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# Experiencing Marine Reserves



## **Community Guided Kayak Day – Koha/donation appreciated for participation**

Explore one of the hidden gems of the Hauraki Gulf, one of our most visited marine reserves with experienced kayak guide. You never know what you might spot! Kayak through mangrove forests. This event is a taster into kayaking - expect to spend ~50mins on the water. Fun for the whole whanau – Children younger than 8 will not be able to participate. Children aged 8-10 need to have a confident adult in the back of their kayak.

Children under 13 need an adult companion. Registrations are essential. Only 48 spots available on each day. Sea conditions permitting.

This event is funded by The Albert Eden Local Board and supported [The Bobby Stafford-Bush Foundation](#) and [Auckland Sea Kayaks](#).

### **Information:**

Location: Eric Armishaw Reserve, Pt Chevalier, Auckland

Date/time: Saturday 13th June 2020

- Slot 1: 1100-1230
- Slot 2: 1230-1400
- Slot 3: 1400-1530

Please arrive at least 20mins prior and check in at the tent.

**If you are running late please call 02102732339**

Parking: In the car park of the reserve.

Numbers limited to 48 – 16 for each rotation.

*If you are feeling unwell (sore throat, running nose, loss of taste/smell) please let us know prior as soon as possible. You will not be able to attend the event. If you suffer from allergies – please let us know when you arrive.*

**Participant cancellation:**

Cancellations or no shows less than 24 hours from your start time will incur a \$25pp fee which will be invoiced to you. Please note that late cancellations or 'no shows' may affect your future participation at events such as these. Hopeful participants will miss out on participating if inadequate notice is given.

**Individual gear list:**

- Bring footwear for kayaking (boat shoes, sandals or booties) – you will get muddy feet – so bring something you don't mind getting dirty
- A spare change of clothes in case you get wet. Your bottom may get damp.
- A hat and sunglasses recommended a leash for prescription glasses or expensive sunglasses/ cameras recommended.
- Wear shorts or long pants (no jeans).
- Windbreaker/raincoat – the event will run rain or shine
- Apply sunblock before the event.

**Event Terms:**

Images will be taken during the event to add to our Facebook Page and will be shared with all participants. Please let the organisers know when you arrive if you do not wish for images to be taken of yourself or your whānau.

Activity recommended for 8 years and up. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult participant to ensure adequate ratio. Advanced safety procedures will be in place on the day.

**Kayak Day lead organiser: Lorna Doogan**

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**Cell: 02102732339**

**COVID-19 Information**

Please note the following information. If you have any concerns – please contact us.

- Your registration information will be held for contact tracing.
- The kayaks are doubles – where possible family/friend groups will be placed into the same kayak. The front and back are 1m apart – in cases where singles are buddied up in the same kayak they will need to share information with each other for contact tracing.
- All shared equipment (paddles/life jackets/ handles of kayaks) will be sanitised by Auckland Sea Kayaks between uses.
- There will be hand sanitiser at the main desk for participants and crew to use. There is a full bathroom with soap a 100m walk away from the registration tent.
- Groups of 16 will be distanced during briefings and won't be rafted (held together) within 2m distance of strangers out on the water.

## **Advice from Worksafe regarding attending events and gatherings**

The following people should avoid attending events of any size:

- anyone who is unwell
- anyone who is a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19
- anyone waiting for a test result for COVID-19
- anyone who is self-isolating. [Read more about self-isolation.](#)

## **How to minimise the risk of getting sick at a gathering or event of any size**

The most important thing to do is practice good hygiene. This means:

- Keeping 2 metres away from people you don't know
- Covering coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or coughing/sneezing into your elbow
- Disposing of used tissues appropriately in a bin
- Washing hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water and drying them thoroughly, or using hand sanitiser:
  - before eating or handling food
  - after using the toilet
  - after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose or wiping children's noses
  - after touching public surfaces
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## **Risk Disclosure from Auckland Sea Kayaks**

Sea kayaking has inherent risks and can be dangerous. Detailed risk management and strict safety procedures are observed; however there still remains an element of risk.

Auckland Sea Kayaks cannot absolutely guarantee participants' safety. Auckland Sea Kayaks accepts its legal responsibilities but cannot be held responsible for personal injury or for loss, theft or damage of/to your equipment outside legal responsibilities. Participants will be required to sign a liability form to this effect before starting a tour.

Changing conditions can mean that tours have to be modified. No two tours are the same. It is very rare but weather could delay your scheduled return by up to 24 hours, e.g. weather conditions preventing kayaking.

Clients on guided tours must listen carefully to and follow guides' instructions and adhere to safety requirements. Our reputation depends on your safety – we give it top priority and take it seriously. A comprehensive paddling and safety briefing is given before all tours depart. The guided trips also feature friendly on the water paddling instruction, safety management and natural history interpretation. We aim to teach you new skills and to help you have a great time out there, It's an awesome place and we do our best to ensure our approach to safety reflects our respect for it.

Any concerns should be discussed when you enquire about or before you book a tour. If you want help on which trip is appropriate for you, please contact us.

**Restrictions**

Although we try and be as inclusive as possible it is important to remember safety is our number one priority. The guide must be able to lift/ assist a client back into a kayak if in the unlikely event that they capsize.

Clients must be made aware that they are required to in a kayak and paddle for up to 60 minutes without the possibility of getting out / stretching or take long breaks.

Our tours are in English and clients must be able to speak and understand English.