PART 2

听力原文

Welcome to our lovely tour around Hobson Park. Visible (回见的) from much of Auckland, this is a widely recognised local landmark (地标). I hope you'll enjoy your stay here. But first, let me briefly introduce its history to you before we stroll (闲逛) around the park.

Hobson Park is located on an island that used to be a volcano, which emerged (出现) just 600 years ago. You can still enjoy the breathtaking (以为观止的) views of a nearby lake today. The lava flow at the end of Takapuna Beach enveloped a kauri forest. It is known to be New Zealand's only example of a fossil forest preserved in a lava flow.

Actually, Hobson Park was named after William Hobson, a British captain (海军上校) and also the first governor (总督) of New Zealand. At the time, the British were making plans to claim New Zealand as a colony (殖民地) to ensure their trade interest (贸易利益). War broke out (爆发) between Māori troops (部队) and government forces (政府部队). After years of revolt, two Māori chiefs were invited to the island to restore peace. They signed a treaty and shook hands with Governor Hobson. While local tribes (部落) started to celebrate their success, the two Māori chiefs didn't stop promoting (提高) Māori self-determination (自决权) in meetings and correspondence (通信) with the government.

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In 1840, Hobson chose Auckland as the site for his capital. The same year, plans for founding Hobson Park were **initiated** (启动). But it was in 1842 that the park was actually created and officially opened to the public.

As you can see, the park is **immense** (极大的). It **is comprised of** (由 组成) many **natural wonders** (自然奇观) as well as artificial features. Just a few hundred metres away, there is a duck pond where you can observe the **waterbirds** (水鸟), including some **rare breeds** (稀有品种). But remember to keep a distance from them and **refrain from** (避免) feeding them. Across the iron bridge, you'll get to formal gardens used for experiments on breeding local wild species. If you keep **roaming down** (漫步) the trail, you'll see the

015 old residence (旧居) of Māori people forming a small village. These houses are full of local paintings, sculptures and artefacts, all donated (捐赠) by the city council to showcase (展示) the history and culture of Māori people living there. And these are not something you'll stumble upon (偶然遇见) in a regular museum. Oh, and don't forget to visit the Temperate House (温室). It's only a tenminute walk away from the duck pond. It accommodates a whole range of wild plants from around the country. But what makes it unique is the forest of kauri 016 trees, a native species to New Zealand. However, the kauri tree population was threatened by the spread of kauri dieback disease and is now under the protection of the Department of Conservation. Let me point out the whereabouts (所在之处) of some other critical features in the park in case you need them. If you are a plant lover and want to take some local greenery (绿植) home, you may wish to visit the plant nursery (苗圃), where you can choose from an extensive collection of plants from succulents (肉 质植物) to some rare local species. It's right next to the museum, on the same Q17 side of the road. There is a pine tree (松树) hill with tracks for hikers (远足者) of all abilities. The whole trip takes about half an hour. There is a steep (陡峭的) climb in places. Tread carefully and stick to (沿着) the formal tracks (正规小道). You'll be rewarded (奖励) with great views (景致). If you leave your car in Q18 the car park, you can see it just across the road towards George Street entry. Or if you are an experienced hiker and want some challenge, you can choose Eagle () Mountain. It offers fantastic hiking routes (路线). It's also an ideal spot for bird watching, with many wild species unique to New Zealand. We are right here, at the Wellington entrance. Then take the 1st right, and you'll 019 see eagle mountain immediately to your right. If you're hungry and want to take a quick bite (简餐), there is a nearby food kiosk (售货亭) providing snacks and beverages (饮料). Start from the 020

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you'll see it on your right.

And lastly, there is a conservation area (保护区) protecting kauri trees just by the Winter Garden. Unfortunately, it's currently out of bounds (禁止进入) to the public.

Ok, now, if you have anything else to ask, I'm here to help ...