

Welcome to the Bushy Point 'Super Sleuth' Loop Walk

Find the numbered posts and have a go at the activities on the back of this card.



use your
'who did that?'
cards here



interpretation
sign

Start here 12



enjoy the view



what are these
for?

keep
looking
for
numbered
posts



anyone home?



pond

picnic
table



using bird
squeakers



'found it!'



elderberry
flowers

Have a go at our fun activities

Print out the activity cards from our website: www.otataralandcare.org.nz



1. Who did that?



Put your detective hat on - use our 'who did that?' cards. Start with the flax bush in front of you. What is making the holes in the leaves? What else can you find? Keep looking while you walk the loop track.

2. Pest Station

Here are two examples of traps (not functioning!). What do you think they are used for? What pests do we find in Otatara?

3. Colour Match

Can you match our colour cards to plants and leaves along the track?



4. Bugs!

Can you find our 'weta motel'? Do you know what a weta looks like? Is anyone 'home'? Lift logs and leaves - what other bugs can you find? See our 'Beaut Bugs' id sheets on website.

5. Plants 'out-smarting' moa

There's a special tree growing here that's adapted to 'out-smarting' moa! Can you find the juvenile trees? (They have long lance-like leaves). Can you see the adult tree? How high do you think moa could reach?

6. Plant uses - Wineberry vs Elderberry

Which one is native and which is introduced? Do you know what they look like? Both have flowers and fruit but we can use them in different ways. Find out how you can make cordial from elderberry flowers and wine from the berries.

7. Forest Layers and Ferns

Notice how the trees here are quite tall. The shady areas under them are perfect for plants like astelias (they look a bit like flax) and ferns. How many ferns can you find? Did you know we have about 200 different kinds of native fern in New Zealand - many found nowhere else in the world! We have about 50 different ferns here in Otatara.

8. Leaf Bingo

Use our Leaf Bingo cards to see how many native trees you can find. Look for differences in leaf size, shape and texture.



9. Weeds

What makes a plant a weed? How many different weeds can you see here? Did you know that some native plants can be weeds too when they are growing in the 'wrong' place - for example muehlenbeckia can grow over and smother other native plants.

10. Bird Squeaker

This is a great place to look for birds. Use your bird squeaker or rub some polystyrene on the glass bottle. What birds can you see?

11. Stop and enjoy a picnic! Enjoy views of the pond - what can you see?

12. A forest in the making

Look at the forest growing around you. Some trees are not very big yet but they are the forest of the future!

