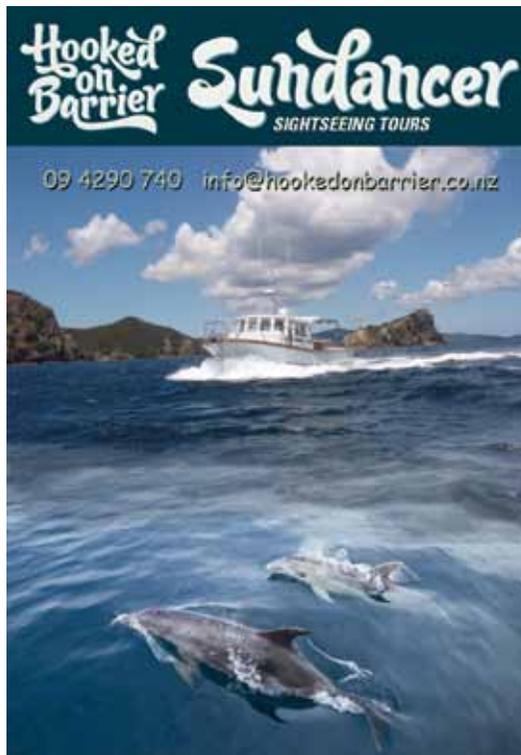




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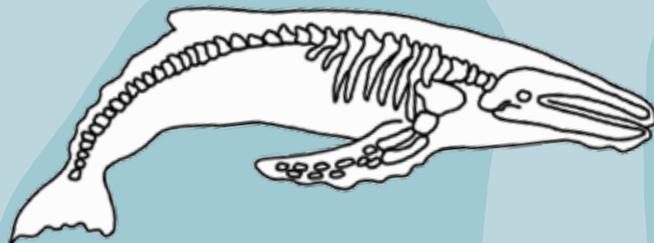


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At the Lodge

Find a large anchor – which boat did this come from? How many other locations on the island have links to this boat?

Find the whale bones near and inside the lodge. Do you know what bones they are? Measure the size of the whale bones (you can use hand spans). How do these compare to the same bones on your own body? How big would these whales have been? Would they 'fit' on the lawn in front of the lodge?

