

The stream at Pine Ridge is going places

"You think you are a million miles from the city - not living in suburbia." - Pine Ridge resident, 2008

This little stream is one of many small tributaries flowing into the main channel of the Eskdale Stream.

At this early stage in its journey to the sea it is shallow and small enough to jump over. There are little hiding places under the banks for fish and insects to shelter in.

The soft ground on either side is made up of small grains of silt from further upstream. The silt forms a flood plain which is big enough to contain most of the floodwater in heavy rain.



The stream finally flows into the estuary of the Kaipatiki Stream and Oruamo/Hellyers Creek, then joins the Waitemata Harbour.

It is one of the longest streams on the North Shore.



Where does the rain go?

Pine Ridge residents live next to the headwaters of the Eskdale Stream, close to where it begins its journey.

The Eskdale Stream flows for more than 15 kilometres, from the ridges in Birkenhead, through the valleys of Birkdale and to the sea.

It has a catchment area of nearly 4 square kilometres, (see map left).



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Streams never stay still

"Freshwater bodies, whether rapid streams or quiet wetlands, are all in some sense temporary. They are incidents in the ongoing cycle of erosion by water - the never-ending work of cutting and deposition."

A Natural History of Auckland, Prof John Morton and Maureen Lewis, 1993



Rain drops

trickles, flows.

Cut and carry little stream,
running to the sea.

