

## Twin Coasts Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako

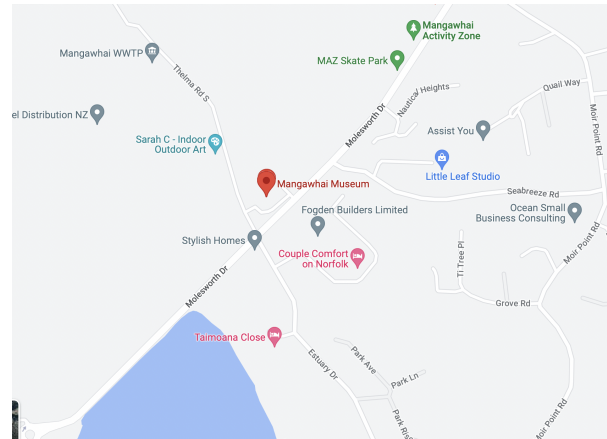
### Local histories - Site information

Site: Mangawhai Museum



Address: Corner of Molesworth Drive and Thelma Road, Mangawhai Heads

Map:



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### Logistics:

Opening hours - 10.00am-4.00pm. This can be negotiated during organisation e.g. a school group could potentially come at 9.00am.

Cost - School children: \$5; Teachers: Free; Accompanying parents/caregivers: \$6

Parking - private vehicles can park in front of the museum. There is also extensive parking to the left side of the museum, and across the carpark in front of the school house, and other village buildings. Children will need to be supervised carefully when crossing the carpark.



Buses can drop off groups at the Museum entrance, and then turn around at the top carpark, or come down the left side of the Museum building and exit off Thelma Road. Groups have previously come down the gravel walkway from MAZ - Mangawhai Activity Zone in the past. Meeting point on arrival - If weather is fine there is space among the numerous village buildings to meet. In front of the cafe is sheltered, however, this would not be usable when the

cafe is open to the public, so check this during organisation liaison.

Space to eat - Outdoor village area. If weather is very bad the movie theatre (Church building) could be opened as a space to eat. There are cafe facilities on site. Check with staff when planning your visit on what may be available at the time of your visit.

Numbers - e.g. group sizes: Groups of 20 can be accommodated through the Museum at a time, larger groups can be split. Please talk to Museum personnel prior to your visit to discuss how this may work.

Activities offered - The caretakers of the Daring are able to open up the space where it is stored, and speak about it in detail. The building that houses Daring information has some fun hands on activities, along with visual and written information.

The Museum have worksheets, both educational or just for fun. Please discuss your needs with Museum staff when organising the trip - they can cater to both general visits, or specific focuses. Visits can be customised. General educational programmes are also under development.

There is a lot of scope to run rotations in this area, with the Mangawhai Activity Zone just up Molesworth Drive, and accessible by a walking track.

There are also Mangawhai Museum Heritage Trails around the town. The museum has pamphlets with details of these trails.

Policies and expectations - Children are expected to be well supervised at all times. Much of the displays at Mangawhai Museum are behind glass. There is a dinghy boat that stands up that is not to be touched, however, the tram house and its contents can be.

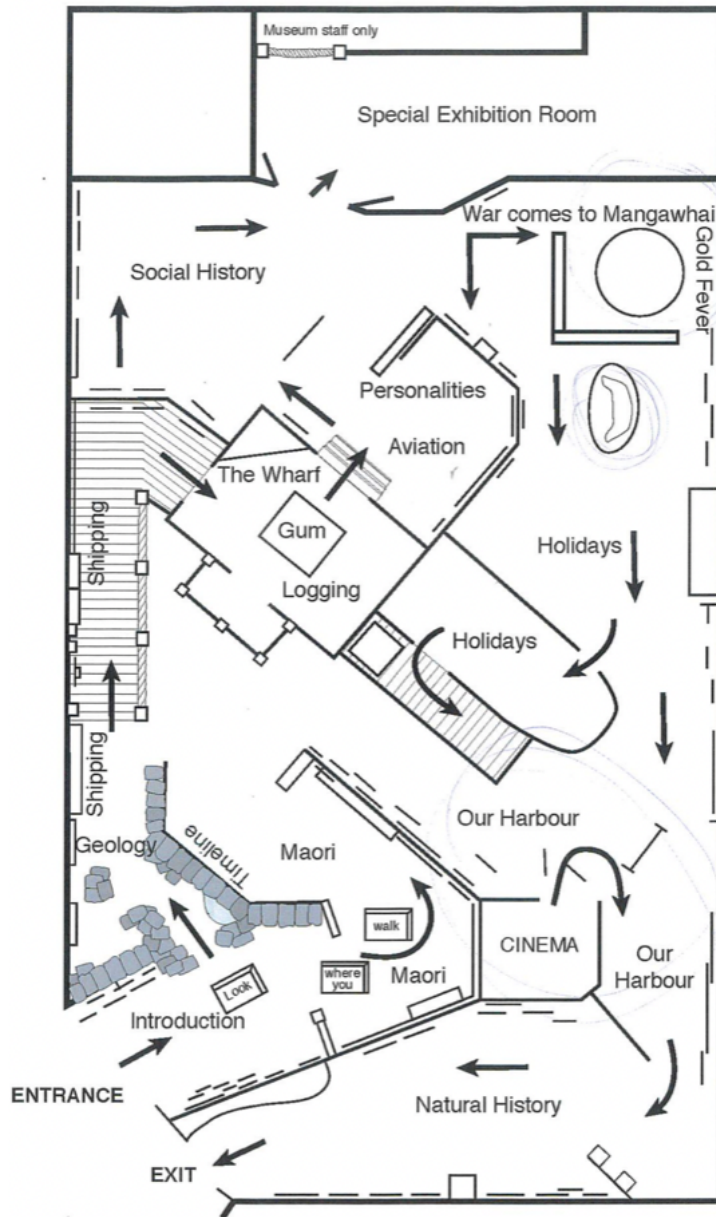
Wheelchair accessible - Yes, the Museum is fully accessible, as are most of the adjacent village buildings.

Toilets - The museum has a toilet available for use at the rear left of the welcome desk, and one in the cafe area. There are also two toilets out in the village buildings area behind the school house.



Exhibition details:

This Museum is focussed on the Community, the Harbour and the intersection of the two. This floor plan gives an idea of the different exhibits inside the Museum:



There is a model of a tram that children can interact with.

There is also a 10 minute video about the Big Dig in the cinema.

In the Natural History section there are different bird call buttons.

The Special Exhibition has two different exhibits each year. Upcoming is a Surf and Surf Lifesaving exhibit, and the R. Tucker Thompson exhibit.

The Daring ship is under a covered area to the right of the Museum building.

The Daring information centre (building pictured with the green roof) has hands on activities e.g. wooden nails, as well as a TV with a video and information around the walls.



There is also an old schoolhouse and church on site, along with the other heritage buildings already mentioned.