

QUAIL ISLAND'S ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR ALL VISITORS

Did you know that all wildlife, plants, natural and historic features on Quail Island are protected? Black Cat Cruises works closely with the Department of Conservation and the Quail Island Trust to ensure that we take care of the island's environmental needs. As a visitor, you play a big part and we invite you to help us protect this beautiful island.

BEFORE DEPARTURE

You must have adequately cleaned your gear and checked for stowaway pests prior to boarding the vessel.

Ensure all your gear and luggage is packed in pest-proof containers or bags and that these are sealed or zipped shut.



Ensure your gear, footwear and clothing is free of dirt and seeds. A brush and water is available for you to clean dirty footwear prior to departure.



PESTS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

Rodents – rats and mice



These pests eat native chicks, eggs, insects and lizards. They compete with our native species for food.

Argentine Ants



One of the biggest threats to the island. They can build to large numbers and are organised and aggressive. They compete for food with our native species and displace and eat native wildlife.

Soil and Seeds



Soil and weed seeds are easily transported on both clothing and footwear, or in your gear. Weeds can quickly take over and can strangle our native bush. Soil can carry diseases that threaten native plants.

Rainbow Skinks



These Australian imports are prolific breeders and displace our native skinks. Their young are as small as a matchstick.

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QUAIL ISLAND ADVENTURES

ISLAND MAP & ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST



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ON THE ISLAND

There is no suitable drinking water on the island. Please boil all water before drinking.

There are no rubbish facilities on the island – take your rubbish (including organic rubbish) with you. Stay on the trail for your safety, and to avoid trampling native plants, wildlife and new plantings. Be aware of your surroundings and stay well away from cliff edges. Watch your children. Leave your pets at home. The island is pest-free, and penguins nest here. Hunting is not allowed on the island. Strictly no fires and no smoking! Fire threatens the island's restoration. Open fires are not allowed on the island – use only gas cookers when camping or picnicking. If you see a fire, dial 111.

YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Follow the Outdoor Safety Code:

- Plan your trip
- Tell someone your plans
- Be aware of the weather
- Know your limits
- Take sufficient supplies

STAYING OVERNIGHT

The Caretaker's Cottage is now available for overnight stays (Book online at www.doc.govt.nz). Overnight camping is allowed at Whakamaru Beach and Skiers Beach. Book both cottages & camping sites online.

Please ensure you allow enough time to get back to the ferry wharf before the departure times.



ŌTAMAHUA/QUAIL ISLAND LOOP TRACK
2 HR 30 MIN (RETURN), 4.5 KM
Circumnavigating the island, this track offers stunning views, and has interpretation signs revealing the island's history. It leads directly to Whakamaru Beach (swimmers beach).

SUMMIT TRACK 15 MIN, 700 M (FROM CARETAKER'S COTTAGE)
The views across the island, around the inside of the volcanic crater and across the harbour are well worth the gentle climb to the summit.

DOG KENNEL TRACK 10 MIN, 300 M
This track offers access to the replica dog kennels historic site and is a short cut across the island if you have limited time.



KEYS

- Campsite
- Accommodation
- Lookout
- Toilets
- Shelter
- Information
- Picnic Table
- Tracks

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Ferry Wharf
- 2 Stables
- 3 Ōtamahua Hut
- 4 Bird Nesting Area
- 5 Ship's Graveyard
- 6 Leprosy Hut
- 7 Dog Kennels
- 8 Barracks
- 9 Swimmers Beach
- 10 Pou Whenua