



Kauri Museum

SCHOOL'S INFORMATION
AND BOOKING PACK

Deep in the heart of an ancient forest that's gone, the Kauri Museum celebrates one of the world's greatest trees and honours our relationship with it.



INFORMATION FOR VISITING SCHOOLS

Admission Rates:	School Children	\$6.00
	Accompanying Adults	\$6.00

Haere mai! Ki te Whare Taonga o te Kauri. Thank you for considering the Kauri Museum for your learning activity. We have school resource kits available on request. The kit includes worksheets and a brochure. We recommend these are retained for future use.

Recommendations for making the most of your visit:

- Students enjoy the Museum when they are supported to engage with the exhibits. Smaller group learning where students can ask and answer questions and work in a team works well.
- Please supply clipboards for students to work with. We have some available if required. Please request these when booking.
- We offer short talks in the Old School House. Please request when booking. The contents of this space are part of the Museum's collections, so students must be accompanied by adults. Due to the acoustics, we recommend smaller groups, but we can accommodate up to 30 students in this space.
- Picnic tables are available on the verandah and lawn for use at lunchtime. Toilets are available inside the museum.
- Refreshments are available from the Gumdigger's Café. Phone (09) 431 7075.

Bookings for school visits are required.

Contact the Kauri Museum on 09 431 7417 for bookings

and/or further information, or email admin@kaurimuseum.com.

The tale unfolds in the cosmos, where the Goddess of Earth, Papatuanuku, and the God of the Sky, Ranginui, lie tightly entwined in darkness. Frustrated at being constrained in the dark, several of their children try and fail to separate them before one is successful. God of the Forest, Tane Mahuta, takes the form of a kauri tree and uses his legs to separate the earth and the sky – an event known as Te Waonui o Tane. This act heralds the transition from darkness to light, filling the world with vitality.

