



Stewart island

RAKIURA | NEW ZEALAND

Go for it - catch a fish, hop on a bike, take a hike!

Catch a fish! The crystal clear waters surrounding Stewart Island offer exceptional fishing opportunities, whether it's teaching the kids to fish for spotties off the wharf or as part of a full or half day fishing excursion. Use a rod or traditional hand line to catch your own dinner! Blue Cod is the usual target and the catch is shared between those on board. Fishing information and regulations for coastal Stewart Island, Marine Reserve and Matakaitai areas in Paterson Inlet are available from the Department of Conservation.

*Cruises & Fishing
Tours & Activities*

Hop on a bike! Rent a bike for a few hours and you'll be surprised where just 28 kilometres of Stewart Island roads can lead you. Take your time, stop and enjoy the stunning scenery, lush rain forest, flora and fauna and sandy beaches. Hire options include mountain bikes, eco friendly electric bikes and scooters. Safety equipment is provided. New Zealand Code for Cyclists applies to Stewart Island.

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Shopping & Services*

Take a hike! Stewart Island caters for walkers and hikers of all ages and abilities, from 10 minute strolls to multi-day hikes, with a variety of scenery and terrain. Observation Rock is a popular lookout across Paterson Inlet and is a favourite site among Aurora Australis watchers when conditions are right. Fuchsia Walk provides a short bush walk for those wishing to avoid Golden Bay Road and links with Raroa Reserve Track to the peaceful Thule Bay and quaint boat sheds. Bathing Beach track rewards walkers with golden sands and the option of a swim in sheltered clear waters, and at low tide remnants of timber are visible from early milling days at Mill Creek.

Further out of the Oban township walkers can explore the island's oldest structure, Acker's Cottage at Harrold's Bay. On the way back take a detour to Ringaringa Point and discover the history of missionaries at Wohlers Monument. Horseshoe Point track meanders along the coast taking in Dead Man Beach (don't be put off by the name!) and Bragg Bay – a visit to Motorau Moana Native Gardens is a must-do, along the way.

The Rakiura Heritage Walk plots a fascinating perambulation to ten historical sites - ask for a brochure at the Rakiura Museum.

Depending on tide and weather conditions it may be possible to combine fly/walk/boat activities and compare the diverse east and west coasts of Stewart Island in a day.

Guided options are available for many Stewart Island walks.

*Guided Walks
Tours & Activities
Rakiura Museum
Rakiura National Park Visitor Centre*