



Lake Karapiro, Cambridge, New Zealand

Group Kayaking Activities with

## The Boatshed Kayaks Ltd

### Option 1: Hidden Karapiro Waterfalls (Unguided)

This is our most popular half day trip and is the perfect daytime activity for large groups with varied skill and fitness levels. The trip starts from The Boatshed and takes you across Lake Karapiro to a hidden inlet. The inlet offers access to two waterfalls which are only accessible via kayak. The first waterfall takes you up a narrow section of canyon which is draped in native ferns and is the easier of the two to access. The second takes you further along the inlet to a place which at first glance seems like a dead end. After ducking under a few ferns it opens up to a hidden stream which takes you through the forest to the more spectacular of the two waterfalls.

#### The Nitty Gritty

- This trip is unguided and open to those aged 5 and over.
- You will be given a map of the area and shown the best way to get to the waterfalls.
- You will be given a brief kayak lesson and helped with the set-up of your kayak.
- The trip takes around 2hrs but you will have 3hrs to complete the trip.
- There are a number of great spots to get out and swim or to have lunch along the way so it pays to bring a towel and a change of clothes.
- **Price** for Single Sea kayak \$25 – 3hr hire.
- **Price** for Double Sea kayak \$50 – 3hr hire.
- **Price** for Stand up paddle board \$40 – 3hr hire (if you have never paddle boarded before it might pay to talk to us first regarding this option).

### Option 2: Hidden Karapiro Waterfalls (Guided)

This option is very similar as above, but is more suited to groups who have never kayaked before or are looking to do some additional on water team building activities along with the waterfalls trip.

#### The Nitty Gritty

- Includes the addition of a safety IRB
- Includes the addition of kayak guides (ratio 1:10)
- Includes on water team building activities.
- **Price** \$35 per person

### Option 3: Stand up Paddle Boarding (unguided)

The Boatshed Kayaks is now offering stand up paddle board hire on Lake Karapiro. Lake Karapiro offers a very safe and calm environment to try SUP for the first time. General hire is \$40 for two hours and includes your paddle, life jacket and paddle board as well as a brief introductory lesson. In the two hours it is possible to make it to at least one of the two hidden waterfalls if you're feeling confident enough.

#### Nitty Gritty

- \$40per person.

- 2hr hire.
- Introductory lesson.
- Maximum of 9 people. Additional boards are available on request at an extra charge.

#### **Option 4: Hidden Waterfalls drop off trip (shorter option-unguided)**

This is perfect if you would like to see the waterfalls but do not want to paddle as far. Meet at the Boatshed Kayaks then be transported to drop off point where it is just a short paddle to the Hidden waterfalls inlet. The inlet offers access to two beautiful waterfalls which are only accessible via kayak. The first waterfall takes you up a narrow section of canyon which is draped in native ferns and is the easier of the two to access. The second takes you further along the inlet to a place which at first glance seems like a dead end. After ducking under a few ferns it opens up to a hidden stream which takes you through the forest to the more spectacular of the two waterfalls. Then I small paddle back over Lake Karapiro back to the Boatshed kayaks where warm showers are waiting.

#### **Nitty Gritty**

- This trip is non guided and open to those aged 3 and over.
- You will be given a map of the area and shown the best way to get to the waterfalls.
- A Boatshed staff member will transport you to your drop off point.
- You will be given a brief kayak lesson and helped with the set-up of your kayak.
- The trip takes around 2hrs but you will have 3hrs to complete the trip.
- There are a number of great spots to get out and swim or to have lunch along the way so it pays to bring a towel and a change of clothes.
- All gear provided.
- Bookings essential.
- Bookings between 9am-2pm Wednesday to Sunday
- Price** single sea kayak \$40
- Price** Double sea kayak \$80
- Price** Stand up paddleboard \$40

#### **Option 5: The Evening Glow Worms Trip (Guided)**

This fantastic kayak adventure offers something very special for group functions. We start from the Epworth camp and kayak our way down a truly beautiful section of the Waikato River, to the Pokaiwhenua stream. With stunning twilight lake views we head under the Pokaiwhenua Bridge and into the glow-worm canyon.

Draped with native ferns, the canyon offers a true slice of New Zealand Beauty, and as the light fades away the unique incandescence of the glow-worms start to shine from the surrounding walls. After a quick glass of some of New Zealand's finest wines (hot drink for the drivers) complimented with some tasty cheeses had over the warmth of a campfire, it's back in the boats, as we drift slowly down stream using only the light from the glow-worms. Viewing glow-worms from a kayak on the surface of the water is a whole different experience from seeing them inside a cave like at Waitomo.

#### **The Nitty Gritty**

- We have a minimum age of five years. This trip requires only a moderate level of fitness.
- We recommend that people bring light warm clothing (NO JEANS!) Warm waterproof jackets will be provided and waterproof pants will be available.

- The trip departs from the Boatshed at 21 Amber Lane, RD2, Cambridge, which is a short 15min drive from the Epworth camp. Transport is not provided - we will travel to and from Epworth Camp in a convoy so ensure you have enough petrol.
- The trip is fully guided by experienced Boatshed guides and all the kayak equipment is provided.
- Trip departure times very depending on daylight hours and there is a minimum group size of 4 people.
- There is a maximum group size of 26 and we like to use double sea-kayaks, so if you have an uneven group number you may be put with someone else.
- **Price** \$60 per person.

### **Option 6: Kayak Rogaine (with instructor)**

Kayak Rogaine is quite similar to an adventure race. Your group is split into teams, and then given a map of the lake which has been marked with key locations. Each location has a clue that needs to be found and each clue is worth a certain number of points. The farthest locations are worth more points and you only have 1- 2hrs (depending on the group) to collect as many points as you can as a team. We have several safety kayakers and an IRB which follow the teams around the course to ensure everyone sticks together and works as a team.

#### **The Nitty Gritty**

- minimum group size of 12 or maximum of 32 people
- **Price** \$45 per person
- Safety IRB and kayak guides included
- You will be given a brief kayak lesson and helped with the set-up of your kayak.
- Race takes roughly 2hrs 30min

### **Option 7: combo fun activities (with instructor)**

**Bomb squad** - The bomb is ticking at the base of a large tree, using rope, a harness, a couple of short lengths of timber your group must defuse the bomb without touching the ground in the 6 metre perimeter. Not an easy task and requires an open mind to problem solving.

#### **The Nitty Gritty**

- **Price** \$10 per person
- Takes roughly 45min
- Maximum 8-10 people

**Save the world** - Another bomb to defuse. this time the nuclear core is at the bottom of a pipe, and must be removed from the pipe to be defused. Water is the key, buckets and hose are used to create a siphon, this requires a coordinated approach by the whole team to Save the World.

#### **The Nitty Gritty**

- **Price** \$10 per person
- Takes roughly 45min
- Maximum 8-10 people

**For any enquiries or information regarding these activities or some of our other kayak options please contact Phoebe Clark on 021823131 or Richard Clark on 027 275 8724 or send us an email at [theboatshed@xtra.co.nz](mailto:theboatshed@xtra.co.nz). Bookings are essential.**

