

## AONGATETE to WAIRERE FALLS (Kaimai crossover)

Topo50 Map: BD35 Matamata & BD36 Lower Kaimai

### How to get to START:

- Get over to Tauranga
- Head North on SH2
- At Aongatete turn to the west on Wright Road
- Park at the end with signs for Aongatete Lodge and walking tracks

**Rough description:** This is a long fairly arduous walk getting in to the North South (NS) Track and following this till a sign indicates the Wairere Falls off to the right (SW). The whole walk takes about 8 hours and there are some of the dreaded slippery red clays. There is a huge descent on stairs at the end getting down the slope of the Wairere Falls. A driver is required to move the transport from Wright Road round to Goodwin Road – route indicated below.

**Transport move:** This drive takes about 90 minutes and is via SH2, SH29 and SH24. Transport route is shown in blue on the right whilst tramp route is red.

NZTM GPS: NZTM on WGS84

### Location

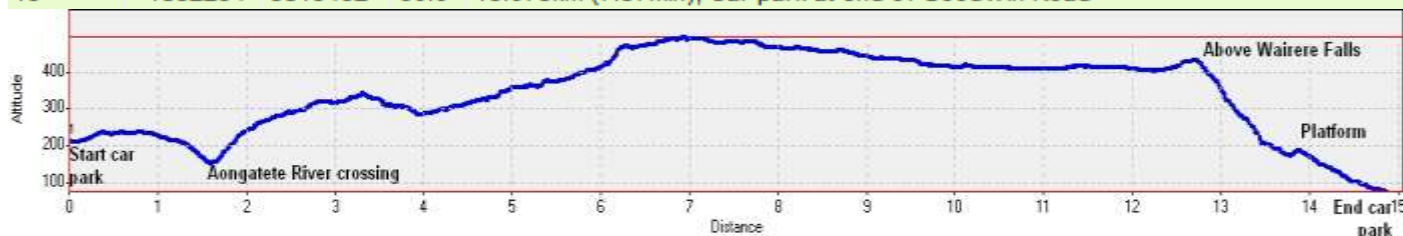


Start at Aongatete Lodge car park  
 Back down road and LEFT at T-junction  
 Wright Road to meet SH2 **8.72km**  
 RIGHT on SH2 for Tauranga  
 Over Wairoa River to Tauranga at 23N **19km (27.72km total)**  
 SH2 to Roundabout, **38km**  
 Right to SH29 – long way and passing OLD Kaimai Road **24km (61.2km total)**  
 Pass SH28 to right then RIGHT to SH24 Tauranga Road  
 Pass Omahine Road on right  
 RIGHT to Old Te Aroha Road **14.7km (75.9km total)**  
 Pass Barton Road on right  
 Pass Douglass Road on right  
 Pass Spring Road on left  
 Pass Te Tuhi Road on right  
 Pass Tills Road on right  
 Pass Graveson Road on right  
 RIGHT to Goodwin Road **15.17km (92km total)**  
 PARK at end Goodwin Road

