

To report a dog issue

If you encounter dogs in Abel Tasman National Park, on the foreshore not adjacent to private land or on the foreshore adjacent to private land but not under effective control, please take as many details as possible, including photographs if safe to do so, and send these to the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC).

If possible, note:

- the time
- the date
- the location
- descriptions of the incident, dog and person/people with the dog
- details of any boat they were using.

Boat users

During normal working hours, call via radio:

- DOC (Ranger) vessels *Otuwhero*, *Aorere* or *Kina* on Marine CH16
- the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster (Dog Control Officer) vessels *Sentinel* or *Pūkāea* on Marine CH16.

Other visitors

- Call 0800 DOC HOT.
- Email the Motueka Office at motueka@doc.govt.nz.

Even if we are not able to respond immediately, this will allow us to follow up on any incidents and better understand where the pressure points are for further compliance effort.

0800 DOC HOT

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For safety hazards and conservation emergencies

Further information

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Dog access in Abel Tasman National Park and Abel Tasman Scenic Reserve



The rules on where you can and cannot take your dog in the Abel Tasman area can be confusing, as this area includes Abel Tasman National Park, Abel Tasman Scenic Reserve, reserves administered by Tasman District Council, and areas of private land that are enclosed by the national park and reserves.

Abel Tasman National Park and Abel Tasman Scenic Reserve

Abel Tasman National Park covers 23,000 hectares of land that extends down to the high tide mark on the coast and also includes the following outlying areas: the Abel Tasman Monument situated between Pōhara Beach and Ligar Bay; the Tata Islands in Golden Bay / Mohua; and Tonga Island, Motuareronui / Adele Island and Fisherman Island / Motuareroiti in Tasman Bay / Te Tai-o-Aorere.

Abel Tasman Scenic Reserve comprises 774 hectares of foreshore, which is the **beach area** between the mean high water and mean low water marks along the Abel Tasman coastline. A large portion of the reserve adjoins land that is protected within Abel Tasman National Park, including the foreshore of all the islands in the park. Other parts of the reserve adjoin privately owned land and reserves that are administered by Tasman District Council, including areas of formed and unformed road reserve.

The locations of these areas of public conservation land are shown in **Map 1**.

Places you CANNOT take your dog

Dogs are NOT allowed:

- in Abel Tasman National Park;
- on the Tata Islands, Tonga Island, Motuareronui / Adele Island or Fisherman Island / Motuareroiti, or on the beaches / foreshores of these islands;
- in Abel Tasman Scenic Reserve (beach area);
- in Canaan Downs Scenic Reserve;

except as provided below.

Places you CAN take your dog

Registered disability assist dogs are permitted in all locations.

Hunting dogs are permitted in approved locations with a valid permit – for further details, visit www.doc.govt.nz/dog-permit.

All other dogs are allowed on the **foreshore adjacent to private land** at Apple Tree Bay; Frenchman Bay to Rākauroa / Torrent Bay; a small area at the eastern end of Anchorage beach; and Awaroa, excluding the Awaroa sand spit bird nesting / roosting area (see **Map 1, insets A, B & C**).

The Awaroa Vehicle Access Corridor provides for dogs to be taken across the Awaroa Inlet, from the Awaroa Road end car park to the Awaroa settlement (via Sawpit Point), within the foreshore adjacent to the national park (where dogs are generally not permitted) (see **Map 1, inset A**). However, dogs must be kept **on lead at all times**.

The bach owner at Stilwell Bay is permitted to exercise their dogs on the foreshore in that location as long as the dogs are under effective control (see **Map 1, inset C**).

Exercise your dog responsibly

When exercising your dog, follow these simple rules to help keep your dog and wildlife safe:

- Carry your dog's lead at all times.
- If your dog is selective in their response to voice commands, hand signals or whistles, keep them on a lead.
- Do not let your dog chase wildlife – your dog must be under effective control.
- Scan the foreshore and plan your walk to avoid disturbing any wildlife.
- Walk on the wet sand to help avoid any sensitive shorebird nesting areas, high-tide roosting areas, kororā / little penguin burrows or seals that may be resting further up on the foreshore.
- Keep your dog 20 metres away from coastal wildlife such as birds and seals.

Remember

The foreshore only includes the beach area between the mean high water and mean low water marks.

