

Kapiti Island Nature Tours

Kapiti Island, near Wellington

Island Bird Sanctuary Tour



Kapiti Island offers one of New Zealand's premier nature experiences, and also one of the best kiwi spotting opportunities. You are hosted by the whanau (people) of Kapiti Island and this protected island is rich not only in forest and wildlife but also in genuine Maori hospitality. Visitor numbers are restricted as wildlife has top priority. Options include either day trips with guided or independent walks on the island on trails that are a mix of easy to demanding hiking. The island is surrounded by the Kapiti Marine reserve and summertime swimming, snorkelling and sea kayaking options are available for guests.



The Kapiti Day Tour includes return ferry transport and a native forest-guided walk with experienced and knowledgeable guides, delicious cooked lunch, tea and coffee and local permits. This is a fantastic nature and Maori cultural experience in a very special wildlife sanctuary where you will see an unsurpassed range of endangered birds, marine life and mammals. Your guide will bring the island to life with stories of the Maori and whaling history-the conservation story of Kapiti Island is the foundation of NZ's conservation history.

After a delicious lunch at Kapiti Nature Lodge, there are options available for additional independent walking or just relax around the Lodge.

Ferry ride 20 minutes from Paraparaumu to Kapiti Island.

Departs 9am | Duration 6:30



Directions

Turn west off SH1 at BP station in Paraparaumu. Look for the yellow water taxi.

Ferry departs from Kapiti Boating Club, Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach. Check-in & bio-security are inside.

Terms

CHILD POLICY Family friendly

CANCELLATION 24 hours 100% | cancellation due to weather or mechanical reasons, full refund

SEASONAL 1st September until 31st May

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Recommendations

For those with time, Kapiti's Overnight Kiwi Spotting Tour is New Zealand's most reliable Little Spotted Kiwi viewing opportunity. The lodge has been home to the whanau since 1820 and offers cosy and warm accommodation options-cabins, bungalow or bush-edge "lux' tents. There is something very unique about Kiwi's foraging outside your tent or cabin at night-with Takahe, Kaka, Saddleback and other endangered species visiting by day. Great meals and famous hospitality-manaakitanga are the hallmarks associated with Kapiti Island Nature Tours and Kapiti Nature Lodge. Accommodation from \$355.

Accommodation in this area

- [Atahuri Lodge](#)