

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MOTUTAPU & RANGITOTO ISLAND



### WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

Make sure you take plenty of water, a hat, sun screen, snacks/lunch and sturdy walking shoes. Please bring along a torch if you wish to explore the lava caves on Rangitoto or the gun emplacement tunnels on Motutapu. There are no shops on Rangitoto and Motutapu, so your last opportunity to buy food or drink is on the ferry.

### LOOKING AFTER BOTH ISLANDS

- Rangitoto and Motutapu have recently undergone extensive pest eradication. To support this effort, ensure all your bags are rodent and insect free, and ensure all footwear is free of seeds and soil.
- Dogs and bikes are not permitted on the islands.
- Open fires are forbidden as they can easily get out of control.
- Please take all your rubbish off the islands with you.
- Parts of Motutapu are a working farm. Leave gates as you find them and do not disturb livestock.
- Do not remove or disturb any plants or historic artefacts.
- Keep to the tracks so you don't endanger yourself on the lava.
- Take care near cliff tops especially with children.
- Please allow vehicles to pass and stand aside.



### MOTUTAPU FERRY TIMES & FARES

WEEKEND AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY SERVICE  
26 DEC - 25 APR 2010 (NO SERVICES CHRISTMAS DAY)

DEPART AUCKLAND	DEPART DEVONPORT	DEPART HALF MOON BAY	DEPART MOTUTAPU
9.15am <sup>1</sup>	9.25am <sup>1</sup>	9.00am <sup>2</sup>	4.30pm <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Transfer at Rangitoto Wharf at 9.45am to awaiting vessel, departing at 9.50am.

<sup>2</sup> Sails via Rangitoto Wharf. Travel time approximately 1 hour 10 minutes.

<sup>3</sup> Auckland & Devonport customers transfer at Rangitoto Wharf at 4.50pm to awaiting vessel, departing at 5pm.

### RETURN FARES TO & FROM MOTUTAPU

	ADULT	CHILD	SENIOR	FAMILY
Auckland & Devonport	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$27.00	\$75.00
Half Moon Bay	\$23.00	\$11.50	\$20.70	\$57.50

### TICKET DEFINITIONS

CHILD: 5-15 years inclusive.

SENIOR: 65+ years.

FAMILY: 2 adults and 2 children.

INFANTS: Under 5's travel free on our ferries. However if a seat is required then a child fare must be paid.

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## ABOUT MOTUTAPU

Motutapu, which means Sacred Island, has a history dating back to the Jurassic period, and is one of the oldest islands in the Hauraki Gulf. The island is home to farmland, scenic walking tracks, World War II gun emplacements and spectacular views of the Gulf. Motutapu is currently undergoing a 50 year conservation project.

**FLORA AND FAUNA:** The island mainly consists of farmed pasture. Some native plant species include Karaka, Taraire, Kohekohe and Flax. Exotic trees such as Norfolk Island Pine and Macrocarpa are also present. Native birds such as Tui, Fantails, Pukeko and the threatened N.Z. Dotterel also call Motutapu home.

**HISTORY:** Motutapu was home to Maori for many generations, until the Rangitoto eruption. Today, over 300 Maori archaeological sites have been found, with many more yet to be discovered.

During the 1840s the first European settlers began farming on Motutapu. In 1857, Auckland businessman Robert Graham purchased the island, and converted large areas into pasture. The Reid brothers then bought Motutapu in 1869, and built homesteads at Emu Bay and Home Bay. The Reid Homestead at Home Bay still exists today and is being developed into an information centre.

## ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

**WALKING:** With magnificent scenic walking tracks, beautiful scenery and wildlife, Motutapu is a walker's dream come true. This unique island combines the breathtaking beauty of rambling hills, beaches and naturally sculpted landscapes.

**MILITARY SITES:** During WWII, Motutapu played a key role in Auckland's coastal defense against enemy invasion. Gun emplacements, military tunnels and bunkers still remain and are a must see on the island.