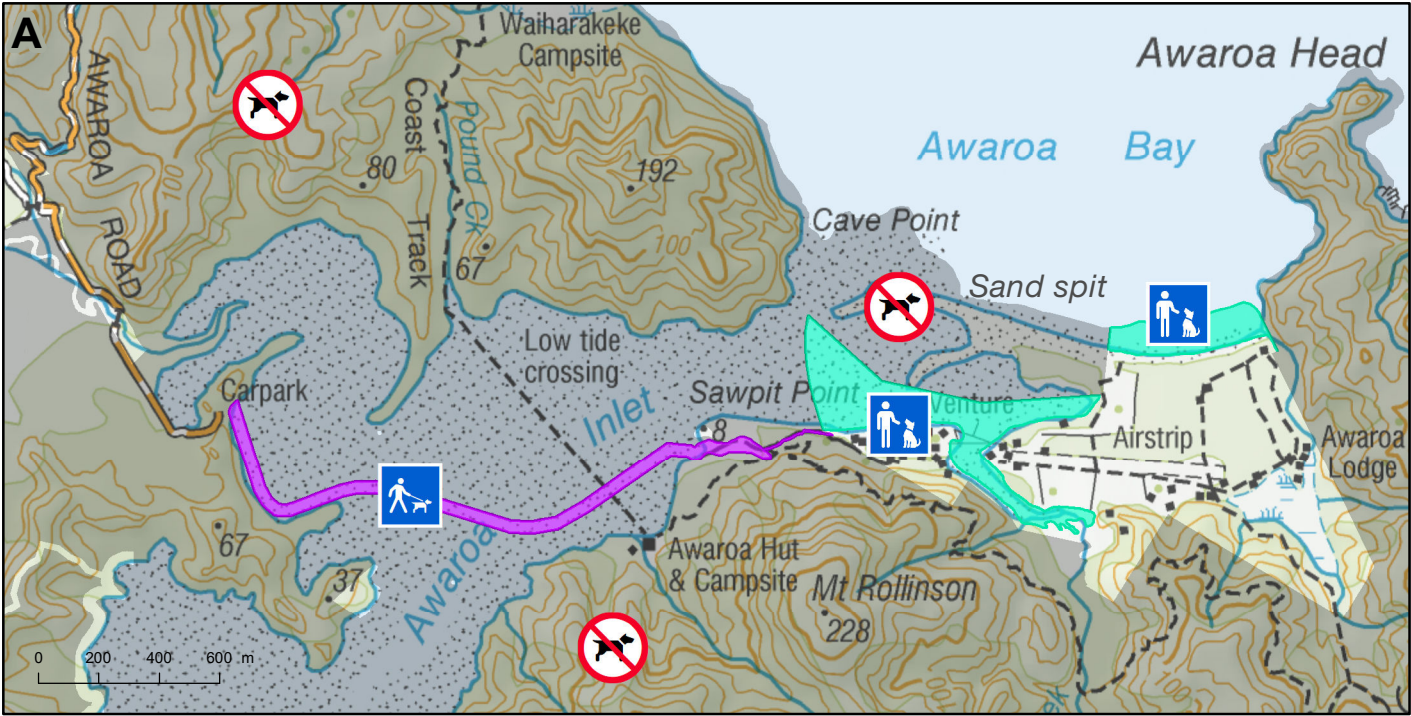
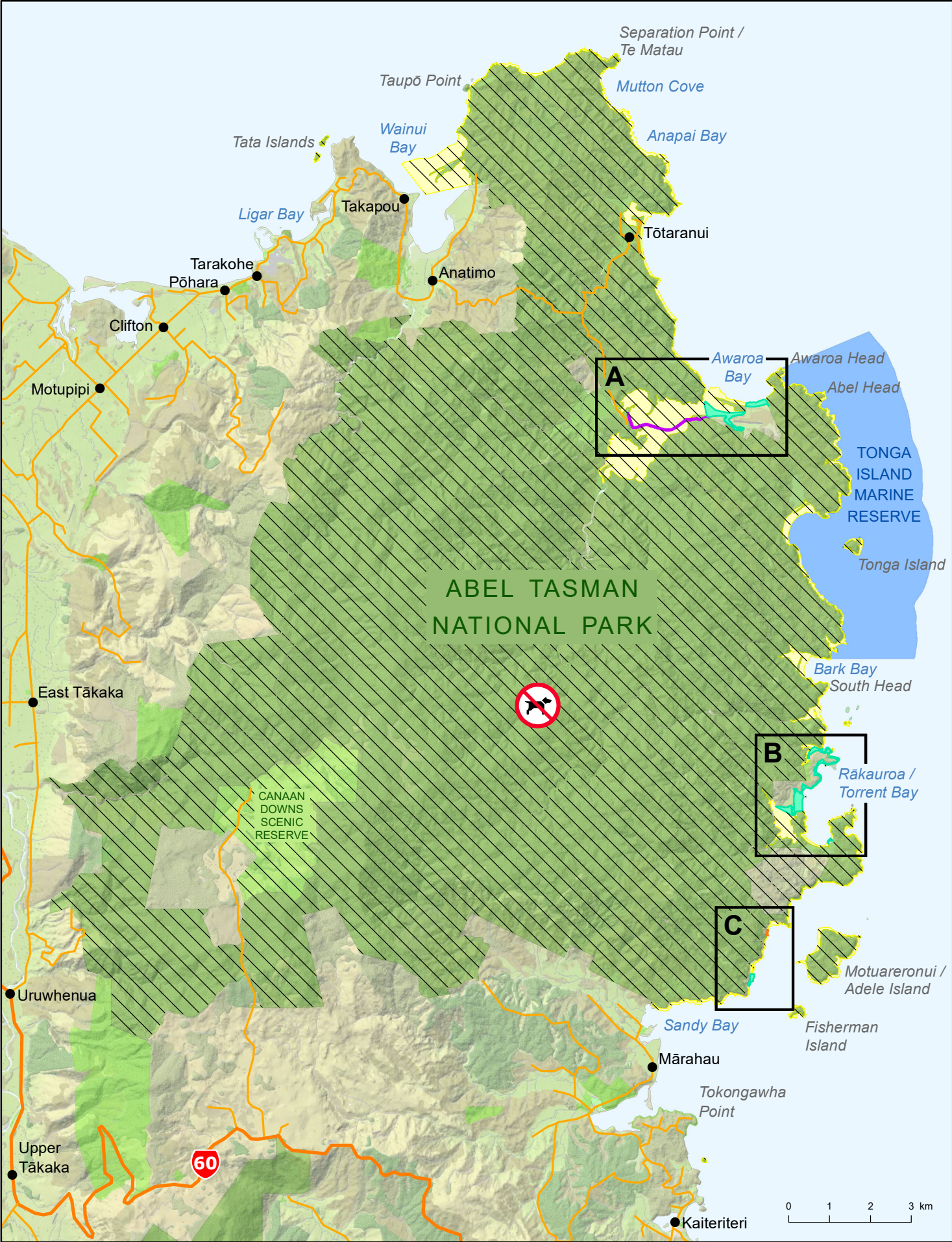
Effective control means that your dog:

