



# Tiritiri Matangi Island visitor information pack



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# Information for all visitors

## Getting there

There is a ferry service that operates Wednesday to Sunday, and on public holidays (except Christmas Day). During the peak season (November to April), the ferry can get booked up well in advance. [Visit the 360 Discovery website to check availability.](#)

Private boats and kayaks can also visit the island. A suitable landing is found at Hobbs Beach on the western side of the island, where there is good swimming and snorkelling.

## Looking after the island

You can help ensure the long-term success of keeping pests off this island and preventing reinvasion. Before you leave the mainland or travel between islands in the Hauraki Gulf, please:

- Check your boat or kayak and gear for rats, mice, Argentine ants, rainbow skinks, soil and seeds.
- Clean footwear, clothing and gear of soil and seeds – weeds are a problem on the island.
- Pack luggage and all food you are bringing to the island in rodent-proof containers – no open bags/boxes/containers or plastic bags please.
- Leave your dog or other domestic pets at home – dogs pose a risk to the native species on this island.

## Other ways you can help look after Tiritiri Matangi Island

- Keep to the tracks so you don't disturb rare plants and birds, or scientific studies being carried out on the island.
- Do not feed the wildlife on the island.
- Do not take samples of any plants or wildlife.
- Do not play any bird call tapes or other devices to lure birds.
- Do not smoke on the island, except on the concrete area at the wharf and outside the island visitor's centre.
- Do not light fires or use barbecues – fires can easily get out of control and could devastate the island's habitats.
- Do not camp anywhere on the island.
- Take your rubbish off the island with you.

Non-compliance with these conditions may result in prosecution.

## What you need to bring

For day visitors:

- Food (there is no food available to purchase on the island).
- Good walking shoes and suitable clothing.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Binoculars, camera.

If staying overnight in the Tiritiri Matangi bunkhouse:


- Completed [biosecurity checklist](#)

## Good to know

There is a Visitor Centre and Shop at the top of the hill near the lighthouse. Gifts and cold drinks are available from the shop. The shop is generally open from 11 am to 3pm on the days the ferry visits the island. All profits from the shop go back to supporting projects on the island e.g. track maintenance and wildlife projects.

There is no phone available for use on the island apart from in an emergency. Cell phone coverage is good on the grass outside the bunkhouse.





# Tiritiri Matangi Island bunkhouse

The bunkhouse on Tiritiri Matangi Island can be booked for overnight stays. This is a communal facility and has limited availability as it is also used by volunteers and students carrying out work on the island.

## Features

Wake up to the sounds of the dawn chorus, enjoy spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf, and take walks amongst regenerating bush.

The island is a sanctuary offering a predator-free environment for rare and endangered wildlife. Take a night walk for a chance to see little spotted kiwi, little blue penguins and tuatara.

## Facilities

- Gas stove and oven
- Microwave oven
- Two fridges and a freezer
- All cutlery, crockery, utensils etc
- Pots and pans
- Dishwashing liquid, dish cloths and dish brushes
- Tea towels
- Drinking water (rain water from the tap)
- BBQ
- Two hot showers
- Two toilets with toilet paper provided
- 3 rooms for public use, with 15 bunk beds in total:
  - Room 1 Kahu: 4 beds
  - Room 2 Kokako: 5 beds
  - Room 3 Tuatara: 6 beds

## Notes:

- There is no linen – bring your own sleeping bag, sheet and pillowcase.
- There is no washer or drier. Hand-washing only – bring your own washing powder.
- Expect to share living areas and bunk rooms.
- There is no public telephone – only emergency calls can be made. Cellphone coverage is good on the grass outside the bunkhouse.

## Fees (shared occupancy)

Adult: \$30/person

Child: \$20/person (0-17 years inclusive)

## Booking

Bookings are essential and can be made up to 9 months in advance.

