

Paddle Map & Description - 12k

Summary: Starting from Whitireia Polytech boat ramp, the course heads north to Onepoto and along the coastline, then across the harbour mouth to Paramata and into Puatahanui Inlet and around to the Browns Bay turn-around, where kayakers turn and return the same way. See full description below.



Full Description

All kayakers start at 8:00am from Whitireia Boat Ramp on Wi Neera drive, by the Waka Shed.

All kayakers start together, lined up between the boat ramp & the jetty.



From the Whitireia start line, head north toward Onepoto & a large buoy (Buoy 1) outside the Onepoto boat sheds.

Turn right around the buoy & follow the coastline north, past the mooring poles (keeping then on your right) to another large buoy (Buoy 2).

Turn right around the buoy & head east across the Porirua Harbour-mouth and the under Paremata Bridges.

Continue past the Paramata boat sheds for 1k, staying in the deep-water channel near the righthand coastline, to a green triangle warning sign out from Moorehouse Point.

Turn right around the green triangle and paddle around the point for 1k into Browns Bay to the Turn-around buoy (Buoy 3) approx. 100m from the Browns Bay shoreline.

Turn here and return to exactly the same way to Whitireia Boast Ramp.

All kayakers finish by exiting their boats & running 150m past the Waka Sheds, across Wineera Dve into Whitireia Polytech and into transition.

Multisport Paddlers (solo & team) will be turned left into the transition area to their mtn bikes or mtn biker.

Paddle-only participants continue running past transition for another 30m to the finish line.

Important Notes:

The lead kayaker is expected from 9.00am.

Kayakers must carry boats away from the boat ramp, placing them on the grass out of the way.

Team mtn bikers & support crew must stay in the Transition area until kayakers run to them.

Water conditions across the Harbour-mouth & at Moorehouse Point can be rough. Be aware.

In winds exceeding 25k per hour, the course may be altered to a more sheltered option, as below.

Alternative Kayak Route (10k):

From the Whitireia start line, head north toward Onepoto & a large buoy (Buoy 1) outside boat sheds.

Turn right around the buoy & follow the coastline north, past the mooring poles (keeping then on your right) to another large buoy (Buoy 2) near the Porirua Harbour-mouth.

Turn around at this buoy and return to Onepoto.

At Onepoto, turn around at Buoy 1 and paddle out to Buoy 2 and back to Onepoto again.

Then finish by paddling south back to the Whitireia Boat Ramp. The finish and transition would be as per normal.