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Route card No. 024 | Skill level: Intermediate | Distance: Varies | Chart: NZ521 | Tidal Port: Opua

**Start point:** Otamure Bay  
**Finish Point:** Otamure Bay  
**Emergency contact:** VHF channel 85 & 16  
**Comms coverage:** Cellphone coverage is unreliable.

**Introduction:** This is some of the best beaches and kayaking in New Zealand. The rough coastline is dotted with beautiful sandy beaches. Camp in a beach-front setting with large pōhutukawa trees for shade. Relax on the beach or walk along the coast. You'll need to pick your weather as a sizeable swell is common in this area.

**Description:** There is so much to do in this area without paddling too far. Rock gardening, fishing and diving off the numerous rocks and islands. If you would like a full days paddle, you can head across Whangaruru Bay to Whangaruru Harbour approximately 12 km north.

For campsite details see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-stay/conservation-campsites-by-region/northland/whangarei-area/otamure-bay-whananaki/>

**Getting there:** Go past Hikurangi on SH1. Turn off SH1 at Whananaki North Road. Travel 27 km. Campsite is 2 km past the village on Rockell Road.

**Hazards:**

- Ocean swells
- Wearing helmets when rock gardening in any swell is recommended.



Camping



Bird and wildlife watching



Toilets



Fishing



Showers



Diving and snorkelling



Parking



Boat ramp

**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: May 2015