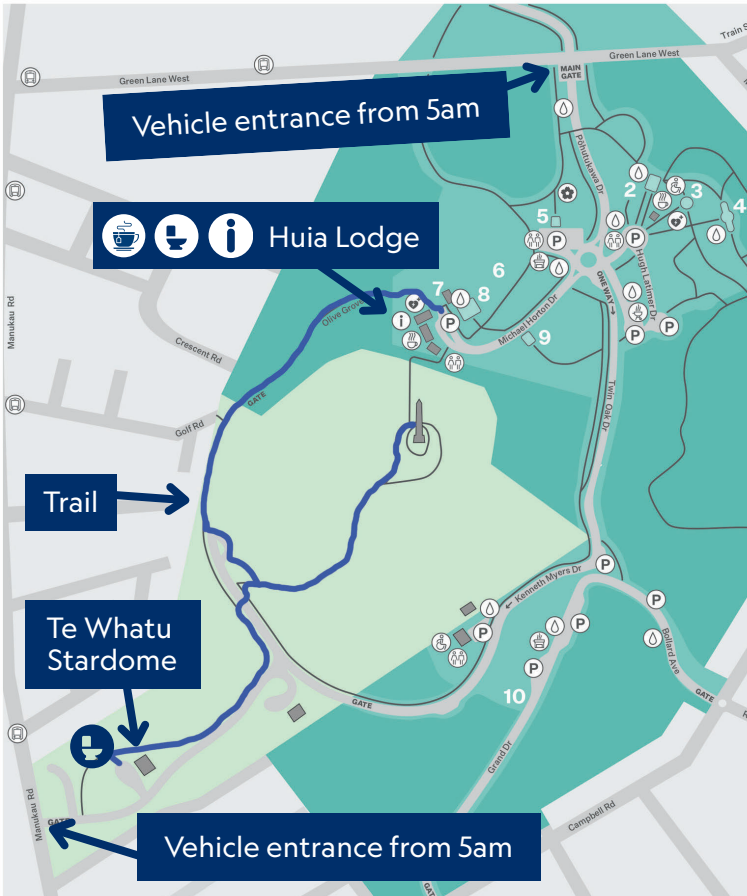




Finding Matariki

Start by looking towards the eastern horizon. This is where to find three stars in a line called TAUTORU.

Follow the line of TAUTORU towards the left. Keep extending that line out until you reach a triangle of stars called TE KOKOTĀ.

Extend the line out a little further to find MATARIKI.



Lights down

The darker it is, the better the stars look. Here on Maungakiekie One Tree Hill we are dedicated to doing our part to keep the sky as dark as possible.

Bad lighting at night disrupts wildlife, impacts human health, wastes energy, and blocks our view of the universe.

Thoughtful lighting points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed. How could you reduce light pollution at home?



Pā

At the height of its occupation Maungakiekie was home to thousands of people.

On its peak was the tihi (summit), the most sacred and heavily defended part of the complex.

This was flanked by extensive tūāpapa (terraces) that protected the whare moe (sleeping houses), rua (roofed storage pits for seasonal storage of kūmara and other crops), tāpapa (garden mounds), and hāngī (earth oven) pits.

Traces of this history remain visible today, reflecting the deep cultural importance of Maungakiekie to mana whenua.

Maungakiekie

Maungakiekie is one of the most treasured tūpuna maunga (ancestral mountains) in Tāmaki Makaurau. Rising 184 metres above the city, this iconic maunga offers sweeping views and a place to pause, reflect, and reconnect.

Maungakiekie means “hill of the kiekie vine”, that was once abundant across its slopes.

The Tūpuna Maunga are places to be honoured, respected and protected for those who have gone before and for the many generations to come.

Karakia

Tuia e rangi e tū nei
Tuia te papa e takoto nei
Ko Matariki ki runga
Ko Tāmaki ki raro

E Hiwa e
Tukuna te tau kia eke
Eke panuku
Eke Tangaroa

Tūturu whakamaua ki tina,
Tina,
Hui ē
Tāiki ē!

With thanks to Rōpata Pāora, Tumu Toi Whātua,
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

Huia Lodge in
Cornwall Park is
open from 5am-7am
on 8-12 July



Bring a torch



Dogs must
be on a lead



Shared space



Scan this QR code to learn about the history
and significance of Maungakiekie

We acknowledge the mana whenua of this
maunga including Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and
Te Ākitai Waiohū.



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Maungakiekie self
guided hīkoi for Matariki

Trail Map

Follow the stars to the
tihi (summit) to see the
Matariki star cluster
rising just before dawn.

Best viewing time is
5.30am-6am

Wed 8 – Sun 12 July 2026
Park gates open 5 - 7am