

Split Apple Rock



Abel Tasman - Marahau Return

Route card No. 008 | Skill level: Beginners | Distance: 16 Km | Chart no: NZ6144 | Tidal Port: Nelson

Start/ Finish point: Marahau
High Water: Nelson Port-Astrolabe Roadstead 20 min before High water,
20 min before Low water
Tidal times/ notes: Tide runs out about 500 m at low tide
Coastguard contact: VHF Channels: 16, 28, 60, 68.
Comms coverage: Limited cell but good VHF coverage

Introduction: This is a great way to see part of the amazing Abel Tasman National Park. A day paddle of 16 km covering some of the beautiful beaches and two of the islands close in to shore as well as a visit to the well known Split Apple Rock. Abel Tasman National Park (established in 1942) is renowned for its golden beaches, sculptured granite cliffs, and world-famous Abel Tasman Coast Track. It also has a mild climate and is a good place to visit at any time of the year.

Description: A round trip launching from Marahau. Head north along the shoreline until you reach Observation Beach. There are lots of beaches along the way to stop off and relax. From Observation Beach head out 1 km to the north end of Adele Island (the larger of the two you can see from the shoreline) and paddle around the back side until you reach the southern tip. From there it's a short 800 m to Fishermans Island. A paddle of 3.5 km heading south west you will find Split Apple Rock at the northern end of Towers Bay. After a break on the beach it's a short 2 km paddle north back to Marahau.

Hazards:

- Be aware of boat traffic in the area as there are water taxis travelling up and down the coast all day.

Other Hazards/ Additional Information:

- Trolley wheels are a good option as the water goes out some 500m from Marahau at low tide.

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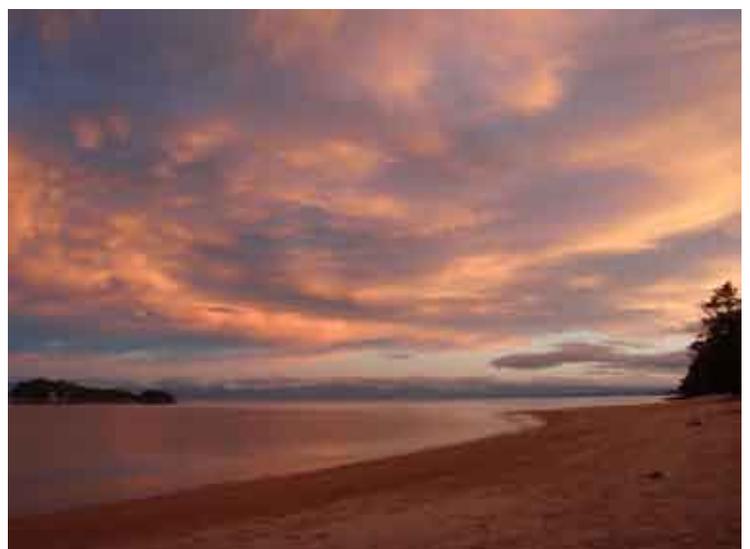
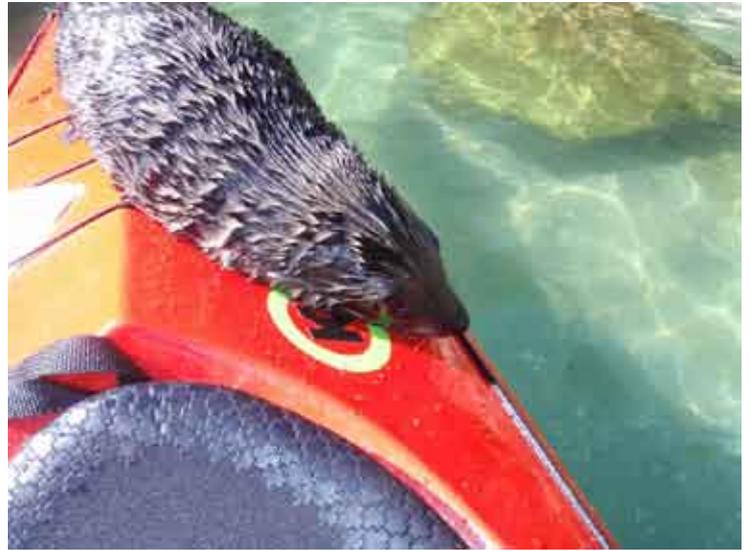
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