

THE *River Bothy*



*Riverside*  
ESCAPES



*Bothy* - a Scottish word for a small hut or cottage used to shelter workers and set in spectacular and often remote locations in Scotland.

The River bothy, (in NZ) is also set in a spectacular location and used to shelter workers and their dogs - usually those escaping from the city.

## Your home away from home

- with all the extras and none of the stress.

Breath-taking scenery, bathing under the stars, total chill zone, pancakes and maple syrup, sandy feet after exploring the neighbourhood, your cell phone sleeping, your dog by your side, the brownie points earned... all this and more!

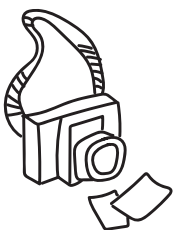
We have been driven by an unwavering vision to create a special off-grid getaway. The cabins are created for couples or independent travellers to engage with nature, feel a real sense of connection to each other and be inspired by the things that truly matter; nature, time, well-being, and an appreciation for life.



We love to read about your stay at the River Bothy, please leave a wee comment in our guest book.



Send us a text once you have arrived. If you have any questions, please let us know. Our number is 021 210 6691.



## Share your photos & keep in touch!

We'd love to see your photos & memories, tag and follow us:

Instagram: tag your photos to @riverside\_escapes and @canopycampingesCAPES

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/northlanding90](http://www.facebook.com/northlanding90)

Website: [www.riversideescapes.co.nz](http://www.riversideescapes.co.nz)

# Housekeeping

We love our wee Cabin and keeping her in the best shape is important to us. You can help us achieve this by ensuring you leave the River Bothy in a neat & tidy manner.

- Please take linen off beds.
- All towels etc can be left in bathroom.
- Dishes should be washed and put away and all rubbish/waste etc in appropriate bins.
- Please clean BBQ after use.
- Breakages - these do happen – we just ask that you please report all breakages to us so we can arrange for a replacement if you have not already done this.
- Please do not smoke in, or near the cabin, for the purposes of hygiene and safety.



If you have used the BBQ, please make sure it is clean and ready for the next guests when you leave.

## Departure

Check out time is by 10:00 am. Please send us a text to let us know you have left.

## Gate Code

1712. Please keep the gate locked on exit and entry.

## Solar Powered

Your cabin is powered by the sun – completely off-grid. You can power up your phone and other electronic devices, but please do not plug in any hair dryers or hair straighteners in the cabin.

## Rubbish And Recycling

There are rubbish and recycle bins to the rear of the cabin. Please ensure all rubbish is contained in the bin and that food is stored in containers or in the fridge to avoid attracting pests.

## Eco/Compost Toilet

Your composting toilet is simple to use. Use the toilet as normal then pour 2 scoops of the peat mix from the tub beside the toilet into the unit.

## Log Burner

During the winter months of June – November, the cabin log burner is available for use. The fire will be all set up ready to go when you arrive. Please keep the door shut after adding wood and before you go to bed, just close the flue at the bottom of the door.

## Water Conservation

Our water tanks are filled by rainwater which is fantastic to drink and a very precious resource. Water conservation is now an important way of life and we therefore ask that you please go gentle on the water supply especially during the dry summer months of December through to May.

Please conserve our water in the following ways –

- Keep showers short
- Don't fill the kettle right up, instead fill to your needs at the time – it will boil faster, and you are not wasting unused water
- The outdoor bath. Please make this experience count while being mindful of your water use. In the summer months we would appreciate if you keep baths to a minimum.
- Water restrictions - Should our region go into water restrictions and drought situations, there may be restrictions on water usage. We will advise you upon arrival of any impact.
- Your understanding is appreciated.

## River

Please use caution when entering the river. Access is along the pathway to the river's edge.

- Please avoid jumping in when entering for swimming, there may be unidentified hazards
- Paddleboarding or Kayaking, please use caution as there may be unidentified hazards

## Other Housekeeping Bits

### Emergency Medical

We have a medical centre in Coopers Beach, but it is open only Monday – Friday during business hours. The closest after-hours medical care is in Kaitaia at the hospital or in a real emergency please dial 111 for an ambulance.

### Groceries

There is a Four-Square market in Mangonui & Coopers Beach as well as a lovely Butcher shop. You will also find here a pharmacy, a liquor store and a Hammer Hardware.

Every Saturday morning there is a fantastic farmers market in KeriKeri (40 mins away).

The best ice creams can be found at Cable Bay Store, opposite Cable Bay Beach.



## Places to Eat

All located in Mangonui

- **Little Kitchen Café**  
09 406 1644  
- open for Breakfast and Lunch.
- **Waterfront Café**  
09 406 0850  
- open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- **Indian Spice Café**  
09 406 0896  
- open for dine-in or take out.
- **The Thai Restaurant**  
09 406 1220  
- open for dining in or take out.
- **The Mangonui Fish Shop**  
09 4060478  
- World Famous in Mangonui dine-in or take out.
- **Fresh & Tasty Fish and Chips**  
09 406 0082  
- next to the Mangonui Pub.

The olive grove is located on the banks of the Oruaiti River and is surrounded by stunning countryside.

The 500 mature Frantoio olive trees on the property are harvested annually, producing 'Shaken Down', olive oil - from tree to bottle.



## Shaken Down Olive Oil

Frantoio olive trees (or NZJ5 olives) are a Tuscan variety that is disease-resistant and well-adapted to Northland conditions.

Olive farming is all about the sun. In early May, after a hot Northland summer, the olives are shaken down using a machine harvester, and transported to Olivado Pressing House in Waipapa for pressing and bottling.

