

Plan

Driving: ~ 2hrs altogether (50 mins one way)

Walking/Talking/Writing altogether: ~ 5.5hrs (~ 10.15am – 3.45pm)

Walking/Talking: ~ 4hrs (2hrs to the dam; 2hrs back) 6.5km x 2 (1h 40 min each way, acc. to Google Maps)

Writing: ~ 1.5 hrs (20 min x 4)

9am assemble at the Marae on City Campus

9.15am leave for Huia

On the way: Evija reads about walking and writing, invites to think about one's own "writing issue". People introduce to one another themselves and their writing projects.

10-10.20am arrive at Huia carpark, brief, distribute water and snacks, WC, agree on brief "rules"

(to not go off-track/get lost; to not go too fast/too slow; to notify others if can't keep up; to agree to stop and write with the group; to keep together; to try to focus on writing issues/not forget why you're there, etc.)

10.20am-11.10am Walk/Talk (50 mins)

Have a writing problem (e.g., being "stuck", not knowing "how to start") – tell about it to your companions & get to know them and theirs along the way too. (split into groups of 2-3 people)

11.10am Stop 1 (20 mins) – at the 2.9 km mark from start (3.1km to the dam)

People can sit and write down what they've learned.

All reassembling – each quickly shares their "problem" with the larger group – people regroup as they see fit for the next leg.

11.30am – 12.20pm Walk/Talk (50 mins)

Go deeper into unpacking the "problem"/ dig deeper in finding solution – listen to advice given by fellow travellers. Alternatively, discuss the many different approaches/solutions you could have to your "problem".

12.20pm Stop 2 (20 mins) - at the beautiful Upper Reservoir Dam.

Everyone works on their own, writing down what they've learned.

Good time to have some snacks too.

12.50pm-1.40pm Walk/Talk (50 mins)

Discuss with new/same fellow travellers what advice you were given and what could be possible challenges.

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1.40pm Stop 3 (20 mins) - at the 3.1 km mark from the dam (2.9km to the finish).

Check in with the larger group to see if anyone's been left whose writing issue hasn't been addressed as yet. Small group discussion possible. Or else, people just write.

2pm – 3pm Walk/Talk

Keep walking and talking.

3pm Stop 4 / Finish

Everyone writes on their own until lunch/picnic is being set up. (~ 30mins)

3.30pm-4pm

Lunch-picnic. Debrief & rest.

4.15pm (at the latest) Depart back to the city.

5pm Return to City Campus.