Before you book:

- Read the booking [terms and conditions](#).
- Ensure you do not arrive or depart the bunkhouse on a Monday or Tuesday as there is no ferry service and no island ranger available on these days.
- Check that the ferry is available on your chosen arrival and departure dates.
- Read and understand the 'Plan and prepare' information below.

[Book Tiritiri Matangi Island bunkhouse online](#) or contact:

Warkworth Great Barrier Island Area Office

Phone: +64 9 425 7812 Email: [warkworth@doc.govt.nz](mailto:warkworth@doc.govt.nz)

## Plan and prepare

### Getting to the bunkhouse

The bunkhouse is located at the top of the hill near the lighthouse and Visitor Centre. There is no public transport on the island, but if you are staying overnight your gear will be taken to the bunkhouse. When you get off the ferry, leave your gear in the trolley on the wharf and the island ranger will take it to the bunkhouse. From the wharf, take either Wharf Road or the Wattle Track to the bunkhouse (40 minutes).

### Biosecurity requirements

Tiritiri Matangi is free of animal pests. However, there is a real risk that rats, mice, and other pests could be brought to the island in your belongings. To prevent this happening, all visitors staying at the bunkhouse **must** complete the [biosecurity checklist](#).

Please complete the checklist and take it to the island with you.

### Do not book your arrival or departure on a Monday or Tuesday

The island rangers are not available to give you the required bunkhouse briefing or check-out on these days.

### Check ferry availability

Both the bunkhouse and ferry service can get booked out in advance. Please check both are available before finalising bookings.

### Be prepared for ferry cancellations

Ferry sailings are subject to weather conditions. Call 09 916 2241 after 7 am on the morning of your departure to check if your ferry is sailing.

Bring an extra day's food in case you have to stay longer. You will not be charged for additional unplanned time spent in the bunkhouse waiting for the weather to settle. However, if you wish to leave by means other than the ferry, it will be at your own cost.

If on your departure day the weather is deteriorating, the ferry operator may cancel the day trip but do a single morning run for overnight visitors. Contact 360 Discovery for more information.

### What to bring

You should include the following items for your stay in the bunkhouse:

- Sleeping bag, pillow case, sheet
- Drink bottle
- Clothing for warm and cold/wet weather, including sun hat, swimming gear, warm hat, rain hat, raincoat, over trousers
- Tramping boots or other sturdy shoes
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Torch
- Camera, binoculars (optional)
- Food for your stay (plus enough for an extra day in case the boat is cancelled)
- Completed biosecurity checklist

# Biosecurity checklist for staying on Tiritiri Matangi Island



*All visitors staying in the bunkhouse **MUST** complete this biosecurity checklist.*

## Stop! Ants in your pants? Mice in your rice?

Unlikely but... Small animals, ants, rainbow skinks and weeds or exotic seeds are the biggest threats to the pest-free status of this special island of Tiritiri Matangi.

Gear that has been in the garage or even stored in the house could be hiding rodents, skinks, insects and seeds.

## So we need your help.

Complete the checklist below and hand it to the Island Ranger when you arrive at Tiritiri Matangi.

Items being carried	Action	Done
<b>Packs</b>	Shake out your pack/bag and check the inside, including the pockets.	
<b>Footwear</b>	Clean your shoes/boots of dirt and seeds. Check the soles, laces and tongues of shoes for any seeds. Scrub footwear worn in the bush on the mainland in soapy water.	
<b>Clothing</b>	Check your woolly socks, woollen clothing and velcro closures for seeds.	
<b>General gear and clothing</b>	Once you've checked your gear, put it in a pack/bag with a draw string or zip and <b>do it up tight</b> .	
<b>Food</b>	Pack any food into sealed containers.	
<b>Bedding</b>	Check your sleeping bag, including shaking it out and packing it inside another closed bag – not inside the stuff sack.	
<b>Ferry</b>	Before boarding the ferry, double check your bags and containers for animal or insect stowaways.	

**THANKS – you might have just made a huge difference!**

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