

Kapiti Island Full Day Field Trip

Assemble at the Town hall at 7.15 to board your green Newlands bus on Wakefield Street opposite the Amora Hotel.

On loading you will be checked against the participant's list to ensure that we have a Department of Conservation permit for you. The bus will then depart for Paraparaumu Beach via the Ngauranga Gorge, the urban motorway through Tawa and Porirua, along the edge of the Porirua Harbour and the coastal highway at Paekakariki to arrive at Paraparaumu Beach at about 8.30 am. At the Kapiti Boating Club your bags and clothing will undergo a biosecurity search for rodents, seeds or other unwanted nasties then you will board the boat for Kapiti Island. The boat is boarded on the beach before a tractor backs it into the water so you will not get your feet wet.

Once on the island you will receive an introductory briefing over morning tea and have a guided walk where we will learn about the natural and human history of the island. You then have about 5 hours for independent exploration and photography before the ferry takes us back to our bus at Paraparaumu Beach.

The trip will go to the northern end of the island where the bush is more open and thus bird viewing and photography is easier. Photo opportunities include the lagoon and the coast as well as in the bush.

There will be an opportunity to catch up with some of our overseas speakers who are coming on this trip. A representative from Canon may have a selection of lenses for Canon users to try.

Morning tea and lunch are provided. Shelter and toilets are available

Timetable

7.15-7.30 am	Board bus at the Town Hall and leave for Paraparaumu Beach
8.30 am	Arrive Paraparaumu Beach, biosecurity check of all bags including camera bags
9.00 am	Boat departs from Paraparaumu Beach
9:20 am	Arrive at North End, Kapiti Island - walk to shelter (400m) - intro talk/briefing
9:45 am	- walk to lodge (400m) - additional bio-security process - morning tea
10.00 am	Guided nature/history walk - good photography opportunities on guided walk
11.00 am	Time for independent walk to scenic lookout or along coastal track
1.00 pm	Lunch at lodge – provided
1:30 pm	Time for independent walking
3:30 pm	Ferry departs Kapiti Island
3.45 pm	Arrive at Paraparaumu Beach

4.00 pm	Depart Paraparaumu Beach
5.15 pm	Arrive Wellington Town Hall, tour ends

The visit to Kapiti is weather dependent and subject to the boat skipper's decision on whether to sail. This decision will be made about 7.00 am on the day of the trip

In the event that the Kapiti trip is cancelled a full refund will be given and those affected will be offered places on the other full and half day trips to the Wairarapa and around Wellington (subject to space being available).

What to bring:

- Camera gear
- Sturdy footwear
- Warm clothing, a waterproof jacket and hat
- Sunscreen
- Water