

AUCKLAND COUNCIL BEACH DRIVING PERMIT MURIWAI & KARIOITAHİ APPLICATION FORM

Overview of Auckland Council Beach Driving Permit

To drive on Muriwai and Karioitahi beaches, you must hold a beach driving permit, which you need to renew each year.

Why have a beach driving pass?

The beach driving pass is designed to enable two-way communication between Auckland Council staff and beach drivers who use

This system allows registered drivers to:

- Receive updates on annual or operational changes, including combination codes required to access some beaches.
- Stay informed about any temporary beach or access road closures.
- Hear about new beach driving opportunities and initiatives

It also helps council:

- Contact registered drivers in case of an emergency.
- Monitor demand and usage trends for beach driving across the region.

The beach driving pass is free and is valid for 12 months from the date of issue.

All drivers must agree to and follow the [Rules for Driving on Beaches](#). The Beach Driving Code of Conduct, developed in collaboration with the beach driving community, provides best practice guidance to minimise environmental impacts and ensure enjoyable experiences for all visitors.

For more information, call the Auckland Council on (09) 301 0101 or visit the [Driving on Beaches](#) on the Auckland Council website.

What you should know

- You must comply with the [rules and guidelines](#) for using a vehicle on Muriwai and Karioitahi beaches or your permit may be revoked. These rules and guidelines are listed on the second page of the permit. Read the rules and guidelines and make sure that you understand them
- Make sure all your details on the permit are correct
- You must carry photo ID and the permit when using your vehicle on the beach
- It may take up to five working days to receive your permit
- Your permit is valid for 12 months from the date of issue

Applying for a permit

Complete the following details and either email it or post it to Auckland Council (see addresses at the end of this form).

Please tick the appropriate box below:

Muriwai Beach

Karioitahi Beach

I would like to renew beach driving permit.

I am applying for a new beach driving permit.

Full Name (as per licence)	
Contact address	
Phone number	
Email address	
Vehicle Type	
Model	
Registration	

Emergency contact	
Emergency phone number	

We are interested in the different reasons for people requesting access to the beach, please select relevant:

Recreational use (swimming, sunbathing, walking)

Dog walking or pet access

Fishing or collecting shellfish

Family or social gatherings (picnics, celebrations)

Water sports (surfing, paddleboarding, kayaking)

Photography, filming, or artistic purposes

Boating / launching a vessel

Cultural or customary activities

Vehicle access for mobility reasons (disability / accessibility needs)

Other (please specify)

Please ensure you have:

Filled in all appropriate details.

I agree to receive newsletters / updates about matters relating to the beach driving permit.

Read the guidelines for beach driving at regional parks and beaches as detailed on the Auckland Council website

I agree to, and will abide by Auckland Councils Guidelines, rules for beach driving

SIGNED	
PRINT NAME	
DATE	

SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM

by email: regionalparksbcp@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz OR
 by post: Auckland Council Regional Parks - Auckland Council
 Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142

OFFICE USE ONLY

PASS NUMBER	
DATE ISSUED	
RECEIVED / AUTHORISED BY	

Ture mō te taraiwa i tātahi - Rules for driving on Muriwai and Karioitahi beaches

Beach driving permits

To drive on Muriwai and Karioitahi beaches, you must hold a beach driving permit, which you need to renew each year. See [apply for a beach driving permit](#) or [renew a beach driving permit](#).

Road rules on beaches

Under the law, beaches are legal roads, so all road rules apply.

This includes:

- speed limits
- licensing of drivers
- vehicle and motorbike registration and warrant of fitness
- alcohol use
- seatbelts
- helmets
- driving behaviour

Beaches are policed. You must carry a photo ID and your beach driving permit when you use your vehicle on the beach.

Speed limits on beaches

- Muriwai Beach from Coast Road access to 650m north: 30km/h
- Muriwai Beach from 650m north of Coast Road access to southern extent of New Zealand Defence Force bombing range: 60km/h
- Muriwai Beach at Rimmer Road and Wilson Road access points: 30km/h
- Karioitahi Beach from 1000m north of Karioitahi Road to 1000m south of Karioitahi Road: 20km/h
- Beyond these areas: 60km/h

Beach driving guidelines

- Take safety equipment, including a spade and a rope
- Always drive with headlights on
- Stick to the hard part of the beach below the high tide line
- Check tide times before you go out
- Access to the beach is limited to three hours either side of low tide
- Look out for partially submerged objects
- Stay off the dunes - fragile dune systems are damaged by vehicle use
- Always slow down when there are people or animals around
- Be aware of shorebirds nesting at high tide
- No lighting of fires on the beach or dunes
- You must always have your beach driving permit when you are driving on the beach - having it on your mobile phone or device is fine

You should know

Driving on all other beaches is prohibited, except to launch or retrieve a boat or in emergency situations.

For launching or retrieving a boat

- There must be an appropriate way for your vehicle to access the beach, such as a boat ramp
- You must drive directly to the launch and retrieval spot
- You must not exceed 10km/h
- You must remove the vehicle as soon as the boat is launched or retrieved

For more information about what you can and can't do at these beaches (including rules about lighting fires) see [Muriwai Regional Park Karioitahi / Karioitahi Reserve](#)