

BOG INN HUT to WAIHORA

Topo50 Map: BG34 Piropiro & BG35 Tihoi

NZTM GPS: NZTM on WGS84

How to get to START: Exit Taupo on SH 1 North

- At top of the hill turn left on Poihipi Road
- After 27 min turn right on to Marotiri Road
- Pass Waihora Road on the left
- In 32 minutes turn left on to SH32 signed for Taumaranui
- In 36 minutes turn right on to Kakaho Road
- 4 min down here road turns to gravel then enter Pureora Forest Park
- At 45 minutes turn right on to Bog Inn Road / Tihoi Road
- At 60 minutes turn right at T-junction for Bog Inn
- Then see hunter's hut on left branch
- At Y-fork go left then left again
- At 1 hour 10 min find car park (01796masl) sign-posted on LHS

Total driving time to the start is roughly 1:10min to 1:15 min to reach the start; you have to park in the sign-posted car park as the road deteriorates beyond this point. Drive time home from the Waihora car park (16654masl) is nearer an hour when Whangamata Road, passing close to Kinloch, is followed.

Rough description: A long (15 – 18km), hard slog of a tramp through some of the wettest forest imaginable which takes 6 – 7 hours with a choice to include Bog Inn Hut to give the full 18km. No really fierce inclines though there is the odd grunt and there are several tricky slippery areas. Altitude ranges from 654 – 1096 metres. No views as such but some of the moss coverings on the trees are fantastic. The seemingly never ending trail is nearing the end when you start to pass through some “cutty” grass – so keep your arms covered and avoid grass cuts.

Detail: This is a moderately fit tramp requiring between 6 and 7 hours 30 minutes total time depending on whether the detour to Bog Inn Hut is made. The rating is given as moderately fit since the track seems never ending although there are not really any severe slopes to ascend and altitude gain and loss is only about 450 metres. Access to the start requires some care as this is via an active logging forest road off Western Bays Road – SH32. The start point lies a few kilometres further north than the end hence the routes to and from the tramp are different and, obviously, the transport has to have an independent driver to shift the vehicle from the start to end points.

The tramp sets off uphill from the car park (01796masl) in a NW direction for a few minutes and the road terminates at a turning circle, but you should not really attempt to drive this far. From here you descend slightly, cross a small bridge and meet the signboards (02788masl) giving times to reach Bog Inn Hut etc.

Signboards at WP BI02



Ten minutes or so from here there is a track junction (03850masl) with the route for the day being straight ahead and sign-posted Weraroa whilst by going right there is a 40 – 60 minute very boggy, quite rough, in-and-out diversion to Bog Inn Hut (05820masl). Bog Inn is a good name but the hut is being refurbished and work tops, sink and wood-burner installation was in hand in July 07.

The tramp onwards to reach the high point at Weraroa Trig (121095masl) might be described as a trudge rather than tramp as it does seem endless through the very wet, moss-laden forest and the only view is a glimpse of Lake Taupo (09935masl). From Weraroa Trig there is some quite steep descending to be done and this is quite tricky in places due to the very wet status of the undergrowth and litter cover. There are then one or two incised stream lines to cross and the lower slopes can be slippery. It should be noted that the actual track (taken by high sensitivity GPS unit) is well displaced from the mapped track. The end of the tramp is indicated by short sections of slippery red clays then the edge of the track carrying sharp edged grass which will cut exposed skin.

