

Te Ara Moana

Waitawa Bay Campground

Waitawa Regional Park

You're now around halfway along the sea-going pathway of Te Ara Moana. Welcome to Waitawa Regional Park.

Located upon a traditional boundary line between Te Urikarakā (Ngāti Paoa) and Ngāti Kohua (Ngāi Tai – Te Waiohūa), this land holds deep significance for local Māori. The area has a long and rich history of human occupation which is reflected in the numerous archaeological sites recorded on the parkland and in the wider area.

Over the next few years, Waitawa Regional Park will be developed as a recreational park, where visitors can walk, camp, mountain bike and horse ride.

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

Who knows you're here?

Tell someone your plans. Use the Coastguard's '2 Minute Form' to keep people informed 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 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.