

Wishbone Relay

Coromandel Canyoning



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Trip Highlights

- Challenge yourself in the Coromandel's Sleeping God Canyon
- Highly qualified, experienced & passionate guides
- Full day (more technical) or half day available if demand is there
- Big jumps are optional - abseils/rappels & getting wet are not
- Includes all equipment, (BYO togs & towel) professional guides, photos, lunch and snacks - plus post trip hot snack for full day trip
- Full day is for over 15 yr olds - half day is for over 12 yr olds



Logistics

Date: Wednesday 13 March 2024

Duration: Full day or half day package options

Start: DOC Visitor Centre - 995 Kuaeranga Valley Rd (12km from the BP arriving in Thames from the south) 8.30am full day or 9.30am half day (1/2 only offered if enough demand indicated)

Finish: DOC Visitor Centre: approx. 5.30pm full day or 2.30pm half day

Grade: Intermediate/advanced adventure. See website for fitness/health criteria

Activities: Walking, descend up to 10 waterfalls, abseils, jumps, slides, ziplines & swimming

Accommodation: Thames, Waihi or Falls Retreat. See links section— self manage bookings

Cost: \$390 full day, \$270 half day plus \$100 daily Wishbone Donation (\$250 per family)

How To Book: Registration portal live July 2023

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What's It All For?

Wishbone have funded NZ based orthopaedic research for over 25 years & this research then improves NZ patient outcomes and transforms lives through increased mobility & quicker patient recovery time. Orthopaedic surgeons and outdoor adventurers Perry Turner and Ian Galley have worked with local coordinators to offer adventures then length of NZ - all aiming to raise both awareness and funds needed for this orthopaedic research.

The sections hosted by Invercargill Hospital start mid-January 2024 and the Wishbone Relay finishes in late March 2024 with a gala dinner & sporting events hosted by Auckland surgeons.

The locally run & sponsored journeys create an opportunity for the orthopaedic community from all over NZ to come together, get active & support Wishbone by walking, biking, paddling, sailing and more!

Colleagues, friends & family ... everyone moving together to support orthopaedic research and helping Kiwis by restoring function and quality of life.



Links

<https://www.canyonz.co.nz/packages/>

<https://www.thecoromandel.com/accommodation/>

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/coromandel/places/coromandel-forest-park/kauaeranga-valley/?tab-id=50578>

<https://www.fallsretreat.co.nz/>

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Hosts & Escorts

Perry & Ian have set themselves the challenge of completing as many of the legs as possible with you and they are both pouring vast amounts of time & energy into organising this Wishbone Relay - Why?

"My main motivation was to bring all those involved in care of our patients together and share what orthopaedic surgery is achieving in NZ with the public.

I want to help bring us together in a fun activity and common goal." - Ian

"This is an opportunity for myself and my family to give back to a job and career that has given us so much." - Perry

This leg Perry passes the baton to local hosts Dawson Muir & of course Ian. For any questions about the day/accommodation, please contact them directly: dawson.muir@orthocentre.co.nz
ian.galley@orthocentre.co.nz

If you have any other questions about The Wishbone Foundation, fundraising ideas or just want to get in touch – please email the Events Manager Nikki Wright: nikki@nzoa.org.nz or Vanya Schoeler: vanya@nzoa.org.nz

Fundraising

All travel and trip related costs are to be met by the individual taking part.

A participant donation to Wishbone of \$100 (\$250 per family) per day will go directly into the research funding pot – but of course it'd be awesome if you can pick up the baton & do more! Donations can be made at any time via this [Wishbone Foundation Link](#). You will receive an automated receipt & donations from individuals over \$5 are eligible for a tax credit.

Perhaps get friends, family & colleagues to sponsor you on your Wishbone Journey? Many other hospitals along the route will be hosting public events - check on the NZOA website or with your own orthopaedic department & join in.

We'll be posting Relay updates regularly - so even if getting to an event is not possible, you'll be able to follow the fun on the [New Zealand Orthopaedic Association website](#).

Health & Safety

Take note that Wishbone Trust and the NZOA Inc. are not organising the trips and they or their staff or officers have no role to play in providing the trips or managing any aspects of Health & Safety in relation to the trips. Wishbone Trust is only acting as the recipient of donations made by those choosing to participate in a trip.

You must follow all Health and Safety requirements of the trip organiser and any other provider of services or other organisations with any H&S responsibilities during the trip.

If the weather or other unforeseeable events make the planned event untenable, we reserve the right to change venue or plan at short notice.



Participation equals self-management. Please pack carefully for our changeable NZ outdoors and check/test any equipment beforehand.

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