

# THINGS TO DO with Nature<sup>TM</sup>

## Summer Holiday Adventures

**memorable  
outings  
for all ages  
& abilities at:**

**Coromandel Town  
Hahai - 309 Road  
Whangapoua Hill  
Colville  
Cuvier Island  
Port Charles  
Little Bay  
Waikawau Bay  
Papa Aroha Camp  
Shelly Beach Camp  
Long Bay Camp**

**FREE! kiwi  
avoidance  
training for  
dogs**

**Book Activities Today:  
Ph 07 8666 903**



**or see  
in Coromandel Town  
Ph 07 8668 598**

Welcome to **REAL KIWI COUNTRY<sup>TM</sup>**



All funds raised by The Moehau Environment Group Summer Programme go to kiwi habitat restoration in the Northern Coromandel.  
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# Welcome to REAL KIWI COUNTRY<sup>(c)</sup>




The northern Coromandel is home to the largest predator controlled kiwi habitat on the NZ mainland. This holiday programme offers kiwis like you and our guests the chance to experience and enjoy Coromandel's natural treasures guided by local volunteers keen to share their passion and knowledge. Group bookings for activities will be considered at any time of year. Please note that the newly identified Kauri dieback disease is a grave threat so please give your footwear a good scrub with disinfectant before going bush. The team at Moehau Environment Group, just call us MEG for short, look forward to a fun summer and meeting you soon.

If you want to learn more about MEG's projects or would like to help go to [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz)


## WHAT DO THESE SYMBOLS MEAN?

 Grading details — — — — — →  
**H** Half day    **F** Full day  
**LD** Bring lunch & drink  
**SD** Bring snack & drink  
**(a)** Adult    **(y)** School children

## GRADINGS

 ..... An easy stroll. Low level fitness.  
 ..... A good walk. Average fitness required.  
 A big hike. Good level of fitness required.

### MEGA Kids - Junior Rangers

Free (a) \$5(y)  H LD

**4 January – Waikawau Bay Camp office 10am**

**5 January – Long Bay Camp office 10am**


**6 January – Papa Aroha Camp office 10am**

**7 January – Shelly Beach Camp 10am**

For 7 to 11 year olds (must be accompanied by an adult). Learn to read a map, use a compass and be safe in the bush. Learn what makes Coro number 1 for wild kiwi and identify birds, bugs and plants. Good fun for the kids.

### Tangiaro Tributary Botanix


Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat, Port Charles, 10am

\$10(a) \$5(y)  H LD

**3 January**

Stroll up a small tributary of the Tangiaro River and examine the flora with plant expert, John Smith-Dodsworth. See a huge variety of species and even some only found on the Coromandel. Brilliant, hands-on way to learn our native plants.

### Look What Lives on the Rocky Shore

\$10(a) 5(y)  H SD

**10 January – Long Bay Nth 10am**

**11 January – Little Bay Car Park 10am.**

Kids grab a grown up and stroll down the beach to the inter-tidal zone. Check out the rock pools and shore line. Learn about the huge variety of life that makes this home and how all the creatures interact. Bring your togs.

### Manaia Giants of Tane Kauri Walk

Mahakirau Estate Gates, 309 Rd, 9:30am

At the highest part of the main ranges on the 309 Road, look for the tar seal and big gates!


\$15(a) \$5(y)  F LD

**8 & 16 January**

A rare visit to a stand of about 410 kauri trees - some of the largest surviving anywhere. See the Coromandel Peninsula's largest kauri, the massive 'Tane Nui' which boasts an 11m girth. The Manaia Forest Sanctuary is normally 4 hours hike each way from the road, MEG have negotiated a short cut with private land owners so just 2 hours walk each way will give you more time to enjoy these breathtaking natural wonders.

### Waikawau Bay Wetland & Estuary Walk

Waimanu Rd at the north end of Waikawau, 10am

\$10(a) \$5(y)  H SD

**7, January**

In 2008 MEG received funding from the World Wildlife Habitat Restoration Fund for research in to the plants and creatures that live in the estuary and wetlands of Waikawau Bay. From salt water to fresh water, find out all about what makes this habitat so special with MEG's Waikawau wetland project leader Wayne Todd.

**Tangiaro Kiwi Close Encounters**  
**Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat, Port Charles, 9am**

**\$45(a) \$25(y)** 🐙🐙 H LD  
**12 & 19 December**

See a wild kiwi in its natural environment and possibly hold it for the kiwi team as it has its 6 monthly health check. Only 3 kiwi are now monitored in the Moehau area so these opportunities don't come up very often. Bring your camera for this incredible experience. Made possible thanks to Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat.

**Kiwi Night Adventure**  
**(Port Charles Fire Station, 8pm)**

**\$10(a) \$5(y)** 🐙  
**6, 14, 17 January**

Explore the forest at night time. Learn about our national bird and the work DoC and local residents are doing to save our kiwi. Hear kiwi call and see a kiwi nest.

