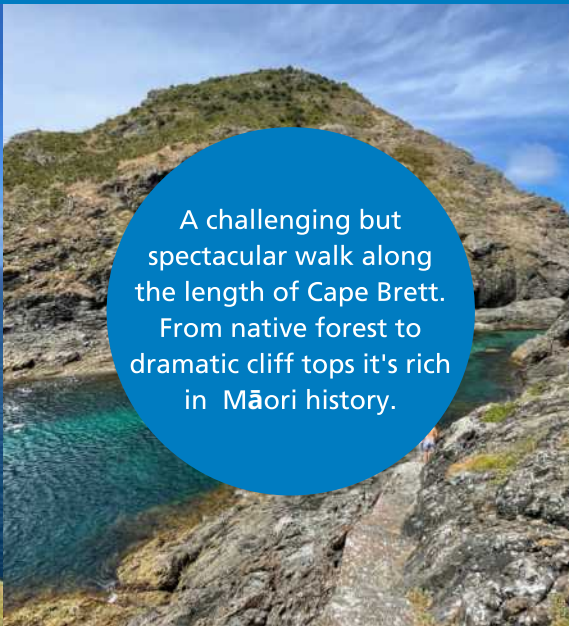


Cape Brett Walk

A 'NEED TO KNOW' GUIDE



A challenging but spectacular walk along the length of Cape Brett. From native forest to dramatic cliff tops it's rich in Māori history.

We've put together this 'need to know' guide as described by one of our fabulous guests and her friends who did the walk recently. Thank you Caitlin Houghton!

We booked our accommodation around the availability of the DOC hut which we booked online through the DOC website. They send you the door code to access the hut.

Russell - Orongo Bay Holiday Park was really close to the start of the walk.

We drove to the car park at 253 Rawhiti Road, on the lawn by the beach, where there was an honesty box for the parking fee of \$10.

We started the walk from here. I wouldn't say it was easy and we were all fairly fit, some uphill parts were steep and it was certainly challenging at times!

There were a number of scenic rest spots where we stopped for snacks and lunch. About 4.5 hours along, there was also a beautiful swimming spot.

The last part was the hardest, very steep up and downhill parts. So be prepared and conserve some energy!

On the final walk down to the hut there is another swimming spot, it was a bit choppy when we were there but lots of amazing fish to see. You can climb up to view the beautiful sunrise/sunset at the lighthouse too, if you have the energy!

The hut sleeps around 24 and was great, although very hot in the middle of January. We really didn't need a sleeping bag! There is a toilet but no shower. There are also pots, pans and gas provided. There is water but it's recommended to check the weather forecast because if there has been no rain there is a likelihood there will be no water in the tank!

It took us 6 hours there and 6 hours return although there is a water taxi that will collect you from the swimming spot by the DOC hut each morning for \$80 (30 mins) if you prefer. We walked all the way back to the carpark at the beginning of the walk which again took us 6 hours.

Tips:

I would suggest a good pair of running shoes or proper tramping shoes.

Take along some cutlery and a plate for eating at the hut.

Pasta Packs are a great idea for dinner - the ones you just add water.

On reflection we should have booked another night at Russell-Orongo Bay Holiday Park before heading home. It was a long walk, followed by a long drive back to Auckland!

Happy walking - we'd love to hear your experiences of the Cape Brett Walk.