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Tairua

Overview

Tairua has two boat ramps. The original one is located near the Tairua-Pauanui Sport Fishing club's facilities on Tui Crescent, the other, featured in this month's review, is next to the new marina complex at the bottom of Paku hill.

This hard sand ramp is closest to the bar and a 15 metre wide side channel takes you to the main channel, after which it is a short trip to the bar itself. The ramp is accessible at all tides and a four-wheel-drive tow vehicle is recommended for larger trailer craft.

Parking

There is no dedicated parking, but you will be able to find a spot in all but the busiest days on the grassed area in the vicinity.

Facilities:

The Marina complex offers a 'one stop shop' for your boating needs. Dutchy's caters for most fishing, diving, spear fishing and boating needs, including bait and ice. During summer they open every day from 6:30am, in winter Friday till Monday from 7am. The Tairua Marina Bar & Grill is open for lunch and dinner and The old Mill Café offers breakfast and lunch. There is 24/7 fuel available – 95 octane petrol and diesel – and takes both credit and debit cards.

A toilet block with two outdoor showers is approximately 20m to the right of the ramp, with more showers and toilets a further 100m away. Marina berths can be rented through

the dive shop. Powerloading is prohibited at this ramp – but retrieving shouldn't be a problem when you have a Balex ABL!

Warning

The Tairua bar can be a dangerous one, especially in easterly conditions. For more information on cross the Tairua bar, go to <https://www.coastguard.nz/regions/eastern-region/units/tairua-pauanui/> Coastguard operate on VHF Channel 63 for trip and bar crossing reports.