



LOCAL AREA GUIDE

Puhoi

Historic riverside village with a strong community character

Puhoi is a small historic settlement about 50 km north of central Auckland, just off the main north-south motorway corridor on the banks of the Puhoi River. Known for its Bohemian heritage, the village has retained a distinctive rural character while remaining within practical reach of Orewa, Silverdale, Warkworth and Auckland.

Village & heritage

Puhoi was established by Bohemian settlers in the 1860s and its history remains a defining part of the village. The Puhoi Heritage Museum, historic church, Centennial Hall, Town Library, General Store and Puhoi Pub all contribute to the village character. The museum and heritage walks provide an accessible introduction to the settlement story and the people who built the community.

Puhoi remains an active community rather than simply a visitor destination. The village market is held regularly, the Centennial Hall and Sports & Community Club host local activities, and the pub, store and river remain natural meeting points for residents and visitors.

At a glance

- Historic riverside settlement north of Auckland
- Bohemian heritage dating from the 1860s
- Local pub, general store, library, hall and museum
- Kayaking on the Puhoi River to Wenderholm
- Village market and active community groups
- Easy access to Orewa, Silverdale and Warkworth



LIVING LOCALLY

Schools, access and things to do

Schooling

Puhoi Playgroup provides a local option for preschool-aged children. Ahuroa School is a small country primary school for Years 1–8, about 15 minutes from Puhoi, and a school bus route operates between Puhoi and Ahuroa.

For secondary schooling, Mahurangi College in Warkworth serves Years 7–13 and its current enrolment zone includes Puhoi. A school bus route runs from Puhoi to Warkworth and Mahurangi College. Other schooling options are available in Orewa, Silverdale and the wider area, subject to enrolment schemes and individual circumstances.



Puhoi River canoe and kayak hire

Getting around

Puhoi sits beside the Northern Gateway and the Ara Tuhono - Puhoi to Warkworth motorway. The newer Puhoi-to-Warkworth motorway itself is not tolled, while the Northern Gateway section between Silverdale and Puhoi remains a toll road. A toll-free alternative is available via Orewa and the Hibiscus Coast Highway.

Approximate road distances: Orewa 12 km; Silverdale 13 km; Warkworth 17 km; Albany 28 km; Auckland CBD about 44 km. Travel times vary with traffic, route and motorway conditions.



Puhoi Hotel & Stables precinct

Outdoors & local attractions

The Puhoi River is one of the village's best-known recreation features. Kayak trips run downstream through tidal water and mangroves toward Wenderholm Regional Park, where there is a beach, native forest, walking tracks and camping options. The Puhoi Loop Track also connects with the wider Te Araroa trail network.

The historic Puhoi Pub remains a local landmark, while the Heritage Museum, library, church and village walks add to the area's appeal. The Puhoi Village Market and activities at the Sports & Community Club provide regular community events. Larger retail, medical and sporting facilities are available in nearby Orewa, Silverdale and Warkworth.

A practical note about rural living

Services can vary from property to property. Water supply, wastewater systems, broadband, road access, school transport and other infrastructure should always be checked for the specific property. Crow Realty's Lifestyle Living Basics guide provides a useful starting point for buyers considering rural or lifestyle property.

Useful links

- [Puhoi Heritage Museum](#)
- [Ahuroa School](#)
- [Puhoi Pub](#)
- [Mahurangi College](#)
- [Wenderholm Regional Park](#)
- [NZTA Toll Roads](#)

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