All luggage and gear must go through the quarantine shed on arrival.

Getting there

Tūhua is privately owned and is administered by the Tūhua Trust Board on behalf of its beneficiaries. Landing on the island is only permitted at South-East Bay. Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement and are asked to follow a few rules and biosecurity precautions.

A number of private charter operators offer trips to Tūhua, a list of operators is available from Tuhua Trust Board (email tuhuakaitiaki@hotmail.com). To make a booking to land and/or stay on the island, please contact:

Tuhua Trust Board
Tuhua
Ph: 07 579 0580
Email: tuhuakaitiaki@gmail.com

Time to relax after unloading and going through quarantine.

Before you pack - think biosecurity

You must complete the Tūhua Visitor Checklist before you depart, and take it with you. A checklist will be sent to you for each member of your party; please contact Tuhua Trust Board if you require further copies.

Show your completed checklists to the island kaitiaki when you arrive.

You must prevent any pest plants and animals from reaching this pest-free island. They are a big risk.

Rodents and other mammals, weed seeds or small insects may hitch a ride with you. It is your responsibility to make sure they don't.

When you get there

Before unloading your boat, report immediately to the island caretaker / kaitiaki.

You must show the kaitiaki your completed checklist(s).

You will check all your luggage again in the quarantine shed on the island. This is the last line of defence.

How to pack your gear:

1. Use the checklist as you pack your gear.

2. Protect packed gear from pests getting in.
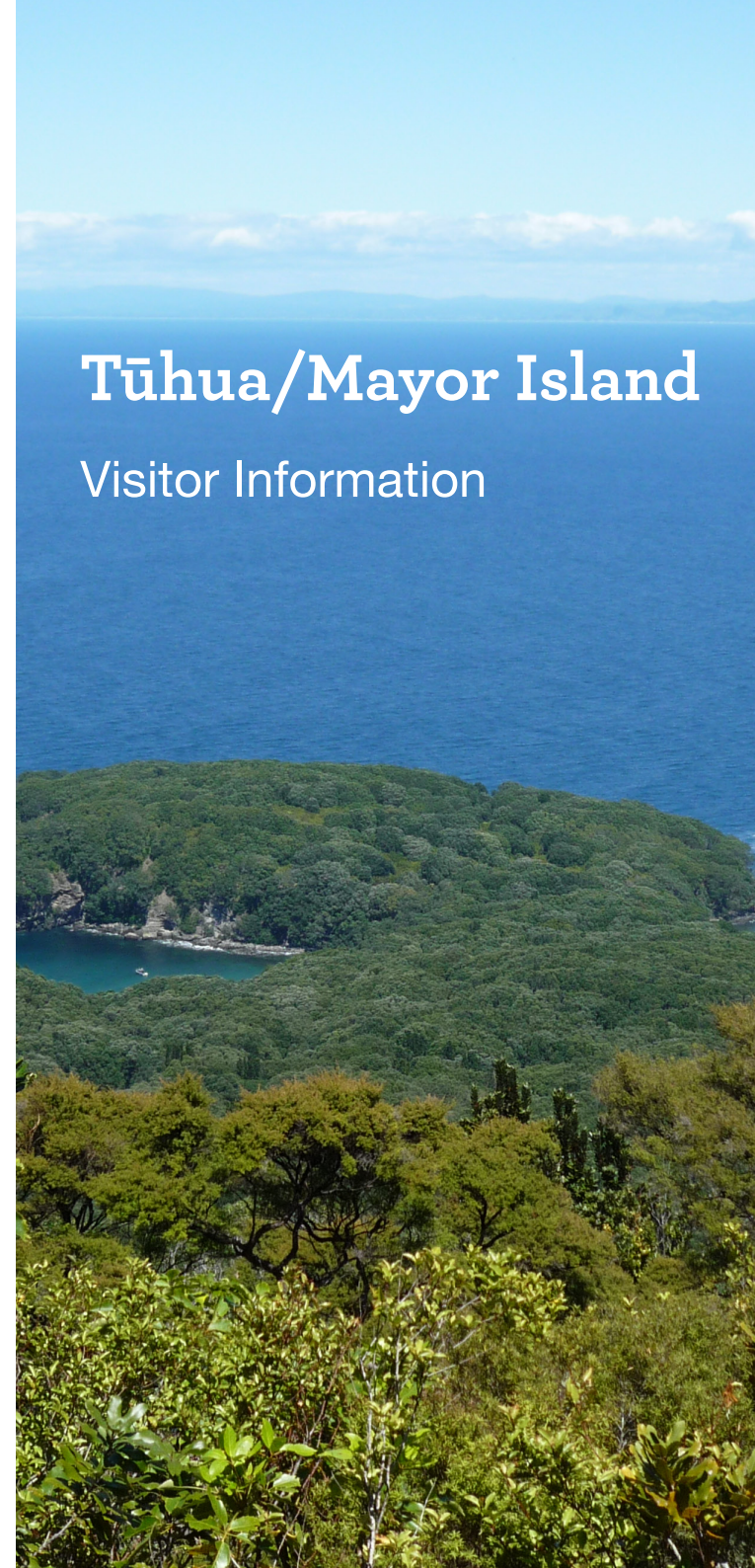
3. Take your checklist with you on the boat.

4. Hand the completed checklist to kaitiaki on island.

5. Check your gear again in the quarantine shed.

"Nau mai ki tō mātou taonga e noho ana ki te pae tawhiti"

Welcome to our treasure that sits on the horizon.

Tūhua (Mayor Island) Trust Board

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Cover image: view of South East Bay and the Bay of Plenty coastline from Tutaretare Trig.

