

# Tiritiri Matangi Bunkhouse

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## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

We like to think all those stay here have respect for the island and all who share it. With that in mind we would encourage you to read this information to ensure that this special place is protected and everyone has an enjoyable visit.

### Biosecurity

Tiritiri Matangi is free of unnatural predators, however there is a real risk that rats, mice and other pests could be brought over to the island in your belongings.

To prevent this happening it is a requirement that ALL visitors check their gear and ensure that it is packed correctly.

- Shoes/clothes must be free of dirt/seed material and packed in closed bags.
- All luggage must be sealed in rodent proof containers

**Acceptable:** plastic bins with completely sealed lids, closed chilly bins, or cardboard boxes that are completely taped along every seam.

**NOT acceptable:** plastic/open bags/boxes or boxes with holes (e.g. banana boxes) and incorrectly packaged food will not be allowed onto the island.

Please complete the biosecurity checklist attached.

### Ferry Transport

A space in the bunkhouse does not guarantee a space on the boat. Please ensure that you book your ferry immediately: Ph: +64 9 424 5071 from overseas or 0800 360 3472 or email [info@360discovery.co.nz](mailto:info@360discovery.co.nz). All ferry sailings are subject to weather conditions.

Call 0800 FANTAIL after 7am on the morning of your departure to check if the ferry is sailing. Further information will be provided when you book your ferry.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Shared space

The Tiritiri Matangi bunkhouse is a communal facility used by a range of people; research students, members of the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi (SOTM), DOC staff,

community groups, volunteers, and overseas and domestic tourists.

Expect to share living areas and bunkrooms.



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## Island guided walks

We recommend that when you book with the ferry company, you also book in for one of the morning guided walks on the island which run on all ferry days. The cost is inexpensive and funds raised by the Supporters who provide the guiding, go towards island projects. This worthwhile tour is approximately two hours long and will give you the history of the island and also opportunities for spotting the wildlife.

## Cancellations due to the weather

Please note that all ferry sailings are subject to weather conditions and other commitments may be affected if the boat is cancelled on your planned day of departure. It is also wise to bring some extra food in case this occurs. While you wait for the weather to settle, you will not be charged for additional unplanned time spent in the bunkhouse. However if you wish to leave by means other than the ferry the Department is not liable for the cost.

If on your departure day the weather is deteriorating, the ferry operator may cancel the day trip but do a single morning run for the overnight visitors. Contact the Ferry operator for further information.

## Bunkrooms

You are likely to be sharing a room with others

The house has three rooms for public use; Room 1 (Kahu) with 4 beds, Room 2 (Kokako) with 5 beds, and Room 3 (Tuatara) with 6 beds. The total capacity is 15, the beds are bunk style and linen is not supplied.

## Gear list:

### Essential

- Sleeping bag plus sheet, and pillow case
- Drink bottle
- Suitable (warm) clothing)
- Raincoat/over trousers
- Sun hat, warm hat, rain hat, sunscreen and insect repellent
- Camera/ binoculars (optional)
- Food for your stay on the island plus enough for an extra day in case the boat is cancelled.

### Recommended

- Torch
- Tramping boots
- Swimming gear

## Provided at the bunkhouse


- Gas stove
- Microwave oven
- Toilet paper
- Dish washing liquid
- Dish brushes
- Dish cloths
- Tea towels
- All cutlery, crockery, utensils etc
- Pots, pans etc
- BBQ

## Kitchen

The kitchen is modern and well appointed, with gas burners and oven, two fridges, a freezer and all cutlery, crockery, pots and pans etc. Note, the water is fine to drink from the tap.

### During your stay

- Dishes: are best washed in hot water with detergent in general dishes are done in bulk lots after meals, please take your turn!
- Vegetable scraps: first in kitchen bucket, then in compost bins at the back of the bunkhouse.
- Other rubbish: must be taken off the island with you there



is a mini skip at Gulf Harbour where you can put this.

- Recycling: tins, glass and plastic go into the crate in the courtyard, and eventually down to the recycling bins behind implement shed.
- Power: 24hr, 230v power, is provided, however as it has to be generated on the island it is very expensive (about 5 times mainland rates) so we ask you to be conservative. Please leave hair dryers etc at home.

### **When you go....**

- Clear your cupboard and fridge/ freezer/ space
- TAKE ALL FOOD HOME
- Please take all your rubbish home with you, note there is a bin for this at Gulf Harbour.

### **Morning clean up - all involved please!**

Each morning of your stay, the bunkhouse needs to be fully cleaned by all overnight visitors. This is to be completed by 9am, and any departing luggage put underneath the 'Departing Luggage' sign on the veranda ready for pick up.