- is not causing a nuisance or danger to:
 - people; or
 - any indigenous wildlife; and
- is able to respond **immediately** and appropriately to controls, including a lead, voice commands, hand signals or whistles.

For more information about other places you can take your dog in the Nelson / Tasman region, visit www.doc.govt.nz/dogs-on-beaches-nelson-tasman.



Map 1: Dog access: Abel Tasman National Park and Abel Tasman Scenic Reserve

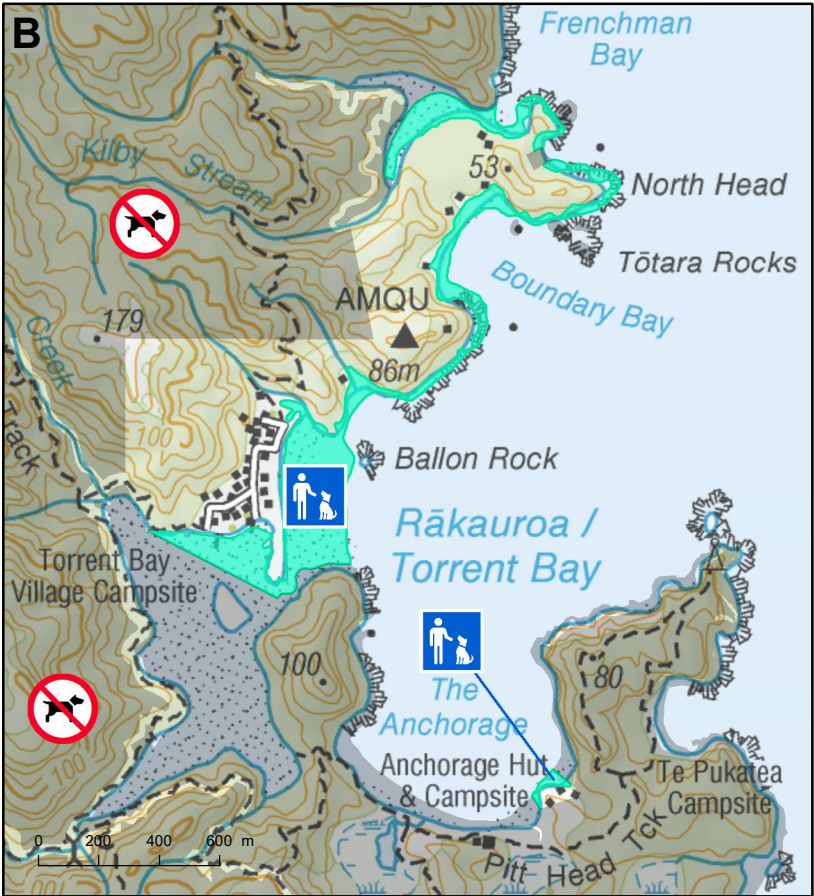


Key for Map 1

- Dogs not allowed
- Abel Tasman National Park
- Other public conservation land
- Abel Tasman Scenic Reserve
- Tonga Island Marine Reserve

Key for insets A, B & C

- Dogs not allowed
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times
- Dogs must be under effective control
- Stilwell Bay bach owner's dogs allowed only



Maps interpreted from: Abel Tasman National Park Management Plan, 2008-2018; Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Management Plan, June 2012, partially reviewed November 2015, dog bylaws. Imagery: GeographX, LINZ.