



**OPENED IN:** 2004

**RENOVATED IN:** 2022

**COURSE ARCHITECT:** Tom Doak

**LOCATION:** Cape Kidnappers is located at the southern end of Hawkes Bay, on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island. It is approximately 30 minutes from Napier and Hastings by car.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Cape Kidnappers Golf Course features 18 holes designed by world renowned course architect Tom Doak. Opened in 2004, the layout immediately took its place among golf's modern architectural marvels, earning international acclaim for strategic qualities equal to its stunning views. The western shore of Cape Kidnappers itself features sheer cliffs that drop 150 meters into Hawkes Bay. Doak's routing plays right along the edge of these dramatic cliffs. And yet, the elegant inland holes play through a ridge-and-valley landscape of comparable beauty and strategic character. Cape Kidnappers Golf Course has consistently ranked among the world's top 50 golf courses. It played host to the PGA TOUR's Kiwi Challenge in 2008 and 2009. In 2022, Doak oversaw a renovation that included rebuilding and regrassing all 18 putting surfaces. Only the soil profiles beneath the green were affected; the original contours were all scrupulously restored. The project also included the regrassing of all 18 fairways.

	YARDS	METRES	RATING/SLOPE
BLUE TEES	7,187	6,569	75.4/145
WHITE TEES	6,456	5,904	73.0/139
GREEN TEES	5,833	5,333	70.8/134
RED TEES	5,333	4,876	74.4/139
YELLOW TEES	4,648	4,251	70.4/125

Greens: Pure Distinction Bentgrass  
Fairways: 4-Variety Brown Top Blend

**CLUBHOUSE:** The Golf Clubhouse at Cape Kidnappers features a fully stocked golf shop with a selection of apparel from manufacturers including Ralph Lauren, Kjus, Peter Millar, Holderness & Bourne, Greyson, Johnnie-O, and Tolaga Bay. Men's and women's locker rooms complete with showers and day lockers are also available. The dining area offers lunch with both indoor and outdoor dining, overlooking the golf course and Pacific Ocean.

**GOLF LESSONS:** Lessons are available from the Cape Kidnappers Professional Staff. Hour-long and half-hour lessons are available. Programs may also be tailored to fit your individual or group needs. Please schedule lessons in advance by calling the Golf Shop at Cape Kidnappers at +64 6 873 1018, or via email at [proshop@capekidnappers.com](mailto:proshop@capekidnappers.com)



**PRACTICE FACILITIES:** Cape Kidnappers offers a full practice facility complete with a driving range with target greens, a chipping green, and a putting green.

**DRESS CODE:** **MEN:** shirts with collars and sleeves, slacks or Bermuda length shorts are required. Tank tops, tee shirts, cut-offs, sweatpants, warm-up suits, blue jeans or denim shorts, or athletic shorts are not permitted.

**WOMEN:** dresses, skirts, mid-length shorts, and shirts with either a collar or sleeves are considered appropriate attire. Halter tops, tee shirts, bathing suits, sweatpants, warm-up suits, blue jeans or denim shorts, or athletic shorts are not permitted.

**SHOES:** golf shoes must have plastic spikes. Metal spikes are not permitted on the golf course. Tennis, soft sole, and field shoes are only permitted if approved by the Golf Shop.

*The dress code is mandatory for all players and anyone wishing to use the practice facility. Improperly dressed golfers will be asked to change before being allowed to play or practice.*

**GETTING THERE:** **BY AEROPLANE:** Air New Zealand operates scheduled daily flights from Auckland (AKL) to Napier airport (NPE). Charter flights can also be organized.

**BY HELICOPTER:** several helicopter companies operate flights from Auckland, Napier, Wellington, and other New Zealand destinations to Cape Kidnappers. We will gladly assist in making these arrangements for you.

**BY CAR:** from Auckland, the trip is approximately 6 hours or 440 kms; from Wellington the trip is approximately 4 hours 45 minutes or 324 kms. We are located 30 minutes from the Napier airport, the Napier waterfront, and Hastings.

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