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Abstract

Since the mid 1990s, a growing body of literature on lifestyle sports has produced fresh insights into the nuances, esoteric terminology and social dynamics in an array of lifestyle sport cultures. While surf culture has gained considerable attention from both sociologists and historians, the voices of bodyboarders have been minimal. Reflecting perceptions held by many in mainstream society, the literature on surf culture tended to marginalize bodyboarding participants, deeming the activity fit... [Read more](#)

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Looking to Tour New Zealand? A country made famous by Hobbits, the Haka and breathtaking scenery? Backpacking New Zealand is on the bucket list of many travellers for a reason its diverse landscape, easy modes of travel, rich culture and history, an abundance of adventure activities and of course, the friendly locals. We had a chat to our local Kiwi staff here at Base to prepare for you the following 'Backpacking New Zealand Guide'. Enjoy! The climate of New Zealand is generally temperate, although weather in the far north is often subtropical during the warmer months (December to March) and there can be severe frosts in the inland areas of the South Island in winter (June to August). New Zealand is very close to the ozone layer - so make sure you pack sunscreen. So to get that more authentic New Zealand experience, add WWOOFing to your bucket list. If you need further convincing, just read the reasons below. That's why we wrote it, after all. If you don't know, here's a brief intro to what WWOOFing New Zealand is. WWOOF stands for World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms and it is huge in New Zealand. Farms are often located away from traditional touristy areas. Experience sights and activities deep in the New Zealand countryside that most backpackers simply "touring" New Zealand have never even heard of. This will make your trip more unique. You will proudly be able to say that you really saw it all! New Plymouth often gets overlooked as a beach destination in New Zealand, but this west coast town offers several family-friendly beaches to enjoy. Fitzroy beach is the most popular, due to its easily accessible location and semi-rural feel. But another favourite with our family is Back Beach, which is a little more wild and secluded – it's also the perfect place for sand dune climbing competitions! Fitzroy Beach is widely regarded as one of the best surf spots in New Zealand. But you don't need to be a keen surfer to enjoy this long stretch of fine black sand. Together, they offer some of the best surfing in New Zealand. This popular pastime sees surfers and bodyboarders flock to the beaches at all times of the year. But the sheer size of this stretch of sand means it's never overcrowded here. Her accolades include being the first female bodyboarder ever on the cover of Australia's Riptide Magazine. She also appeared on "Baywatch", and in a "Pepsi" television commercial that aired in Australia and New Zealand. Vicki won the BodyBoarding Magazine and Australian Bodyboarder Readers' Polls numerous times and has placed top 5 in the Riptide Peer Poll. She also appeared in over 15 bodyboard-related publications worldwide, in addition to women's sports magazines, newspapers, local and national television, and has hosted TV shows in Japan and the U.S. She If ever you get the chance to learn to surf on a FlowRider you MUST go for it! Check out our experience on FlowRider including falls. Ain Surfing Waves Adventure World Outdoor Decor Future Projects Pictures. Al Ain Surf Park - Wadi Adventure. Phyllis Dameron: the world's first female big wave bodyboarder. She was the first woman to ride 20-foot plus waves at Waimea Bay and Sunset Beach. Phyllis Dameron was the 1970s Queen of Hawaiian bodyboarding. Study In New Zealand English Language Course Big Wave Surfing Mount Maunganui Coral Skate Surf Big Waves Getting Wet Water Sports. The fading art of stand-up bodyboarding. Stand-up bodyboarding had its glorious years between the late 1980s and early 1990s.