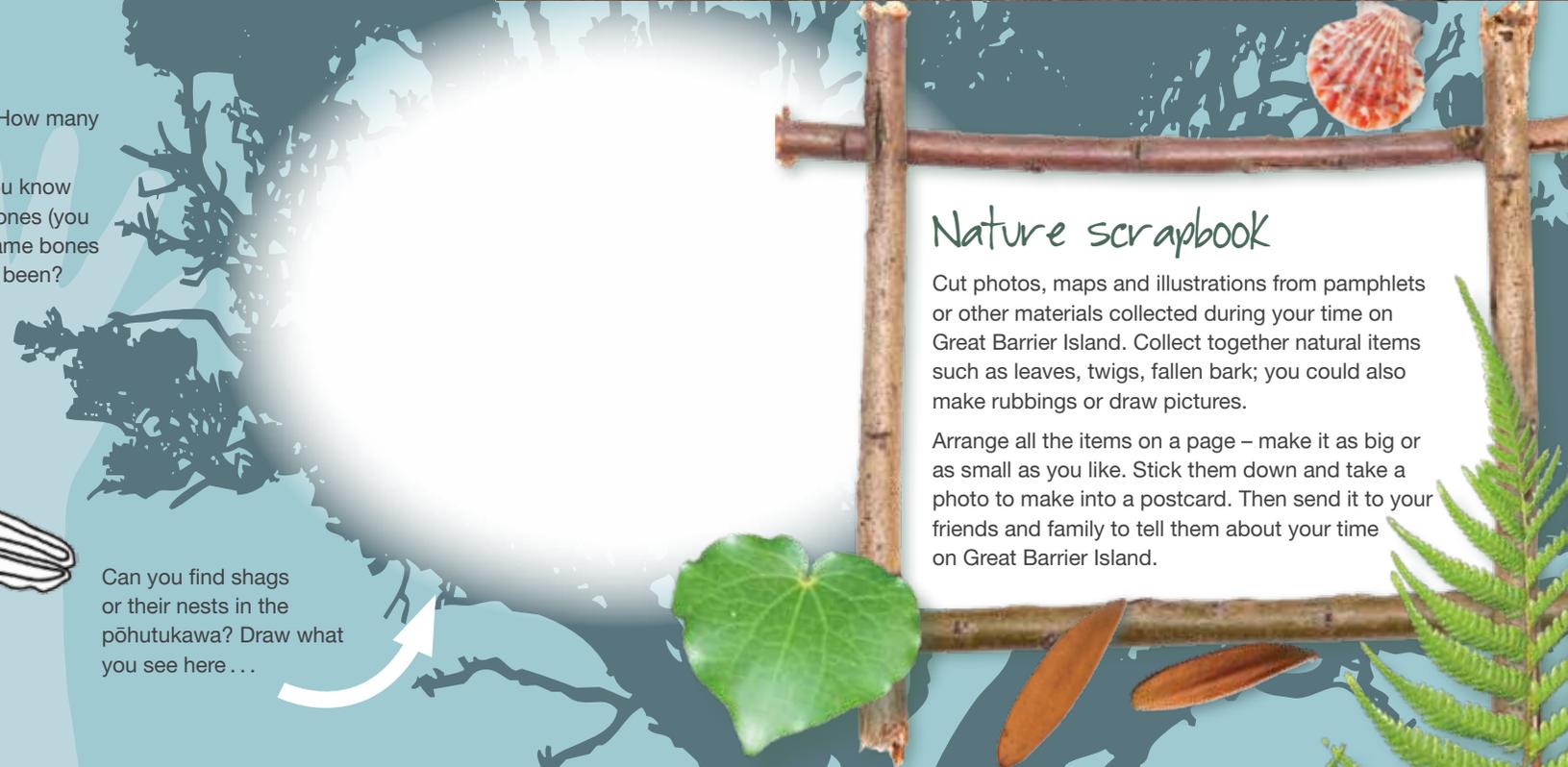


Can you find shags or their nests in the pōhutukawa? Draw what you see here . . .

Nature scrapbook

Cut photos, maps and illustrations from pamphlets or other materials collected during your time on Great Barrier Island. Collect together natural items such as leaves, twigs, fallen bark; you could also make rubbings or draw pictures.

Arrange all the items on a page – make it as big or as small as you like. Stick them down and take a photo to make into a postcard. Then send it to your friends and family to tell them about your time on Great Barrier Island.



Industry overload

Whangaparapara was once the hub of industry on Great Barrier Island.

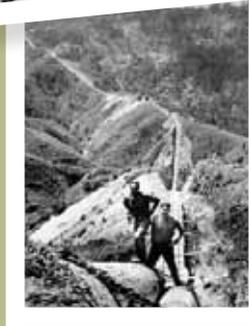
Whales and timber were processed here, and mining occurred nearby. These natural resources were found and rapidly taken away . . . what can you find remaining today as a result?

Timber milling

Link arms around the trunk of the largest tree you have seen today. How many people did that take? How does this compare to the logs in these photos?



Photos: C Young collection



How did they get the trees from the forest to Whangaparapara, then to Auckland?



Can you find...

Be the first to find a crystal rock, a bone, a piece of plastic, a spoonbill, an oystercatcher, a kingfisher/kōtare.

Look and listen for kōtare (they often make a 'nest' in earthen banks that can be found by looking for the bird poo trickling from them or listening to the young calling).



Can you see an eel/tuna? You can tempt them with some of your leftover lunch (meat or fish is great!).

Eels and falls

A wonderful walk is the track to the kauri falls . . .

The track crosses the stream many times.

Can you see an eel/tuna? They migrate from the ocean to streams and can move over land to reach ponds.

Lie on the ground and try to wriggle along keeping your arms tucked to your sides and your legs together. Who's the fastest?



Remember to scrub then spray your shoes with the solution provided.

Choose a place where you can sit and quietly watch a section of stream. Keep still and wait for the animals to come out. What can you see living in the stream? Draw three things that depend on the stream to survive. Why do they need the stream?

How many kauri can you spot at the falls? Do you know what a ricker is? What's the largest tree you can see – how old do you think it is? (Remember to keep to the track and do not disturb the roots of the trees.)

