

Matariki far north loop 2022

Map / Route :

<https://plan.tomtom.com/en/route/view/736918a2-faae-495f-ae35-8a38298cfed7?p=-36.12752,172.5792,6.51z>

Thursday 23rd May, 2022

Keppler's to Uretiti camp site.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/northland/places/waipu-area/things-to-do/uretiti-beach-campsite/>

Campsite requires booking online.

Leaving after work on Thursday 23rd from Keppler's Greenwood Street.

Eta 9pm.

Probably stop somewhere on the way for dinner.

Friday 23th May, 2022

Uretiti to Taputaputa via Ninety-mile beach.

<https://taputaputa.nz/>

Campsite requires booking online.

You will need to be prepared for self-contained lunch, dinner, breakfast, and lunch the following day. I have chosen to go via Dargaville and Waipoua Forest, so we can stop at a supermarket, and stop and be amazed by Tane Mahuta! 😊

Also, we cross the Rawene ferry (I have family in Rawene so I will stop for a 30-minute coffee stop with Fam).

Low tide is at 11:54am, so we have plenty of time to drive Ninety-mile beach to Te Paki Stream.

Saturday 24th May, 2022

Taputaputa to Paihia via Ninety mile beach.

<https://www.paihiatop10.co.nz/>

Campsite requires booking online. (I've booked a site in Terrace 3)

We have heaps of time to reach Paihia so we can venture back down Ninety-mile beach. Low tide is at 12:47pm, so plenty of day light to play in the sand.

We'll take state highway 10 to Paihia for different scenery. 😊

Sunday 25th May, 2022

Paihia to Keppler's.

Barrel down state highway 1 to get home.

Probably nothing interesting happening on this day.

Things that you could think of bringing.

It's VERY unlikely we will venture into areas that require rescue; remember, Ninety-mile beach is a public road, and travelled frequently by busses.

But I'll be taking rescue gear.

Things you could think of carrying:

- Two Bow Shackles (one for the front, one for the back)
- Snatch strap
- Tow strap
 - I have this:
<https://www.supercheapauto.co.nz/p/xtm-4x4-accessories-xtm-7-piece-4wd-recovery-kit/600254.html>
 - and this:
<https://www.repco.co.nz/en/4x4-adventure-escape/4x4-offroad/4x4-recovery-gear/maxi-trac-recovery-hitch-receiver-bow-shackle-mtrhr4-7t/p/A1316800>
- Recovery boards
 - I have these:
<https://www.supercheapauto.co.nz/p/tred-tred-gt-recovery-tracks-blue-1085mm/593187.html>
- CB Radio
 - I have this:
<https://www.repco.co.nz/en/in-car-technology/uhf-cb-radio/handheld-radios/gme-2-watt-uhf-cb-handheld-radio-tx677/p/A6140833>

I might want to have a go at boogie boarding the Te Paki sand dunes, so I'm bring two boogie boards.

Camping gear:

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat or bed roll, or stretcher
- Pillow
- Camp chair
- Chilli bin
- Torch
- Cooker and gas (no fires are allowed where we are going)
- Plates, cutlery, cooking utensils
- Pots and pans to cook in
- A cup for coffee in the morning ☺
- Insect repellent (Taputaputa is known for mosquitoes!)
- Togs (we're in the winterless far north. Someone might be brave enough to jump in the sea)

Food and drink

Take care of your own food and drink; but if you want to plan a shared meal, that would be great, I'd be keen on that!

NOTE: you don't have to join in the entire trip, you're welcome to just rock up whenever you want, do your own thing.

Also, bring your own booze. Lots of these places don't have electricity, so plan for that (no cold beer or cold wine), although it is winter, so maybe the drinks will stay cold. 😊

Uretiti and Paihia have kitchen facilities, but Taputaputa is a back country Doc campsite. They have two flushing toilets (last time I was there 6 years ago), long drops, and cold showers. So, plan to be cooking over a gas cooker.

Summary

Again, here is the map.

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I'll be going even it's raining (unless there are sub-tropical cyclones or something similar).

Take care of your own accommodation bookings.

Maybe you want to stay in a hotel ?? that's cool. 😊

None of the campsites are dog friendly, sorry.

Partners, kids, etc etc welcome.

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