During this tramp there are a few junctions that should be noted:

- 03 – track on the right for Bog Inn Hut and Pureora. Boggy, root infested and fun
- 04 – on the way to Bog Inn Hut the Pureora Track is sign-posted going off right. This is NOT a good track – refer Pureora to Bog Inn tramp description
- 15 – junction for track to Waihaha Hut from where you can exit to SH32 slightly to the south of Waihora exit - quite a long way out

Moss laden trees

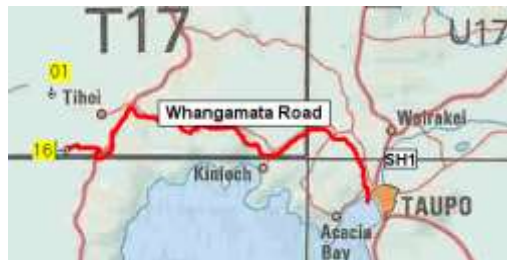


This has to be some of the wettest forest within the area

Route- outwards

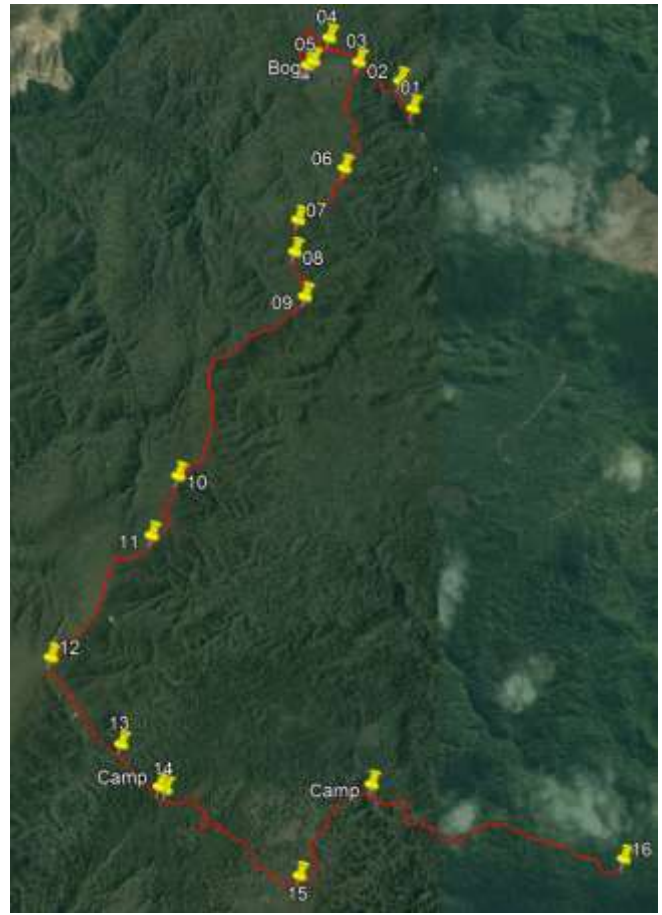
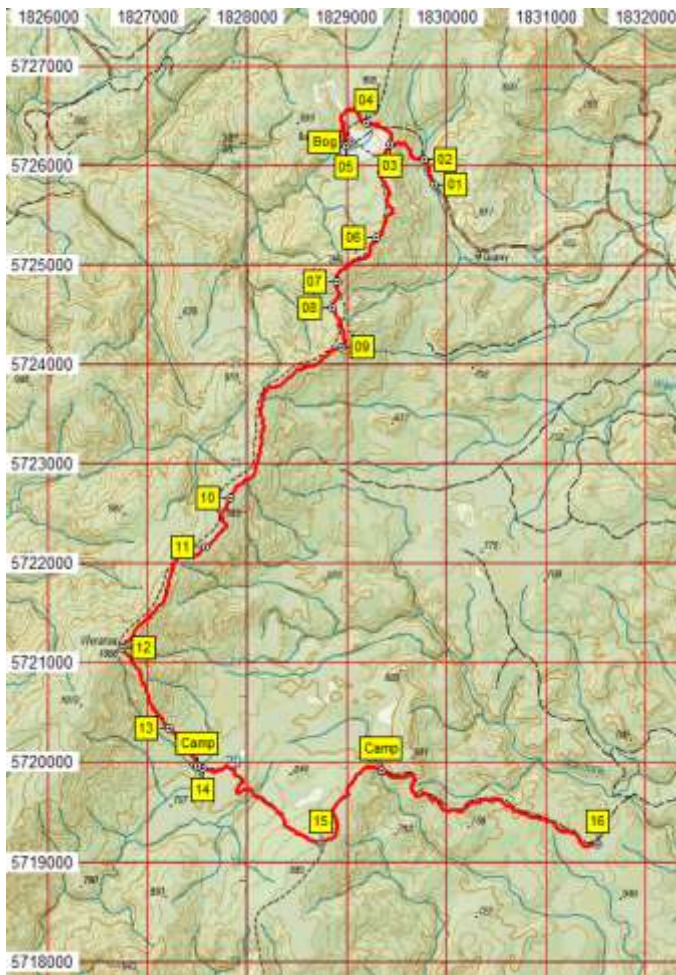


