

Planning a trip to Mautohe Cathedral Cove?



1. Understand the rockfall and landslide risks.

Is this trip right for you?

The Mautohe Cathedral Cove landscape is unstable. Rockfalls and landslides could cause serious injury or death.

To reduce the risks:

- do not stop or sit near the cliffs
- do not stop under the rock archway – move quickly through it
- do not visit during or after heavy rain.



2. Make sure you are fit enough and take the right gear

The track is 1.5 hours return and has steep sections and steps. It needs moderate to good fitness and sturdy footwear. It can be very hot in summer and there is no running water, so bring plenty of water and sun protection.

For a full packing list, visit www.doc.govt.nz/dayhikesgear.



3. Check the conditions and plan your transport

Before you head out, check if there are any track closures or safety alerts at www.doc.govt.nz/cathedral-cove-walk. Be sure to also check the weather at weather.niwa.co.nz.

There is no parking at the Grange Road track entrance. There is free parking at the Hahei Visitor Carpark, near the entrance to Hahei village. You can catch a park and ride shuttle bus from there. You can also reach the main Mautohe Cathedral Cove Track by taking the privately owned Cathedral Cove Gateway Trail. This starts at a car park (paid parking) at 150 Lees Road. Private companies also provide transport options.



4. Stay safe in and around the water

The beaches at Cathedral Cove are wild and not patrolled by lifeguards. Many people have got into trouble in the water here.

Stay safe in and around the water by:

- staying out of the archway when there is water in it
- watching for incoming tides
- visiting at low tide and when the seas are calm
- supervising children at all times.



5. Keep this special coastline clean

Take care of Mautohe Cathedral Cove by keeping it clean. Use the toilets provided and do not litter.

For more information, visit www.doc.govt.nz/cathedral-cove-walk