

PG-ATNP (Play Group - Abel Tasman National Park)



Dear all,

Most of you will have come from a long way to find yourself in a very beautiful corner of the world. If you are interested in taking the opportunity to see a little of New Zealand before heading home read on...

Nelson is the jumping off town for New Zealand's most popular national park, the Abel Tasman National Park (ATNP). It is blessed with lovely coastal scenery dotted with pristine golden sand beaches. There are many options for visiting the park ranging from a 5 day hike to day visits via the many sea-taxis that service the park.

I am planning a three day trip and would like to extend an invitation to those who might be interested. The first two days are in sea kayaks and the last a pack-free day walk. Depart Nelson 9th in the morning return 11th April in afternoon.

Some points to consider:

- a) The waters of ATNP are generally quite benign, but as with any outdoor pursuit conditions may not always be perfect. The hired two-person sea kayaks are super stable and user friendly so should be ok for a range of people but do consider your experience and abilities - if in doubt get in contact so we can discuss.
- b) Tents etc will be needed – either BYO or hire.
- c) April will be quite cool at night.
- d) This is not an endurance event (see point e) but reasonable level of fitness is required.
- e) Sea kayaks are big enough to store the essentials :- Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, local craft beer and other fine produce from the region.
- f) Cost is estimated at ~ 400 NZD including kayak hire, camp fees, bus and sea taxi transfers. Hire of camping equipment would be extra.
- g) More information: <https://www.rrkayaks.co.nz/>, <http://www.doc.govt.nz/abeltasman>

If you would like to be part of this "expedition" please let me know by COB 3rd March. Any questions please send me an email.

Best regards

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