

# Great Barrier Island Activities

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Activities on Great Barrier Island include exploration of the regenerating native forest on the numerous walking tracks. Enjoy the native flora and fauna which includes many endangered species such as the black petrel, chevron skink and pateke (brown teal duck). Many of the beaches are well known for great surfing as well as fishing, diving, snorkelling and kayaking. There's also golf, mountain biking and a winery, a pottery, museums and local art gallery to visit.

## Abseiling/Rock Climbing:

Hillary Outdoors, Port FitzRoy - 09 4290 762

## Arts and Crafts

Aotea Art Gallery, Claris - 09 4290 580 Open 10am to 4pm every day.

Black Cow Gallery & Workshop, Schooner Bay (just past the bridge).

Open 10am-4pm. Weekends by appointment. 09 4290 414

Shoal Bay Pottery, Tryphena. Open 7 days. Sarah Harrison 09 4290 455

Top of the Rock, Rosalie Rd, Tryphena - Summer only 09 4290 808

Little Nikau Gallery and Toothless Quilter - Summer only 09 4290 605

Woven Design Studio, 09 4290 201



## Bike Hire & Bike Tours:

Paradise Cycles, Whangaparapara - Mountain Bike rentals. Repairs, sales, servicing.

021 180 2865. Department of Conservation concessionaire for bike tours within the DoC estate.

*Mountain Bikes are only permitted on public roads, on the Forestry Road (not a public road for vehicles), between Port FitzRoy and Whangaparapara and around the bottom of Te Ahumata to Blind Bay Road, Okupu. The Harataonga to Okiwi track is also open for mountain bikers. Please take care as there is still work in progress on this track.*

## Boat Hire:

Hillary Outdoors, Port FitzRoy - dinghies, kayaks, sailing instruction - 09 4290 762

Shiny Paua - Dinghies for hire with anchor, lifejackets and rods. Sunburst sailing dingy for hire. 09 4290 603 or 027 265 1343

## Boat Launching/Wharves:

Medlands. Access by the DoC campground. Suitable high and low tides. Harataonga. No access Awana. No access. Okiwi. Access from the DoC campground into the estuary. High tide only to go out through the gap.

Tryphena: Intersection of Schooner Bay Rd and Puriri Bay Road. Intersection of Medlands Rd and Shoal Bay Rd, by the Community Hall. Mulberry Grove by the school. Shoal Bay Road opposite the Shoal Bay Pottery.

Whangaparapara. By the wharf.

North Barrier: Karaka Bay and Port FitzRoy at the wharf.

WHARVES: Tryphena, Okupu, Whangaparapara and Port FitzRoy

## Coastal Tours

Chaos Charters, Tryphena - 027 297 3141

Hooked on Barrier, Claris - 09 4290 740

Freedom Charters, 09 4290 861

Great Barrier Charters 09 4290 522 or 027 366 0221 - [info@greatbarriercharters.co.nz](mailto:info@greatbarriercharters.co.nz)

## Diving:

Port FitzRoy Dive Station 09 4290 591 for fills, hire, hydro/visual test & marine batteries

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## Fishing Charters:

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Hooked on Barrier, Claris - 09 4290 740

Surf Casting Safaris - 021 238 3285



**Golf:**

**Great Barrier Island Golf Club, Claris** - 9 hole Golf Course - 09 4290 420. Club House open Thurs & Sun 10am to 6pm. Clubs available every day from "The Rocks", Claris. Ph: 4290 118 Green Fee \$20, Club Hire \$5

**Kayaks for Hire:**

Currach Irish Pub, Tryphena - 09 4290 0211

Hooked on Barrier, Claris - 09 4290 740

Hillary Outdoors, Port FitzRoy- double, single and sit-on-top kayaks - 09 4290 762

Kaitoke Creek Kayaks - text: 021 156 6448 or 027 6020 744

Mulberry Grove Store, Tryphena. Ph: 09 4290 909

Shoal Bay Estate, Tryphena. Ph 09 4290 543

Also see Paddle Boards

**Museums: Phone first.**

Milk, Honey & Grain Museum, Claris - 09 4290 773

Medlands Museum - 09 4290 227

Sue & Alan Gray, Awana - 09 4290 123

Young Museum, Okupu - 09 4290 388

**Paddle Boards:**

**Shiny Paua** - Jessons rental boards, inflatable stand up paddle boards, tours of Whangaparapara Harbour.

Dinghies for hire with anchor, lifejackets and rods. Sunburst sailing dingy for hire.

Fishing kayaks with option of rods and tackle. 09 4290 603 or 027 265 1343 [Email](#)

**Rock Climbing/Abseiling:**

Hillary Guides, Port FitzRoy - 09 4290 762

**Surfing/Boogie Boarding:**

Hooked on Barrier, Claris - 090 4290 740

Open 8.30am-5.30pm every day. Wet suits, Surfboards, Boogie Boards

Sun, Sea, Surf Shop (beach gear & wear, board rental, Medlands 09 4290 352

**Tours - Land:**

AA Tryphena Shuttles - 027 282 2733

Go Great Barrier - 09 4290 222

Crazyhorse Trike Tours - 09 4290 222

Great Barrier Travel - 09 4290 474 or 0800 426 832

**Walking & Tramping Tracks:**

DoC Walking Tracks - brochure available at most island outlets.

Hillary Guides, Port FitzRoy - Bush tours and adventures - 09 4290 762

**Whangaparapara Guided Walks.** 09 4290 700. 021 180 2265.

Department of Conservation approved concessionaire.

**Water Taxi:**

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