



# Stewart island

RAKIURA | NEW ZEALAND

## **Mix it up –**

### **go for a paddle, take a hike, grab a club or hit the jack!**

**Go for a paddle** in a kayak. Pristine crystal clear water, abundant marine life and picturesque coastline make for a stunning paddling environment. Bring your own kayak or choose a guided tour. Half or full day, evening paddles and multi-day excursions. Beginners to experienced kayakers welcome.

*Tours & Activities*

**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*

**Play** a round of Golf or a few ends of Bowls. Aim for a hole-in-one on our 6-hole golf course atop the breathtaking setting of Ringaringa cliffs or play a few ends of bowls on our all-weather bowling green on Ayr Street, right next to the museum.

Bowling gear and golf clubs can be hired from the Post Office on Elgin Terrace.