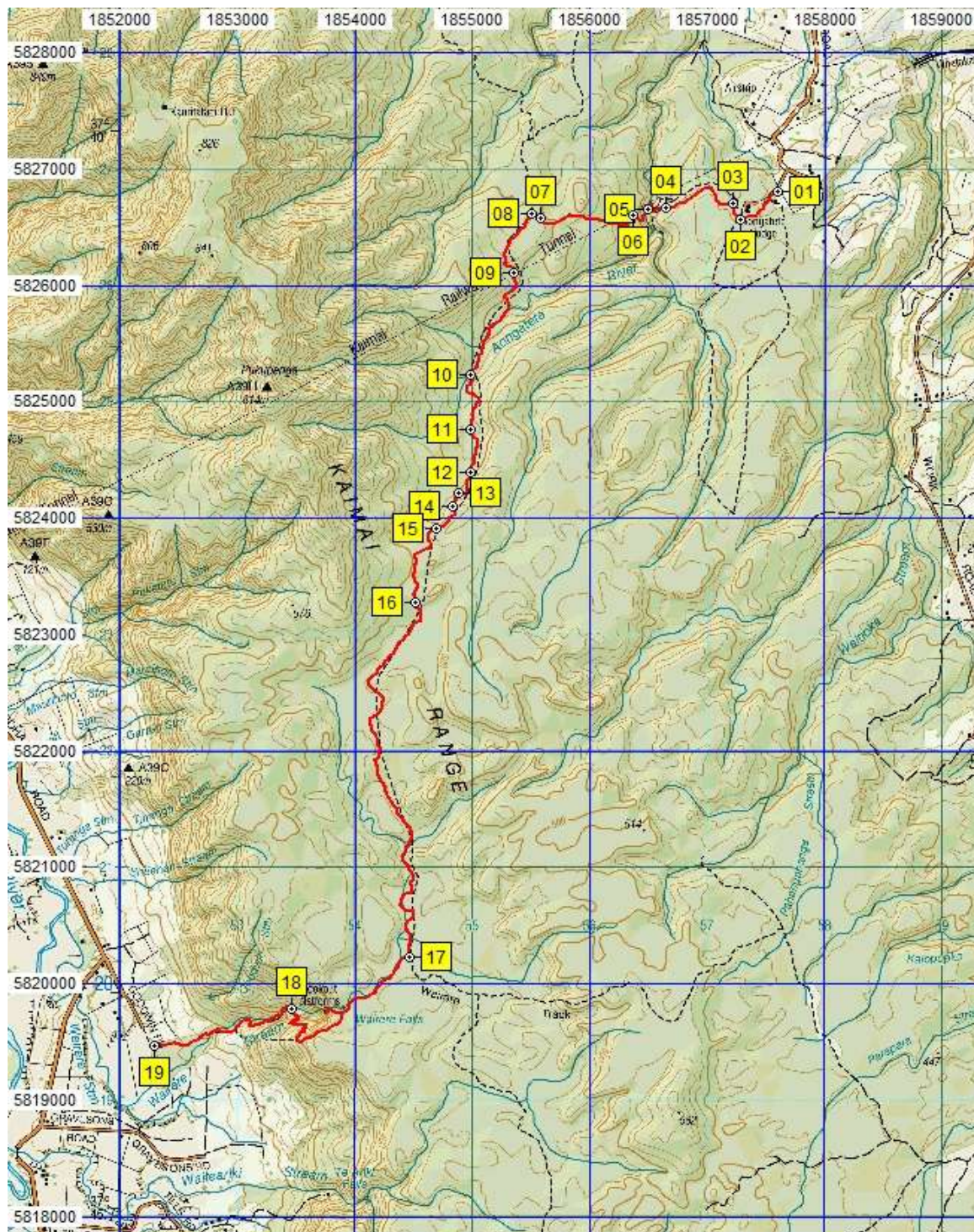


**Detail:** No detail available and report consists of data and information plus the odd photograph.

Name	Easting	Northing	Alt...	Description
01	1857593	5826809	208	Park at end of Wright Road near Aongatete Lodge
02	1857283	5826572	238	442m (9min); First track junction & start of Loop Tracks
03	1857221	5826711	237	620m (12min); Track junction with notice boards
04	1856644	5826675	207	1.4km (28min); Confusing notice board go right. left for swimming hole
05	1856490	5826658	161	1.658km (45min); Cross Aongatete River after heading upriver (S) via boulders
06	1856371	5826603	220	1.895km (50min); Slippery red clay slopes
07	1855578	5826577	320	2.781km (1:12min); Slope eases just short of NS track
08	1855501	5826614	326	3.3km (1:34min); Meet N-S track, go left to SW on slippery red clays
09	1855348	5826106	318	4.01km (1:56min); Smoko just before first side stream crossing
10	1854989	5825234	324	4.712km (2:24min); Stream crossing
11	1854984	5824762	365	5.321km (2:45min); Time check only
12	1854979	5824395	395	5.730km (2:56min); Time check only
13	1854884	5824219	416	6.018km (3:07min); Time check only
14	1854834	5824099	458	6.196km (3:27min); Time check only
15	1854689	5823916	474	6.498km (3:25min); Time check only
16	1854509	5823272	482	7.302km (3:58min); Time check only
17	1854467	5820235	410	11.257km (5:57min); Right off NS track for Wairere Falls
18	1853458	5819784	209	13.464km (7:19min); Look-out platform for Wairere Falls
19	1852294	5819462	60.0	15.073km (7:57min); Car park at end of Goodwin Road







**Notes**

- GPS Garmin GPSmap 62sc
- WP = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit
- masl = metres above sea level

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