



WALK/CYCLE IN THE CITY

Te Ara o Waikanae

Alfred Cox Park

Cycle and Walkway



Grade
Easy



Distance
2km



Walking
30 mins



Cycling
15 mins



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This is an attractive, mainly off-road trail between Gisborne's Alfred Cox Skatepark and Midway Beach/Oneroa Trail. Most of the route runs alongside the Waikanae Stream through a tree-lined park. The Grey Street precinct includes the popular international standard skate park and pump track, the isite Visitor Information Centre and mini-golf. People use this trail to mix up a beach experience with a quiet, tree-lined park.

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ALFRED COX, THE MAN

The man behind the name Alfred Cox Park bought trees and land for public parks, and helped develop natural assets for public use and enjoyment. Born in Gisborne in 1883, Cox joined the Post and Telegraph Department in 1897 and survived the South African Boer War. In 1922, he bought 3,500 trees from the NZ Forest Service to plant a soldiers' memorial park on Titirangi/Kaiti Hill. Later, he bought eight acres at the top of Beach Rd (now Endcliffe) to provide access to Kaiti Beach and enable a throughway to be built along the top of the hill. He bought and gifted six acres on either side of Grey St, part of which became the park. Cox received an MBE in 1966 for his efforts. He helped secure public access to Waikanae Beach along the full length of the foreshore, and with donations from citizens, councils and unemployment relief funds enabled the development of a five and a half-mile marine drive from the gaol to the Waipaoa River. With assistance from others, he bought land that became Churchill Park and secured the 1944 release of gaol buildings and land for use as a motor camp. He planted Norfolk pines and pohutukawa along the beach, but few survived. Park use ramped up from 2022, when a pump track was built and the Alfred Cox Skatepark developed, the vision of Tairāwhiti Adventure Trust.



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