**CAMPING/PICNICS:** Motutapu has been a popular picnic destination since the 19th century. There is a campsite at Home Bay that offers basic facilities. Bookings for the campground are essential; please contact DOC on 09 379 6476. Alternatively, the Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp specialises in school and corporate groups and offers bunkhouse and lodge style accommodation.



MOTUTAPU PHOTOGRAPHY: BRIDGET WINSTONE

**BEACHES:** Expansive coastlines hemmed with luscious greenery and golden sands, Motutapu has many stunning beaches, boasting untouched beauty, to enjoy. Beaches are ideal spots for swimming and picnics, and also offer long spans of coast to coast walking.



## POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 HOME BAY:** An ideal picnic and swimming spot, and also the location of the historic Reid Homestead. Built by James Reid in 1901, this historic house has now been restored and is open for public viewing. Also located at Home Bay is the campground.
- 2 ROTARY CENTENNIAL TRACK:** This walking track will take you through the largest restoration plantation forest on the island.
- 3 WWII MILITARY SITES:** Many interesting military sites exist around this area. Investigate the gun emplacements and a six inch gun battery, or explore the underground ammunition bunkers which served as the largest for the American military in the South Pacific.
- 4 SUMMIT:** Experience some magnificent 360 degree views of the Hauraki Gulf.
- 5 HISTORIC HOMESTEAD REMAINS:** Foundation remains of historic houses built by European settlers are visible here.
- 6 ISLINGTON BAY WHARF:** Trek across to neighbouring Rangitoto Island, and experience its unique volcanic terrain.

### MOTUTAPU RESTORATION TRUST

The Trust was established in 1994, to restore the natural and cultural landscape of Motutapu. Amongst its many achievements over its 15 year history, the trust has planted over 400,000 native plants and trees, built up a database of more than 1,400 volunteers and restored and reopened the historic Reid Homestead. Their ongoing hard work means Motutapu continues to evolve as a natural and cultural gem. For more information about the trust please visit [www.motutapu.org.nz](http://www.motutapu.org.nz)



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## ABOUT RANGITOTO

Sitting majestically just off the Auckland coast, this unique volcanic island boasts a fascinating landscape of rugged lava crops, lush native bush and sandy coves. Rangitoto is a public reserve, managed by the Department of Conservation.

**GEOLOGY:** Rangitoto Island erupted from the sea in a series of dramatic explosions around 600 years ago. This makes it the youngest island in the Hauraki Gulf, and the last and largest volcano to be formed in the Auckland volcanic field.

**FLORA & FAUNA:** Famed worldwide as a botanical gem, Rangitoto is home to New Zealand's largest Pohutukawa forest. There are now more than 200 species of native plants including 40 species of fern. Many of the plants are unusual hybrids and very rare.

**PEOPLE:** Today Rangitoto has no permanent population, but in the early 20th century there was a small community living in 'baches' (simple holiday houses) scattered along the shoreline. Further building was prohibited in 1937, and many of the original baches have disappeared over the decades leaving just the few you see today.

### KEY FACTS

- **SIZE:** 260m high and 5.5km wide.
- **AGE:** Formed about 600 years ago (ca 1400 AD).
- **VOLUME LAVA:** About 2,300 million cubic metres (equivalent to 468,000 Olympic sized swimming pools).
- **VOLUME TUFF/ASH:** About 19 million cubic metres (equivalent to 3,800 Olympic sized swimming pools).

Rangitoto literally means 'bloody sky' in Maori, but it is derived from the phrase "Te Rangi i totongia a Tamatekapua" – "the day the blood of Tamatekapua was shed", a reference to an injury to a chief during a battle fought on the island.



## EXPLORING THE ISLAND

Rangitoto Island can be explored either on foot or by vehicle on a Fullers guided tour. There are many bush walks you can do or our Volcanic Explorer road train will take you to the island's key sights.