Frantoio olive's in Shaken Down Olive Oil produce a sassy, robust oil with a fresh, green, fruity flavour ending in a peppery kick.

Use Shaken Down Olive Oil with everything - even over ice cream!

### Take a bottle home for \$25

To purchase a bottle, please leave \$25 cash on the kitchen bench or transfer the funds to our bank account;

ANZ - 06-0177-0681542-00.

All we ask is that you text us to let us know you have made a purchase. We also sell boxes of 6, if you would like this option.

Follow us on instagram, @shakendown90



# The Riverside Escape Itinerary

There's lots of things to do in Mangonui, Northland and The Far North. Maximise your stay at Riverside Escapes and mix in some rest and play.

Check out the attractions and explore the area, if you're keen we've created an itinerary!

## Day 1

Take it easy on your first day and spend the time to unwind by keeping it local. Sleep in and wake to fresh coffee and pancakes (order when you book your cabin!). Take in the scenery, put on a record, hit up the hammock and dust off that book - total chill time. - Warning this state may last for several days!

Treat yourself to lunch or dinner by the sea, only 5 minutes away in Mangonui, then back to your cabin for that much-anticipated bath, under the stars.



## Day 2

Time to move, time to seek adventure, time to explore the area starting with Doubtless bay - from Taupo Bay (15mins south) to Kari Kari Peninsula (20mins north).

It's time to hit the beach; picnic by the sea; hike that hill and be taken away by the views; visit the Butler Point Whaling Museum for a bit of history; take the Insta selfies and create those memories! This is what it's all about.

Book yourself a wine tasting treat at the local 'Dancing Petrel Winery' - only 5 minutes drive from your cabin.

## Day 3

You're not going home yet, are ya?

Jump in the car and drive 2 hours North to Cape Reinga and explore all the in-between: the coffee and donut from Wild Nekta cafe in Taipa; take in the wide open spaces; the rugged coastlines; the white sandy shores of Henderson Bay.

Drive along 90 Mile Beach; sand board down the slopes of the giant Te Pahi sand dunes, soak in a Cape Reinga sunset at the top of NZ while watching the two oceans meet; then head back to Mangonui village for their famous fish & chips and home to that star gazing bath calling your name...



## Day 4

Now that you're feeling alive, rested, reconnected and in love...

Head South for the day to Totara North & Whangaroa, hike the Mahinepua track or tackle the Wairakau Stream track, and get picked up by water taxi. For dinner, order your fresh crayfish mornay from the local pub - you've earned it!

## Day 5

It's time to pack up and head back home. Revitalised and ready for anything, totally in control, totally in love and totally ready to book another Riverside Escapes glamping stay in a couple of months... we'll see you soon!



# Local Adventures

There are some great walking tracks nearby and so many neat things to see and do, here are a few we recommend for you.

## Mahinepua Peninsula Track

The track travels the length of the peninsula, mainly along the ridgetop, giving access to the many sheltered bays and providing outstanding coastal views.

### Getting there

The Mahinepua Peninsula is about 40 min drive South on SH10.

To get to the start: turn right onto SH10 and travel for 24km. Turn left at one-way bridge and travel 4.2km, turn east onto Wainui Road for 13.6km, then onto Mahinepua Road (this is easy to miss, so watch out!). Park your car at the eastern end of Mahinepua Beach. Cross the stile and follow markers up the farm track to the Mahinepua Peninsula Scenic Reserve.

Return via the same track.



## Karikari Peninsula

On the Karikari peninsula you will find that Maitai Bay, Whatuwhiwhi and Tokerau Beach are beautiful places to swim, dive, fish, walk or just laze about. Unforgettable.

### Recommended walk - 'Maitai Bay Headland Track'

Pass through farmland and manuka scrubland to Maitai Bay Headlands, where you can enjoy scenic views of Waikato Bay and Maitai Bay.

Note - it's a little challenging at places, we recommend good footwear, water, sunscreen and a reasonable level of fitness.



### Getting there

The Headland Track starts at the top left-hand corner of the top camp at Maitai Bay Campsite.

Maitai Bay is located on the outer Karikari Peninsula, on Maitai Bay Road, about 40km.

**To get to the start:** Turn left onto SH10 and travel for 20km, then turn right onto Inland Road. Continue along Inland Road for 15 km, then turn left onto Maitai Bay Rd and continue for 5 km. The Maitai Bay Campsite entrance is signposted on your right.

Note: You travel 2 km on a gravel road.

## Off the Beaten Track to... Puheke Beach

Doubtless Bay is often described as a holiday makers' paradise with its warm sub-tropical climate, over 70 kilometres of unspoilt coastline and an abundance of safe swimming beaches. Its popularity is justified, but where do you head when you want to enjoy some surfing, some swimming and some lazing about without everyone else in tow?

Well, the answer is Puheke Beach which is a glorious surf beach which invites you in for a swim or a paddle. If you walk along the stretch of beach, away from any other swimmers who have chanced upon it, there will nothing ahead of you but the great sweep of the coast, the white sand and the dunes. This idyllic beach offers you a truly blissful retreat.

### What to do

- Swimming, surfing and strolling
- Fishing and boating
- Birdwatching
- Climbing Mt Puheke for ocean views

### Getting there

Turn left onto SH10 and travel for 20km, then turn right onto Inland Road. Continue along Inland Road for 10.5 km, turn left onto Rangiputa Rd for 4.3km, turn right onto Puheke road...

