



Whale Bay, North of Tutukaka



## Tutukaka

Route card No. 022 | Skill level: Intermediate | Distance: Varies | Chart no: 521 | Tidal Port: Whangarei

**Start point:** Tutukaka

**Finish Point:** Tutukaka

**Coastguard contact:** Dial 111 VHF Channel 85 or 16 Nowcasting 21

**Comms coverage:** Generally good coverage for VHF & Cell phone.

**Introduction:** There are a number of day trips from Tutukaka. Plenty of excellent rock-gardening along the coast in both directions and long sandy beaches. Optional extra is a day trip to the Poor Knights Islands

### Description:

Option 1. Paddle north from the Tutukaka Harbour, and head up along the rocky coastline exploring the caves, archways and inlets, stopping for lunch at Matapouri Bay or Whale Bay if time and conditions allow. Catch some surf at Matapouri Bay if conditions oblige. The round trip will be around 24 kms.

Option 2. Paddle south along the rocky coastline, past Rahomaunu Island and in to Ngunguru Inlet or on past Whangaumu Bay with its stunning long white sandy beach to Goat Island. Return trip from Ngunguru is around 12 km.

### Hazards:

- Large swells can develop at the entrance to Tutukaka harbour.
- Pleasure craft and charter boats leaving and entering the harbour are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre.
- Take care at Ngunguru Bar and Matapouri Bay if there is any swell as surf can be challenging. Avoid or play depending on conditions and ability of the group. Ensure participants have appropriate skills. Manage the landing if necessary.



Sunrise at Tutukaka

#### 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