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There are a great range of activities on offer in a wonderful location.**

**Booking is essential for all activities:   
email** [***kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz***](mailto:kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz)***,* Ph 07 8679080**

**Activities cost $2 per person unless otherwise stated. Funds raised go   
towards supporting kiwi to survive and thrive on the Coromandel.**

**All children to be accompanied by an adult.**

**Activities are suitable for ages 5 plus unless stated otherwise.**

**Check out our Facebook page:** [***www.facebook.com/kauaerangavc/***](http://www.facebook.com/kauaerangavc/) **for all updates and further details.**

**Stunning walks, swimming holes, games and treasure   
hunt/quiz are available every day.**

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