesteaders, Forest and Bird Tauranga, and friends of l'Anson Reserve

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Sunday 5 March

Plant Sale at Te Puna Quarry Park

The first plant sale of the year is on at Te Puna Quarry Park. Come along and get some amazing plants for your autumn planting. The wonderful volunteers have grown the plants and all proceeds from the plant sale go directly back to Te Puna Quarry Park.

10am-1pm, Te Puna Quarry Park

Hosted by Te Puna Quarry Park

The Waihi Beach Sunday Market

Your Sunday morning must-do! Get out and about and enjoy the happy Sunday morning vibes at the Sunday Market. Fresh produce, flowers, food, coffee and much more each week.

9am - 1pm, Wilson Park, Citrus Avenue, Waihi Beach

Hosted by Weekend Events

www.weekendevents.co.nz

Tuesday 7 March

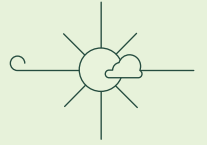
Guided Walk Te Puna Quarry Park

Come along for a guided tour of Te Puna Quarry Park. The gardens are filled to the brim with special areas of all varieties, including irises, cacti and succulents, a palm grove, bonsai corner, butterfly garden and much more. Good walking shoes are recommended and the main circular track is a 45 minute walk.

10am-12pm, at Te Puna Quarry Park

Hosted by Te Puna Quarry Park

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Haiku Hikoi

Celebrate Parks Week with a guided hikoi through Haiku Park, Katikati. Learn more about the fascinating poetic features of this unique park. Experts will also explain the restoration mahi happening along the river margins, and the benefits for wildlife and humans alike. There will be spot prizes on offer and a free ice-cream to finish.

10am-12pm, meet at the Haiku Park carpark (entrance off Main Road, Katikati).

Hosted by Haiku Park Committee, Project Parore, and Renaturing Katikati
RSVP: kea@projectparore.nz



Wednesday 8 March

Kai in the Park

We're carrying on the tradition of previous Kai in the Park events. The Daily Cafe will provide kai for all to share in a nice relaxed, inviting environment for all our community members to attend.

11am, Jubilee Park, Te Puke

Hosted by the Epic Te Puke, Daily Café, Western Bay of Plenty District Council

