



Motuihe Island Headland



## Bucklands Beach to Motuihe Island - Return

Route card No. 002 | Skill level: Intermediate | Distance: 16 Km | Chart no: NZ5324 | Tidal Port: Auckland

- Start point:** Eastern Beach boat ramp or Bucklands Beach
- Finish Point:** Start point
- HW/ LW:** Eastern Beach is extremely shallow from half tide.
- Tidal times/ notes:** If leaving from Eastern Beach, you'll need to leave between half to full tide. From Eastern Beach - there are strong tides up and down the Tamaki River.
- Coastguard contact:** Auckland (09) 303 4303 Mobile:\*555 VHF Channel 80
- Comms coverage:** VHF coverage is excellent and cell phones work well.

**Introduction:** This is a great paddle to one of the closer Islands. There is a lovely walk on the island and a brilliant beach. Very popular with boaties on a summers day.

**Description:** A nice easy open water paddle for the intermediate/ confident beginner looking to increase their skill level. Paddle along the coast line to Music point then head directly across to Waiaorangatahi Bay. Once at the island there are lovely native tree's, the old naval training base and a grave yard to see. There a a few options to get home. One: a portage to the other side of the island ( about 50m ) and follow the channel back to Browns island for another explore .

Two: Leave the bay and head across to Browns island without using the channel. Three: Head back to the mainland directly.

**Hazards:**

- Strong currents run on Tamaki River.
- The Waiheke ferry leaves from Halfmoon Bay.
- Busy boating area.

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**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: August 2012