



Raglan Harbour

Route card No. 0019 | Skill level: Intermediate | Distance: 24 km | Map no: BD32 | Tidal Port: Taranaki

Start point: Raglan Holiday Park, Wainamu Beach

Finish Point: Raglan Holiday Park, Wainamu Beach

HW/ LW: Raglan tides between 3 - 37 minutes after HW, 12 minutes before to 21 minutes after LW Taranaki

Tidal times/ notes: Much of Raglan Harbour dries from half tide.

Coastguard contact: Dial 111 VHF Channel 86 or 16 Nowcasting 22

Comms coverage: VHF coverage is limited.

Introduction: Explore at leisure the Raglan Harbour – limestone rocks, waterfalls and narrow fingers of land.

Description:

At the Raglan Kopua Holiday Park, carry boats through the gap in the sand dunes, near the 'backpackers' cabins. Paddle across the harbour to Marotaka Pt to see the limestone formations.

Continue up the harbour past the wharf, past Lorenzen Bay towards the Narrows. Ignore the first estuary/creek entrance; go in to Okete Bay hugging the coast to find the waterfall.

On exiting, head for the Narrows. Want to get there in time to explore, have lunch and depart before the bay dries out.

Possible pit stops –

- a) as you enter Okete Bay, past the house
- b) on shallow beach on right before hit the Narrows
- c) in Haroto Bay where the Paritata Peninsula narrows – but this can be muddy.

On exiting the Narrows, head for Motukokako Point to get in the tidal stream for a fast ride back. Do not get too close to the wharf!

Hazards:

- Strong tidal currents. Very tidal. You want to use the outgoing and incoming tide and ride the tidal stream back. Do not underestimate this current – beware of the wharf, and make sure you do not get swept along past the camp.
- Avoid duck shooting season

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: December 2014