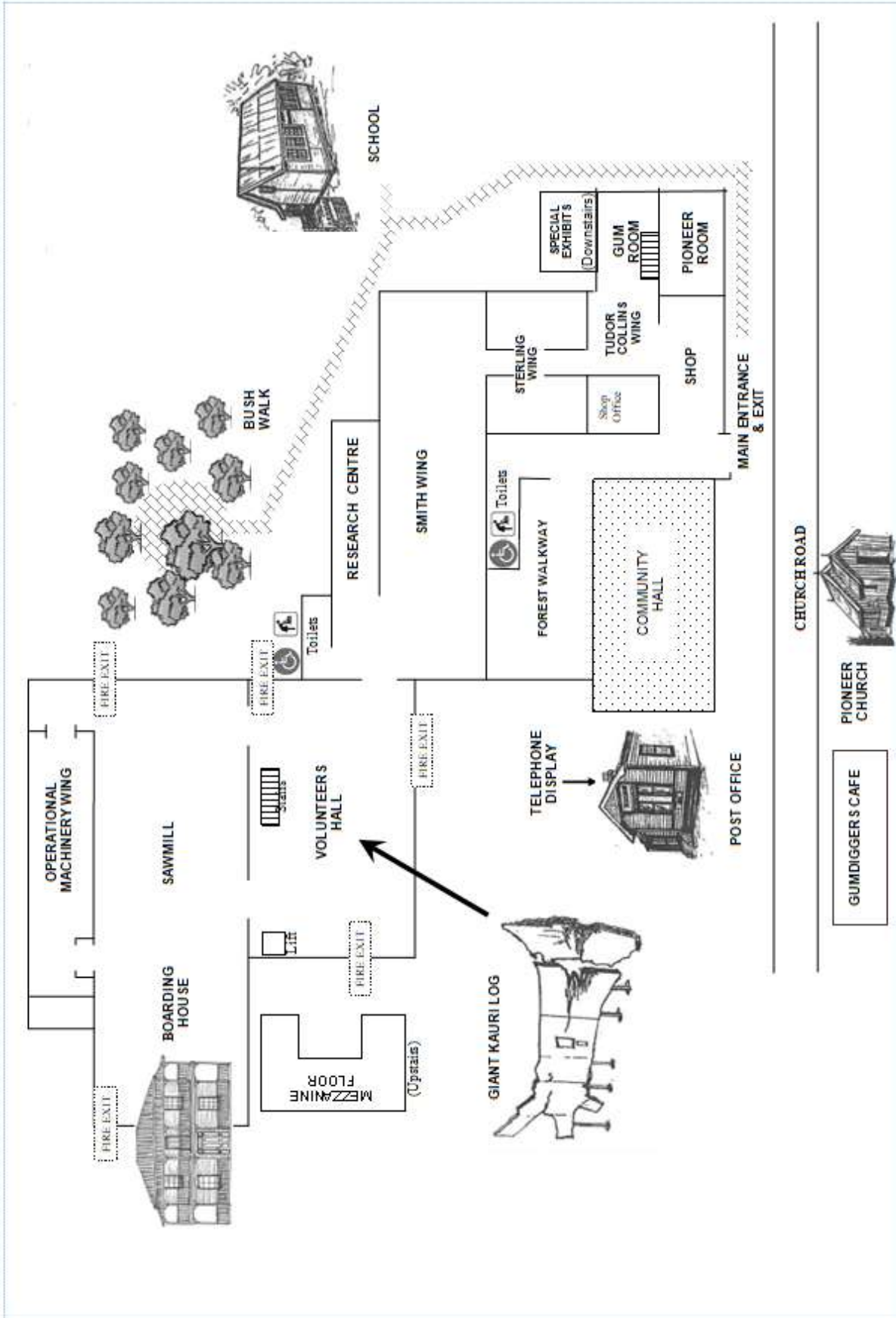


Visitors to the Kauri Museum now experience this profound journey from the primordial shadows to the radiant light in our Forest Walkway, showcasing the pivotal role of the kauri in shaping the world's existence. The Forest Walkway echoes the essence of forests past and those yet to come, akin to strolling through a Once-and-Future Forest.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Adults/teachers must always accompany students.
- We prefer a 1:5 adult to student ratio.
- We appreciate your consideration for our exhibits and other visitors in the Museum.
- Worksheets must be used in conjunction with clipboards.
- Students will not have access to the Museum Shop unless by prior arrangement.
- School bags, food, chewing gum and drinks are not permitted inside the Museum.



MUSEUM LAYOUT:



Entrance and Forest Walkway:

Alive with a natural soundscape of bird song and sounds from the native bush, the Walkway takes visitors back in time to the Jurassic era when kauri emerged in Gondwanaland. It introduces the Maori dimension of the story and, in particular, the story of Tane Mahuta and the creation of the world of light.

Volunteers Hall:

Showcases the Balderstone Kauri, a huge, 22.5-meter-long kauri wood panel which was gifted to the Museum after the original tree was struck by lightning; staircase with turned kauri railings to the mezzanine, made from the wood of the Balderstone Kauri. Extensive collections of kauri and antique furniture. Collection of kauri built sailing vessels, and model boats. Wood workshop with collection of antique woodworking tools.

Boarding House:

Life-size recreation of a two-storey boarding house sits inside the museum. As well as providing accommodation, boarding houses provided an important focal point for local commerce, enabling visiting professionals such as dentists and bankers to set up shop and service the local community.

Sawmill:

The Museum includes an authentic reproduction of a full-sized steam powered sawmill, which moves at slow speed so visitors can get up close to see how the mill works to process the trees into useful wood. The mill also includes Jim Down's Chainsaw Collection with over 100 chainsaws on display.

Operational Machinery Wing:

Collection of operational machinery that helped mould the kauri timber industry and farming practices. Milk the cow activity.

Smith Wing:

The Smith Wing shows huge kauri logs and has actual equipment for felling trees, transporting logs, milling timber and collecting kauri gum. Includes a blacksmith's workshop and a bush hut with authentic models in realistic scenes.

Sterling Wing:

The Sterling Wing showcases a fascinating recreation of a quality 1880-1920 six room home, fully furnished with original decor and lifelike models dressed in period costume – wall to wall with authentic furniture, fittings and ornaments. The Sterling Wing is typical of how kauri timber was used for building homes and for making beautiful furniture, and features many valuable Northland heritage pieces.

Tudor Collins Wing:

Room contains beautiful kauri furniture, kauri gum and wonderful wood paneling. The Museum holds the photographs of Tudor Collins in our collections; these are a priceless record of images of the kauri industry, the people, and the forests of Northland.

Gum Room:

5,000 pieces of golden, honey-coloured, kauri gum glow in this jewel in the Museum's crown: the best and biggest collection of gum in the world.

OUTSIDE:



Post Office

From 1909 to 1988 the Matakohe Post Office acted as a centre for the local community. The building itself was built from kauri milled locally. Services offered at the Post Office included postal, banking, telephone, marriage licenses, and official government applications.

Pioneer Church

Erected in 1866-67 this beautifully preserved kauri timber church is set in stunning heritage rose gardens with a view over rolling pastures.

School

Early education began in Matakohe in 1878 and the Museum's Pioneer School was Matakohe's first school building. The school is complete with desks, pens, books, maps and more.

Gumdiggers Café:

Good eating, good coffee! Open 10am-3pm



SCHOOL BOOKING FORM



VISIT DETAILS

Name of School: _____

Date of Visit: _____ Time of Visit: _____

Number of Children: Primary: _____

Intermediate: _____

Secondary: _____

Accompanying Adults: _____

Do the children require clipboards? YES / NO If yes, number required: _____

INTRODUCTORY TALK (Max 30 children per talk)

Select one location:

Museum Entrance and Forest Walkway

Old School House

Are the children to work on a specific project? YES / NO

If yes, please provide details:

SCHOOL CONTACT PERSON:

School Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE EMAIL THIS BOOKING FORM TO: admin@kaurimuseum.com