**Trek to the Historic Lillis Gold Mine**  
**Coach from Coro Area school car park 10am**

**\$35(a) \$20(y)** 🐙🐙 F LD  
**13 January**

Hike from the top of the Whangapoua hill through bush and history to Coromandel Town. The Lillis Mine was the last to operate in the area closing down in the early 1970's. Enjoy fantastic views of the peninsula as local history buff Roy Andrews guides you to the ruins and relics of the Lillis and Success mines.

**Nocturnal Walk**  
**Waikawau Bay DoC Camp Office, 8.30pm**

**\$10(a) \$5(y)** 🐙  
**10 & 23 January**

Encounter the nocturnal world of our forests and streams with ecologist Wayne Todd. Bring a torch. Children must be accompanied by an adult

**Port Charles World Class Pateke Recovery**  
**(Brown Teal) Carey Road Bridge, 10am**

**\$5 (a) \$ free(y)** 🐙 **8 January**

The Port Charles pateke (brown teal) project is rated "by far the world's most prolific recovery ever recorded for an endangered waterfowl species." That diagnosis came from the independent Brown Teal Conservation Trust. They also said Port Charles represented "an outstanding example of what can be rapidly achieved in recovery programmes for endangered wildlife." Thanks to the Port Charles community's efforts the pateke population in the northern peninsula has grown from 20 to around 700-800 over 7 years. Farmer & conservationist Colin Caldwell walks & talks you through how it was done.

**Hahei Marine Reserve – Guided Snorkel Day**  
**Cathedral Cove car park Hahei 10am**

**\$10(a) \$5(y)** 🐙🐙 H SD  
**9 & 14 January**

Get up close and personal with a snapper! Take a guided snorkel at Coromandel's only marine reserve - The Te Whanganui-A-Hei marine reserve at Gemstone Bay. Bring your own gear or get free hire of our mask, snorkel, and fins. Recommended for everyone 5 years old plus. All children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult. Bring sun block. Experienced guides and advanced safety procedures will be in place.



**Cuvier Island**  
**Port Charles Wharf, 7am**

**\$155 per person** 🐙🐙 F LD  
**23&24 & 25 Feb (back up dates 11,12,13 March)**

Travel 2 hours by launch from Pt Charles wharf, then transfer to Cuvier Island by rubber duckie. See the predator free island up close. Walk among saddlebacks, kakariki, skinks & gecko. Return to Port Charles late. A long day and a very rare chance to see this island sanctuary. Book early!

*Note: Transferring from the rubber duckie to the island requires good agility. Bring a change of clothes just in case you get wet. Patrons must meet strict quarantine requirements.*

**Sit and Conserve Plus Whale Tales**  
**Gold coin donation.**

**9 January – Waikawau Bay Camp 7:30pm**

**10 January – Stony Bay 7:30pm**

**12 January – Port Charles Tangiaro Retreat 7:30**

Sit and Conserve is your chance to learn about MEG's projects which cover over 10,500 ha including the reintroduction of Nth Is. Robin to Moehau. From wetland restoration to Kiwi care it's interesting stuff so come along, ask questions and find out how to get involved.

**Whale Tales & Sit and Conserve, 7 January**  
**Coromandel Hauraki House 7:30pm**

As above plus see a presentation with leading south pacific whale expert Mike Donoghue.

# KIWI BACH DOG DAYS

## Free kiwi avoidance training FOR CORO BACH DOGS

Dogs are the biggest danger to kiwi now that stoats in our area have been trapped to low numbers. Research shows that any dog can kill kiwi.

**Fact:** smaller breeds like terriers are the most likely offenders. Kiwi have no chance against any dog. If you spend time near bush please get your dog kiwi trained. If you've had your dogs done, thanks for playing your part - well done! However repeating the training is advisable and free!

### Monday 4th January 2010

-  Port Charles 9am
-  Little Bay 12md

### Tuesday 5th January 2010

-  Waitete Bay 9am,
-  Papa Aroha 12md
-  Coromandel Town 2pm
-  Call 021 410 040 for info.

### Cancellations & Refunds

Cancellations must be made 48hrs prior to trip departure.

MEG reserves the right to cancel trips due to bad weather, insufficient patronage, fire or other emergencies and any other unforeseen circumstances. MEG may decide to cancel a trip just before departure time and we apologise for this. If a decision is made early enough details will be broadcast on Coromandel FM. Please leave a phone number if possible when you book.

Full refunds will be issued in late January if trip is cancelled by MEG.

The MEG Summer Programme Info phones are:  
07 866 6626. (Lettecia Williams) or  
021 410 040 (Jonty Rutherford)

This Summer Programme is organised by Moehau Environment Group volunteers working in partnership with the Department of Conservation – Hauraki and Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat at Port Charles

JANUARY 2010	
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	Sit and Conserve Stony Bay
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	Hahei Guided Snorkel
16	Manaia Giant Kauri Walk
20	Kiwi Night Adventure
23	Nocturnal walk Waikawau Bay



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## Booking Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Activity	# Adult	#Youths	Cost
				\$

Payment by post to: MEG Summer Programme Bookings  
C/- Whitehouse, RD4, Coromandel.

Book in Person at Coromandel Information Centre

Phone: 07 8666-903 or email [thewhitehouse@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:thewhitehouse@actrix.gen.nz) for bookings