

MAHIA PENINSULA SURFING



1a. Last Chance:

Access over private land, permission required.
Leave NO rubbish.
Tread carefully.
No toilet.
No dogs.
Secure your property.
Beach break and left hand point break in SE-E-NE swells with W-SW offshore.
Left and right hand reef breaks.
Fast exciting surf.
0.9m to 3m.
Only for experienced surfers.

2a. Mahanga:

Easy access.
Toilet at beach.
Beach break and left hand point break in SE-E-NE swells with W-SW offshore.
Relatively sheltered on the northern coastline with good beach and reef breaks on all tides.
Suitable for less experienced surfers.

3a. The Spit:

Easy access from road.
A very full-on left hand barrel breaking off the end of a long natural rock spit.
Only for experienced surfers. Extremely dangerous.
Takes E and N swells and SE and NE offshore.
Best when big from 0.5m to 3.5m.
The Spit is closer to Mahia and throws up a super slick left hander along the reef in a north-east swell.
Look along the coast towards Table Cape and you will see numerous reef breaks barreling in, which you can claim and tame - a free-riding fun park for the adventurous surfer.



4a. Gravel Pit

Drive down Mahia East Coast Road, past the boat harbour, along Wainuiorangi Road, turn left on the second road on your left.
Beach break, left and right.
Offshore in W/SW.
Best surfed S/SE swell over 1m.

5a. Mahia Reefs:

No toilet.
Two adjacent reefs breaking 100m offshore.
Number ones and number twos (seconds).
Optimum conditions same as for the Spit.
Right handers breaking 0.3m to 1.5m.



6a. Boat Harbour:

A very fast, walling right hander breaking on a reef into a boat harbour inlet.
N to E swells with S-SE offshore.
Definitely for experienced surfers only.
0.9m to huge - when the conditions are right .
Boat Harbour turns on one of the meanest, fastest, hollowest right-hand surf breaks in the country (The Hawaiian Pitch).

7a. Dinah's Beach:

(30 km from Mahia Motor Camp).
A long drive along windy, gravel road.
There is a public carpark.
Access to the beach is gained via a public walkway.
A remote reef and beach break, beach taking S to NE swells towards the tip of the peninsula.
N-NE offshore, 0.5m to 3.5m.

8a. Opoutama:

Easy access.
Toilets.
Long, sandy beach break taking S-SW swells with N-NE offshore.
Variety of beach breaks.
Great for learners - it is a safe ride on small southerlies.
The Brighton of the South Seas!
Well protected and also good for beginners who want swells.

9a. Annihilation:

40 kms east of Wairoa.
Easy access from Waikokopu Harbour. Secure your property. Take your rubbish away.
It can be a long paddle out to the line up, but this fast moving right reef break gives a long exhilarating ride into a small bay.
Big, powerful, challenging right hand reef breaking onto rocks.
SW-SE swells with W-NW offshore.
1.2m -3.7m.
Experienced surfers only.
Over the hill from Waikokopu is a reef break that delivers mean vertical take-offs in big southerly swells.
Look towards Opoutama from the Point car park and you will spot a break called Tracks, where the railway line touches the coastline. Tracks is a right-hand point break, less dramatic than the Point, and easier to enter.

10a. Rolling Stones:

Tricky access over private land. Permission required.
No dogs.
Right-hand point break in S-SW swells with N-NE offshores.
Big surf from 3.7m - 4.5m.
Experienced surfers only.
Rolling Stones is an apt description as the pounding waves can actually move boulders around on the seabed in a 3 metre swell. The Stones holds the ultimate stand-up barrels on this coast but the rugged reefs show no mercy to the inexperienced.

11a. Black's Beach:

Easy access from car park.
Toilet at beach.
Very consistent right-hand reef break onto a black sand beach. SW to E swells with N-NE offshores. - 0.6m to 2.4m.
Black's is one of the most consistent surf breaks in New Zealand and you are almost guaranteed of finding waves of reasonable quality at least once or twice a week.
Black Reef (35 km east of Wairoa) has the consistent left and right-hand reef breaks, which are best at low tide in a moderate southerly swell, but watch out for the shallow reefs.

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