Route- homewards

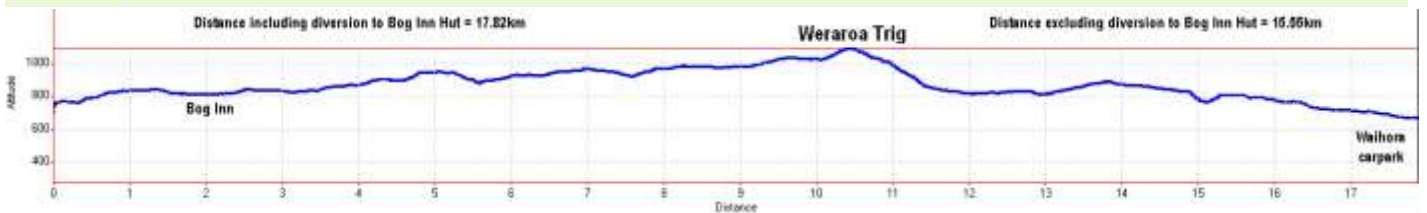


Bog Inn hut





Name	Easting	Northing	Alt...	Description
01	1829878	5725810	796	Car Park on forest road just before start of Bog Inn track
02	1829773	5726052	788	7min (316m); Notice for Bog Inn signboard over small footbridge
03	1829435	5726209	850	15-20min (760m); Y-fork plus signs for Bog Inn (right) and Weraroa (left)
04	1829189	5726422	853	25-30min (1.19km); T-junction to Pureora Track (right) and straight for Bog Inn
05	1828985	5726197	820	45-50min (2.04km); Bog Inn Hut via fair track dry in good weather
06	1829304	5725276	908	1:29min (4.27km); More or less level section after steady grunt upwards
07	1828906	5724832	942	1:54min (5.29km); Start steepish descent after more or less level section
08	1828852	5724568	884	2:01min (5.59km); Cross stream line with steep lower slopes so tricky
09	1828941	5724174	935	2:11min (6.07km); High, wind-blasted open area with view of Lake Taupo
10	1827825	5722661	991	3:03min (8.26km); Level going on minor crest
11	1827580	5722157	991	3:16min (8.91km); Lunch spot on level area with moss laden trees
12	1826747	5721152	1095	4:16min (10.47km); Open crest (Weraroa Trig) then left at sign for Waihora & Waihaha
13	1827208	5720352	846	4:46min (11.42km); Bottom of steep, slippery, tricky descent
14	1827559	5719938	802	5:00min (12.04km); Steep lower slopes into and out of stream line crossing
15	1828734	5719178	887	5:37min (13.8km); T-junction with straight for Waihaha and left for Waihora
16	1831519	5719179	654	6:55min (17.89km); Waihora car park
Bog	1829037	5726230	816	Bog with protected status 75m beyond Bog Inn Hut
Camp	1827508	5719964	821	Hunters campsite on level forest area. Five min later bog on N side of track
Camp	1829343	5719922	771	Hunters campsite at foot of steep descent



- Notes:
- **GPS** Garmin GPSmap 60CSx
 - **WP** = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
 - **masl** = metres above sea level (as recorded by GPS unit)

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