### **Showers/toilets/washing**

There are two hot showers and two toilets.

There is no washing machine or dryer, hand washing only, bring your own washing powder

Water is limited on the island, especially during the summer (collected from rainwater).

- Please don't leave taps running, e.g. when washing teeth.
- Showers are limited to 3 minutes once a day. To help with ongoing cleaning and power use, please take your shower before 8am and after 4pm.

Note: The toilets use dam water for flushing, hence the brown look to the water.

### **Phone**

There is no phone available for use on the island apart from in an emergency.

Cellphone coverage is good on the grass outside the bunkhouse

### **Health and Safety**

Information relating to this is displayed in each room of the bunkhouse. Ensure that you familiarise yourself with this.

### **Gas oven/Stove top**

Read all instructions before use, ensure the window is open for ventilation and the extractor fan is on. Make sure all switches are off when finished cooking is finished.

### **Night Walks**

We advise you not to walk at night alone and to keep to tracks at all times.

You must carry a torch covered in red cellophane, have sturdy footwear on and write your intentions on the intention board at the front of the bunkhouse.

The wildlife would appreciate that any encounters are kept brief to allow the animals to be undisturbed. Tips for finding little spotted kiwi, little blue penguins and tuatara can be found in the bunkhouse guidelines clearfile on the island.

### **Night Time Safety**

We recommend you have a torch beside you at night.

### **Fire Exits**

Please note where these are and keep them clear of bags etc.

**BIOSECURITY CHECKLIST FOR VISITORS TO TIRITIRI MARANGI ISLAND**

Please complete prior to arriving at the Ferry and have available should the ranger ask for it.

Items being transported	Required Action	Tick if in compliance	Inspected by DOC
Pest proof containers	Have I inspected and cleaned every container prior to packing for soil residues, bird droppings, insect/spider presence etc. <i>Remember check the base and lip of each container. Dirty containers must be rinsed in water then soaked or wiped with a dilute bleach or similar antiseptic solution.</i>		
Packs	Have I emptied my pack entirely, vacuumed it out and checked to ensure all seams and side pockets are free of seeds and dirt ? <i>The bottoms of packs are notorious for collecting seeds and insects.</i>		
	Is my pack clean, in good condition and free of stowaways e.g. mice?		
Footwear	Have I washed my boots and shoes so no seeds or soil are present ?		
	Have I checked and cleaned the tread thoroughly ?		
	Have I inspected the laces, inner sole, inside folds or flaps in my footwear for soil and seeds ?		
Gaiters Raincoats	Have I thoroughly cleaned my overtrousers, gaiters, raincoat and other outer garments ?		
Overtrousers	Have I checked and cleaned all pockets ? <i>Turn pockets out for washing.</i>		
Other outer garments.	Have I checked all Velcro and seams to remove all soil and seeds ? <i>Use a comb to remove seeds from Velcro.</i>		
Clothing	Have I washed and checked all clothing especially fibre pile / wool and all seeds have been removed ? <i>Pay attention to pockets and Velcro - they trap seeds.</i>		
	Have I inspected my socks, hat, raincoat and other high risk items for seeds ? <i>Socks often have many seeds and you may find that buying a new pair is easier than picking the seeds out of your old ones.</i>		
Bedding	Have I shaken my sleeping bag out and checked for stowaways ?		
Food	Have I washed all potatoes and other root vegetables e.g. carrots and kumara so that they are free of soil ? <i>Buy prewashed veges. Once on the island all food must be kept inside containers or within the bunkhouse and regularly inspected.</i>		
	Have I checked the vegetables which have potential hiding places for insects for invertebrate presence e.g. all leafy green vegetables, broccoli, parsley ? <i>Be particularly cautious of home-grown produce or foods from a source where pest treatment is not as effective at removing pests</i>		
Field Equipment	Have I thoroughly cleaned all my equipment so that it is free of any invertebrates, seeds or dirt ? <i>Difficult to clean items such as mist-nets or sensitive electronic equipment need to be carefully inspected for foreign residues and if such items are required, DOC staff must be advised.</i>		
Other	Have I inspected all items that have not been used for some time ?		
Are all items in approved rodent proof containers ?			
Departure Date:            /            /		Date Inspected:            /            /	
Visitor Name:		DOC Officer:	
Signature:		Signature:	

*N.B. Special precautions must be taken if you or your equipment have come into contact with wildlife within the last six months or you will be handling wildlife on Tiritiri Matangi Island. Contact the Quarantine Officer at DOC for details.*