

Conditions of entry to Kapiti Island Nature Reserve



Kapiti Island is one of New Zealand's most valuable nature reserves. Once heavily modified by farming and settlement, it is now an internationally significant site for the preservation of indigenous biodiversity as well as a sanctuary for birds and other wildlife, many of which are rare, threatened or extinct on the mainland.

To protect the island and its wildlife for future generations, entry onto the Nature Reserve and Public Conservation Land is subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and the following conditions of entry. Any person who does not comply with these conditions, or who commits an offence against the Reserves Act 1977, will be required to leave the Nature Reserve/Public Conservation Land and may also be liable to prosecution under the Act:

1. Entry onto the Kapiti Island Public Conservation Land/Nature Reserve is by permit only. Your authorised tourism service will have obtained a permit for each of your party.
2. Your permit applies to the location(s) you booked to visit, that is either the Nature Reserve entering at **Rangatira Point** or the Public Conservation Land at the **north end**, or both (check your permit for this booking information). You may not enter the alternative location if you have not booked to visit that location. Check out the map on the back to view these locations. You can only enter the location(s) you booked via the designated site.

Weka on the island are very nosy and will steal small items. Make sure your pack can be strongly secured



3. The permit holder and each party member must comply with

the following conditions of entry:

- a. Overnight camping is not allowed on the Nature Reserve/Public Conservation Land.
- b. All visitors must attend the introductory talk at the beginning of the visit.

- c. Visitors must comply with all instructions given by the authorised tour operator, or in their absence by Department of Conservation staff.
- d. Visitors under the age of fifteen must be under constant adult supervision.
- e. Visitors must keep to the visitor tracks which are identified by signs.
- f. Smoking is not permitted on the island.
- g. No fires or cooking stoves are to be lit.
- h. No boat, canoe, kayak or any other means of water transport may be moored to the shore or pulled onto the Nature Reserve/Public Conservation Land.
- i. No firearm, weapon, trap, net or hook shall be taken onto the Nature Reserve/Public Conservation Land.
- j. Visitors shall not take onto the Nature Reserve/Public Conservation Land any animal including pets. All luggage will be inspected for rodents by the authorised tourism service as visitors board the launch.
- k. Visitors shall not plant, sow nor take onto the Nature Reserve/Public Conservation Land any plant or seed.
- l. Visitors shall not take onto the Nature Reserve/Public Conservation Land any substance or thing that may injure or harm plants or wildlife.
- m. Visitors shall not feed wildlife.
- n. Visitors shall not take, destroy, wilfully injure, be in possession of, or in any manner interfere with any plant, bird or the nest or egg of any bird, insect or animal.
- o. Visitors shall not in any way destroy, injure, deface, or disturb any buildings, boats, fences, signs, notices, equipment, other property or cultural artefacts.
- p. Visitors shall not leave any litter or rubbish.
- q. The Crown will not be liable for any damage to visitors' personal property that may arise out of their visit to the Nature Reserve/Public Conservation Land.

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**Get ready to go - follow
the checklist on the back**

**Department of
Conservation**
Te Papa Atawhai

Before leaving the mainland Follow this checklist

The Department of Conservation works very hard to keep the Kapiti Island Nature Reserve pest free so New Zealand's precious native birds and their habitat remain safe.

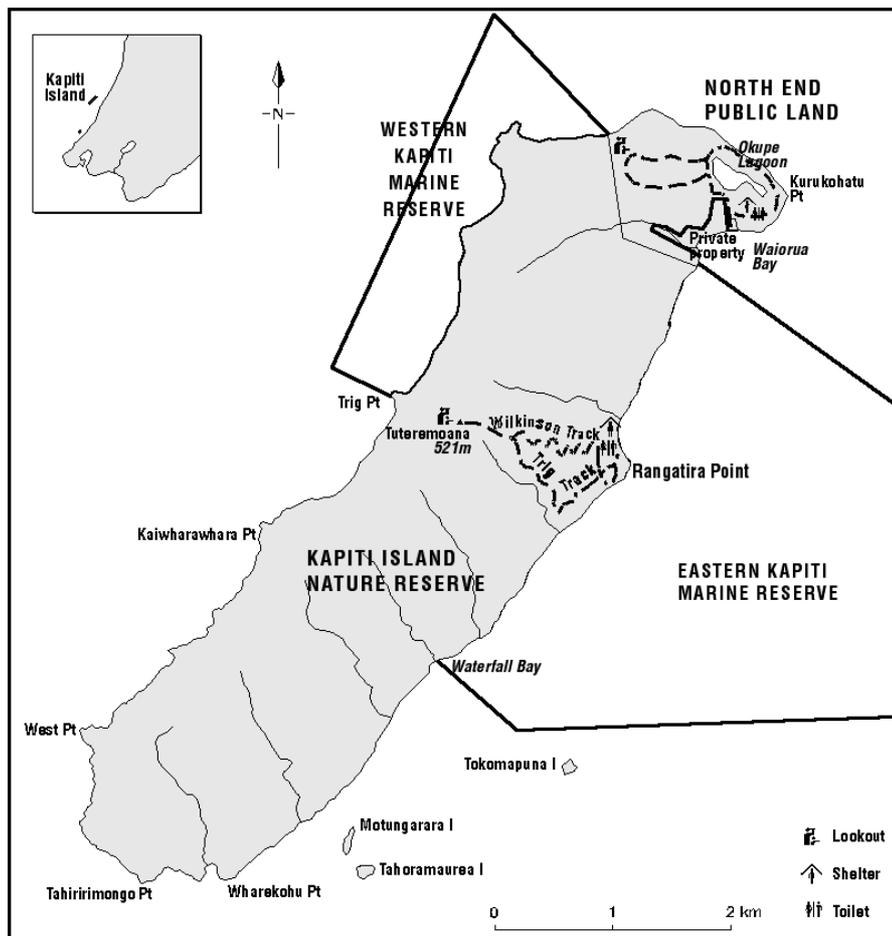
Before leaving the mainland please:

- Check your clothing, bags and other equipment is free of animals (rats/mice), plant seeds and insects
- Make sure your footwear is clean
- Keep food in sealed containers
- Keep your bags tightly closed once checked



What do I do if I find a pest?

Get rid of the pest and clean your gear again.



Clean footwear



Check bags

If you see pests or evidence of pests on the island, please tell the island ranger, your guide or call:

DOC HOTline
0800 362 468

Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies
For fire and search and rescue call 111