

Limited mobility access to Duder Regional Park

This farm park is accessible using all-terrain mobility equipment, and some paths are suitable for the more powerful models of mobility scooter. Some of the undulations throughout the park are steep (approximately 1:6 or 16% gradient) and some scooters might require additional pushing from behind. Some tracks have surfaces that would accommodate wheelchair users, but again assistance would be needed on the steeper sections.

The park was audited using a power-assist hand cycle.

Areas audited

1. Car park
2. Toilets
3. Picnic table
4. Beach Track
5. Farm Loop

Car park

There is no defined parking and none designated for mobility parking. The surface is small, loose gravel throughout, but is accessible in a wheelchair. The adjoining picnic area is on a flat grassed area and is wheelchair accessible.

Picnic table

The picnic table has been designed to accommodate a wheelchair at the end, facing the view. Some assistance may be required to push the wheelchair to the table.

Toilets

Both male and female toilets include very functional accessible facilities. The door width into the male cubicle is 770mm, and the door width into the female cubicle is 540mm.



Tracks

The hinged pedestrian gate from the car park has a generous opening width of 1200mm. There are vehicle gates which may be locked – check before beginning the tracks.

The path surface is mainly small loose gravel which does not involve much pushing effort on the flat areas.

Beach Track

This is flat for approximately 100m then descends very steeply to the beach. The latter section is not accessible to wheelchairs and prams.

Farm Loop

This is accessible using most mobility equipment. There is one section prior to the stock yards with an approximate 1:8 or 12% gradient. Beautiful views can be seen at the top, with a conveniently located bench seat. The track is gently sloping up to the stock yards and beyond. Unfortunately, the entire loop is not safely accessible due to the very steep descent back to the car park, but half the loop is well worth the effort.

Whakakaiwhara Pa Walk

The Pa walk would only be possible in an all-terrain mobility vehicle.