

# Te Ara Moana

## Waihaka Stream Campground

### Tapapakanga Regional Park

Te Ara Moana, the sea-going pathway, today meandered into the Firth of Thames, showing off Orere Point and more of the majestic pohutukawa trees that this coast is known for.

As well as its rich Maori and European history this beautiful park offers rolling farmland, a winding stream and expansive coastal views.

Famous for the land's ability to produce kai (food) for the many hapu (families) who lived in the vicinity, Tapapakanga was also known as a place where waka taua (war canoes) were completed.

Take a wander to the Ashby Homestead and get a glimpse of what this coast might have been like more than a century ago, when it was built.

#### Key

- Te Ara Moana trail
- Campground
- Launching / access point
- Marine reserve
- Regional park
- Public open space
- Park entrance
- Information
- Parking
- Shelter
- Toilet
- Water
- Shellbank – nesting birds
- Auckland boundary
- Portages
- Walking tracks
- Park streams
- Vehicle access
- Campground
- Wetlands



#### Te Ara Moana care code

- Tread lightly. Protect native flora and fauna.
- Keep to tracks where they exist.
- Keep gear clean to prevent the spread of weeds and animal pests.
- Do not damage vegetation when tying up boats.
- Avoid the nesting areas of endangered New Zealand dotterels along the shoreline.
- Use gates, not fences, and leave gates as you find them. Only drive vehicles on designated roads.
- Take all rubbish with you. Carry bags for storing your rubbish and pick up any you find.
- Conserve waterways by not polluting them with soap, detergents or food scraps.
- Use toilets provided.
- Always seek permission to access private land.
- Only use portable fuel stoves for cooking.
- Open fires are prohibited.

#### Kayak safety code

- You are responsible for the safety of your kayak and for complying with all the rules.
- Wear a correct size lifejacket at all times.
- Take at least two waterproof methods of communication and always put your cell phone in a watertight bag.
- Get a marine weather forecast and check tides before you go. The weather can change quickly at sea.
- Avoid alcohol. Safe kayaking and alcohol do not mix.
- Take a boating education course, the more you know the better your boating.
- Check the kayak and drain plug before you leave and don't overload.
- Check you have the correct clothing and safety equipment – be prepared for the unexpected.
- If you capsize – stay with your kayak and hold onto your paddle.
- Watch where you are going and make sure others can see you – see and be seen.

Source: [www.coastguard.co.nz](http://www.coastguard.co.nz)

#### Who knows you're here?

Tell someone your plans. Use the Coastguard's '2 Minute Form' to keep people informed [www.coastguard.co.nz](http://www.coastguard.co.nz).

#### In an emergency

In an emergency dial 111 and ask for police.

To contact a park ranger phone 09 301 0101.

Metservice recreational marine forecast [www.metservice.co.nz](http://www.metservice.co.nz) or 0900 999 99 (call rates apply).

#### VHF channels

- 16 Maritime distress. Repeat "Mayday, mayday, mayday," followed by your vessel description and location, until you get a response.
- 21 Continuous weather for inner Gulf and Waitemata Harbour.
- 80,82 Waitemata Harbour and Hauraki Gulf Coastguard radio.