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**1. Opunake Lake:** The Opunake Walkway, which will lead you through a treasury of significant historical sites, begins at the former site of the Armed Constabulary vegetable garden. Be sure to follow the looped lake trail clockwise to take in other interesting sights.

**2. Fish Pass:** Installed in the the Waiaua River, just under the Surf Highway Bridge in 1996.

**3. Old Armed Constabulary Cemetery:** If you keep going around the lake in a clockwise direction, you will come across the Old Armed Constabulary Cemetery, which is also the gravesite of Mary Dobie who was infamously murdered in 1850 in Opunake.

**4. Old Opunake Golf Club:** Remains of the old club can still be seen from Park Place. Follow the track south past the Orimipiko Cemetery and along the mouth of the Waiaua River to see spectacular views of the coast before following the cliffs back towards Opunake Beach.



**5. The Opunake Cottage Hospital\*:** The hospital was the birthplace of many famous New Zealanders, including runner Peter Snell.

**6. Opunake Redoubt\*:** The Opunake Redoubt was used for over 20 years and became an important structure to the town. A portion of the barracks was later taken to the Rahoitu Hall where it is still used as a supper room today.

**7. Opunake Beach:** During the 1920's, Opunake Beach was the place to be with trains bringing over 500 visitors to the beach each day during weekends and holidays.

**8. Clifftop Garden:** Volunteers have created and maintain the beautiful Clifftop gardens which includes a drinking fountain for walkers and their dogs.

**9. Signal Station Sign:** This gives a brief history of how ships used to safely enter the popular Opunake Bay. One of the original markers is still in place along Beach Road leading down to the Beach.

**10, 11 & 12. Opunake Wharf and Jetty:** The remains of the jetty are still visible in the Opunake Bay and are a testament to an era when the Opunake Bay was a hive of activity.

**13. Middleton Bay:** A popular spot for surf casting and a scenic place to exercise the dog. The boat ramp is well used by locals.

**14. Lookout:** The second lookout along the walkway is well worth the stop.

**15. Te Namu Pa Site:** This site has a rich history which is briefly outlined on the heritage signage. Visitors are welcome but reminded to treat the site with care and respect.

**16. Community Orchards:** The orchards are cared for by the community and this is the last stop before joining back onto the Opunake Town Walkway loop.

\*Be sure to stop and read the historical signage to find out more about these sites.