



Beehive Island



## Martins Bay to Kawau Island return

Route card No. 027 | Skill level: Intermediate | Distance: 16 km | Chart: NZ5227 | Tidal Port: Auckland

**Start point:** Martins Bay  
**Finish Point:** Martins Bay  
**Coastguard contact:** Dial 111 VHF Channel 82 or 16 Nowcasting 21  
**Comms coverage:** Good coverage for VHF & Cellphone through out.  
**Transport:** Kawau Cruises Taxi 0800 111 616 or Johnies Taxi 021 422 173

### Introduction:

This is one of the shortest routes to Kawau Island from the mainland. It is a fairly easy day paddling out to Mansion House then back via the coppermine and Beehive island. You could extend this to include an over night at Motuora Island if you wish.

### Description:

From Martins Bay, paddle out via Martello Rock to Mansion House Bay. Then continue back around the coast to the south via the old coppermine. From here it is a short paddle to Beehive Island before heading back across to Martins Bay.

### Hazards:

- Other vessels, especially as you approach Bon Accord Harbour and cross South Channel

### Accommodation:

- Book A Bach accommodation is available on Kawau Island. There are no camp sites.
- Accommodation is available at the DOC campsite on Motuora Island. Booking is essential.



Diving and snorkelling



Bird and wildlife watching



Toilets



Fishing



Historic sites



Cafe  
(Mansion House -  
09 422 8903  
for opening hours)

#### 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: November 2015