Tūhua/Mayor Island

Visitor Information

Island walks

Prepare for your walk by packing plenty of water and any snacks you need. There is no drinking water available outside Opo / South East Bay.

Enjoy and respect Tūhua by following these rules:

- keep to the marked tracks
- collect all litter and take it off the island with you
- choose a suitable walk for the time available, and write your intentions on the board in the cookhouse before you leave Opo / South East Bay
- no overnight trips are allowed, camping is allowed in Opo / South East Bay only.

All these walks leave from Opo / South East Bay:

Panui beacon (1 hour return)

A short climb to the south of Opo / South East Bay leads to a fairly flat track through forest to the site of the Panui beacon.

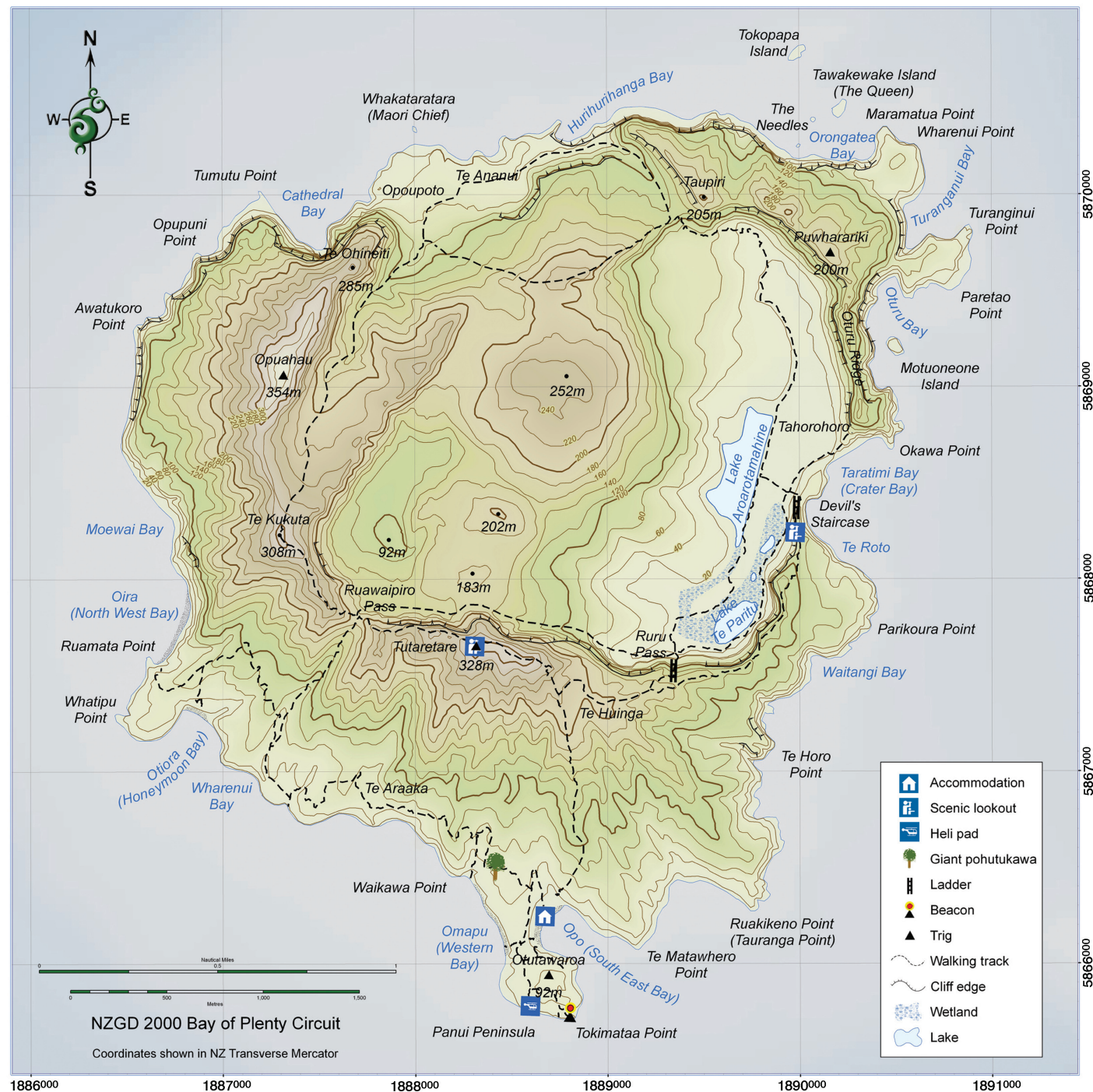### Tutaretare lookout (1.5 hours return)

This steep climb heads north from Opo / South East Bay, finishing with a spectacular view of the crater, the ocean, and the Bay of Plenty coastline.

The Devil's staircase (3.5 hours round trip)

This more challenging route takes in part of the crater rim. Follow the track leading north from Opo / South East Bay, as far as the Tutaretare lookout track junction, and then head east around the crater rim. The Devil's staircase includes a ladder climb. Return along the inside of the crater rim and go through Ruru pass, before returning south to Opo / South East Bay.

Around the island (6-8 hours round trip)

This track is not clearly marked and is overgrown in places. It will require the correct preparation, fitness and route finding skills. Please allow a full day to do this walk, and remember to notify the kaitiaki / caretaker before you leave.

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Coordinates shown in NZ Transverse Mercator

Legend:
- Accommodation
- Scenic lookout
- Heli pad
- Giant pohutukawa
- Ladder
- Beacon
- Trig
- Walking track
- Cliff edge
- Wetland
- Lake