



Somme Island



Petone Wharf to Somme Island

Route card No. 007 | Skill level: Beginners | Distance: 8 Km | Chart no: NZ4633 | Tidal Port: Wellington

Start/ Finish point: Petone Wharf

Tidal times/ notes: There are no issues with tides in this area.

Coastguard contact: VHF Channels: 14, 16, 62

Comms coverage: Good cellphone and VHF coverage.

Introduction: A day, or half day paddle Somes Island in Wellington Harbour is well worth the trip. Somes Island has a very interesting history and is a great place to stop and have a picnic. DOC staff on the Island can give you an informative talk on this. DO NOT carry any unwanted pests onto the island as it is a sanctuary for many native species. Landing on the island is prohibited apart from the wharf area on the north end of the island. Take your lunch and allow at least an hour to have a look around the island. If you are lucky you may see Tuatara. Please stay on the paths and take all of your rubbish when you leave. DOC have houses on the island that can be booked for an overnight stay as well as some camping space, you must pre book on the DOC website.

Description: Leave from the car park at the Petone wharf and paddle south to the island. Keep about 100m off the wharf as it is popular for people casting fishing lines. A trip around the island is worth while and you will quite often see seals along the way.

Hazards:

- Boating traffic. Yacht races are common in this area.
- Be wary of northerly winds as this can make your trip back a lot more testing.

Accommodation:

DOC Education House

Somes Island
(04) 384 7770
wellingtonvc@doc.govt.nz



Water



Toilets



Showers



Cabins

Attractions:



Bird and wildlife watching



Diving and snorkelling



Fishing



Historic sites

Please note;

Every care has been taken to ensure the information contained in this Trip Card is correct at the time of publication, but things change and you will need to confirm the information provided. You will also need to get further information to ensure a safe trip, this will include an up to date, relevant weather forecast and the ability to understand its implications for the area and talking to locals in the area to garner new information on any hazards in the area. It is also expected that an appropriate level of knowledge, skills and equipment are required to safely complete the trip. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unsure of any information or you find the Trip Card needs updating. Cheers Peter Townend, Yakity Yak Kayak Club. Updated: March 2013