

Northland Exploration with the Yakity Yak Kayak Club

Have you thought about joining? But are unsure how it all works? Well, I thought I would let you know more.

First, you give your local Canoe & Kayak Centre a call and book yourself onto a Skills Course. This is a comprehensive course that will give you the skills, knowledge and confidence to start participating on some of the easier trips. As your abilities grow you will challenge yourself on the more advanced trips and the leaders will give you advice if you are unsure about a trip.

Keep an eye on your emails and the website to find the trip that is right for you and call Canoe & Kayak to book.

A typical email you could expect follows: "Hi All

We're going on a summer kayaking holiday to stunning Northland.

Come along and join us!

February 18th and 19th. Travel up on Friday Night the 17th (3.5 to 4 hours from Auckland) and back on Sunday evening.

We will base ourselves at the Matauri Bay Holiday Park (no accommodation available, but heaps of tents space and you don't need to book. Cost \$20 per adult and \$9 per child) We'll head out for stunning sea kayaking day adventures from there. The plan is that everyone



We will start paddling early to get the best part of the day and enjoy a bit of snorkelling and maybe bring a hand line for a fish as well. This trip is suitable for all clubies so come along and experience a coast line that is unbelievable.

Please book with Steve and the Team and see you there."

The photos on the cover, contents page and this page were taken on this trip and a stunning weekend it was. The stars on Friday night were so clear and the snorkelling was the best I have had in a long time.

We all, including my 12 year old daughter Shae, spent loads of time

kayaking through caves exploring narrow channels and Shae, Carol, Dave and I probably spent three hours snorkelling. A huge slab of Sirloin and a yummy fresh fish salad supplied by Denis, completed a magical Saturday which was followed up by another stunner on Sunday.

So if you want to get out there and join in on the great New Zealand adventure with the Yakity Yak Kayak Club give us a call and join up, you will have the time of your life.

Peter Townend Founder of the club



Shae & Pete Townend paddling the Cavalli's. Photo by Carol Blair