The recommended walk to the summit takes about an hour at an easy pace, where spectacular 360° views of Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf islands await you. Lookouts along the way provide some stunning views as you climb, and a short detour will find you exploring the island's lava caves. Other tracks that skirt the coastline are signposted from the wharf.

## RANGITOTO VOLCANIC EXPLORER TOUR

Combine your ferry trip to Rangitoto with a guided tour of the island on our 4WD road-train. On arrival, your island ranger guide will greet you as you leave the ferry and direct you to the tour vehicle nearby. You will journey through the unique volcanic landscape, whilst your guide talks to you about the history and geology of the island. The tour vehicle will take you to the base of the summit, where it a scenic walk along a wooden boardwalk to the very top. After taking in the panoramic views, you rejoin the tour vehicle for the return trip to the wharf, which takes in the western side of the island.



FERRY AND TOUR



## POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 BLACK BACK GULL COLONY**  
The largest NZ colony of this species. Breeding from October to late January.
- 2 KIDNEY FERN WALK**  
A cool bushy glen of the rare Kidney Fern.
- 3 KOWHAI GROVE**  
Native trees which have lovely yellow flowers in spring and summer.
- 4 MCKENZIE BAY & BEACON LIGHTHOUSE**  
Ideal swimming, fishing and picnic spot.
- 5 CRATER RIM TRACK**  
This 15 minute walk circles Rangitoto's large crater at the summit.
- 6 SUMMIT LOOKOUT 260M**  
Breathtaking views of the harbour.
- 7 LAVA CAVES**  
Narrow caves originally formed from flowing lava. Take a torch!
- 8 CONTROLLED MINE BASE SITE**  
Site of WWII buildings from which the harbour's minefields were operated.
- 9 ISLINGTON BAY WHARF**  
Popular anchorage for local yachtsies.
- 10 MOTUTAPU CAUSEWAY**  
Cross the causeway for further walks on Motutapu.
- 11 BOULDER BAY**  
Site of old shipwrecks.
- FERG'S KAYAKS**  
Casual kayak hire/guided trips. Ph: 09 529 2330

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DEPARTS AUCKLAND	DEPARTS RANGITOTO	DEPARTS DEVONPORT	DEPARTS RANGITOTO
7.30 am <sup>1</sup>	9.45 am	9.25 am	9.45 am
9.15 am	12.45 pm	12.25 pm	12.45 pm
10.30 am	3.30 pm <sup>2</sup>		3.30 pm <sup>2</sup>
12.15 pm	3.45 pm <sup>3</sup>		3.45 pm <sup>3</sup>
	5.00 pm <sup>3</sup>		5.00 pm <sup>3</sup>
	5.15 pm <sup>4</sup>		5.15 pm <sup>4</sup>
	5.30 pm <sup>5</sup>		

- Operates on weekends and public holidays only. 'Early Bird' same day return fare applies.
- Operates weekdays only.
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- Operates weekdays from 29 Dec - 5 Feb 2010 only.
- Sails via Half Moon Bay and operates weekends and public holidays only.

## HALF MOON BAY - RANGITOTO (WEEKENDS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ONLY)

DEPARTS HALF MOON BAY	DEPARTS RANGITOTO	DEPARTS AUCKLAND	DEPARTS DEVONPORT
9.00 am	1.00 pm	9.15 am	9.25 am
12.00 noon	3.30 pm	12.15 pm	12.25 pm
	5.30 pm		

## VOLCANIC EXPLORER TOUR (CRUISE + TOUR DURATION 3hrs)

## RETURN FARES

	AUCKLAND / DEVONPORT	HALF MOON BAY
ADULT RETURN	\$25.00	\$18.00
CHILD RETURN	\$12.50	\$9.00
SENIOR RETURN	\$22.50	\$16.20
FAMILY RETURN	\$59.00	\$45.00
EARLY BIRD ADULT	\$15.00	
EARLY BIRD CHILD	\$7.50	
VOLCANIC EXPLORER ADULT	\$55.00	
VOLCANIC EXPLORER CHILD	\$27.50	

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