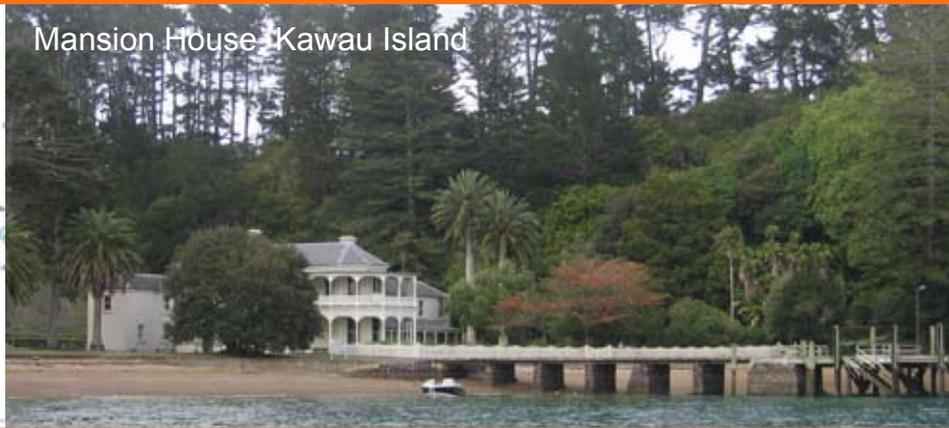




Mansion House Kawau Island



Kawau Island Circumnavigation

Route card No. 021 | Skill level: Intermediate | Distance: 30km | Chart no:5227 | 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 & Cell phone through out.

Transport: Kawau Cruises Taxi 0800 111 616 or Johnies Taxi 021 422 173

Introduction: A nice picturesque but challenging paddle in terms of distance covered. Exploration of the rugged eastern side of the island and the beautiful beaches on the north and south side.

Description:

Leaving from Martins Bay gives you the option of which direction to circumnavigate the island. Aim to paddle with the tide through North Channel past Maori Rock.

On the North Eastern corner is Fairchild Reef, just out from Slip Island. There is good fishing here although some care is required if there is a swell running. Fishing is good all around Kawau.

There are two lunch stops along the Eastern coastline (Burgess Bay & Sandy Bay), but many have rocky shorelines, especially at low tide. Vivian Bay to the North and Bostaquet Bay to

the South also have good landing spots. There is lots of rock gardening to be done.

Beehive Island is stunning with beautiful white sands.

Hazards:

- Strong currents in North Channel
- Maori Rock & Fairchild Reef - avoid in moderate swells.

Beehive Island



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: February 2015