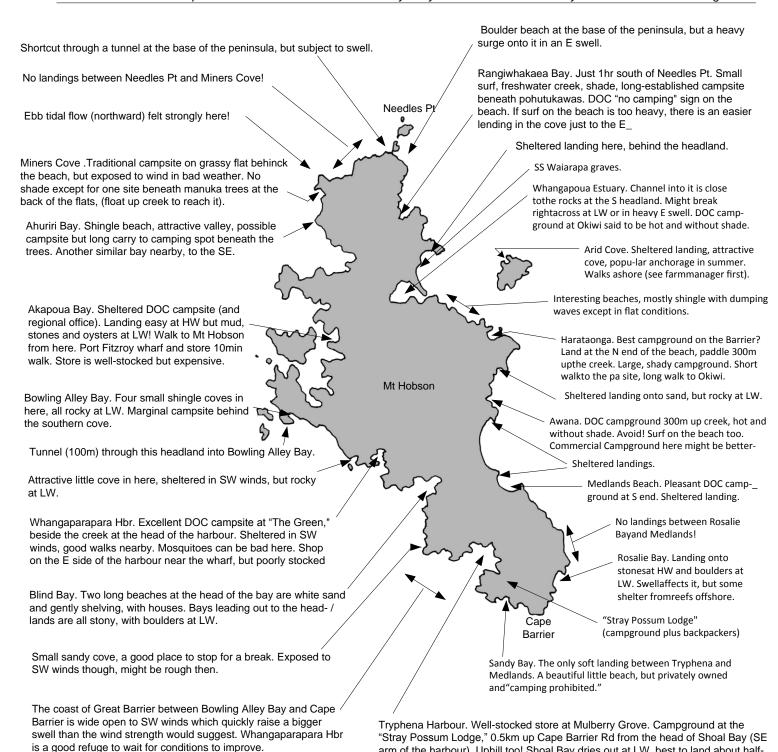
## Notes about Great Barrier Island for kayakers

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- 1. All comments are based on my own observations. None should be regarded as infallible; all should be subject to good judgment at time of use!
- 2. Campsites recommended here are not guaranteed to be permitted or legal; if there are dwellings nearby the landowner's permission should always be sought.
- 3. Light no fires ever!
- 4. Water at all DOC campsites is drawn from streams which may carry Giardia. Boil or chemically treat water before drinking.



Colville Channel. 20km crossing from Port Jackson or Fletcher Bay. Strong tidal currents! Flood tide sets W, ebb tide sets E, rate 2-3knots, (3.5-5.5kmlhr). If wind is against tide, overfalls with breaking crests soon develop, worst on the S side of the channel between Cape Coville and Channel Island

arm of the harbour). Uphill too! Shoal Bay dries out at LW, best to land about half-way in from the wharf and wheel kayaks from there. Another campground said to be on the northern side of the harbour, possibly closer to the water, but uphill; I

have no personal knowledge about it.