

SPLITTERSVILLE via 2 Jons

Topo50 Map: BH37 Rangitaiki

GPS: NZTM on WGS84

How to get to START:

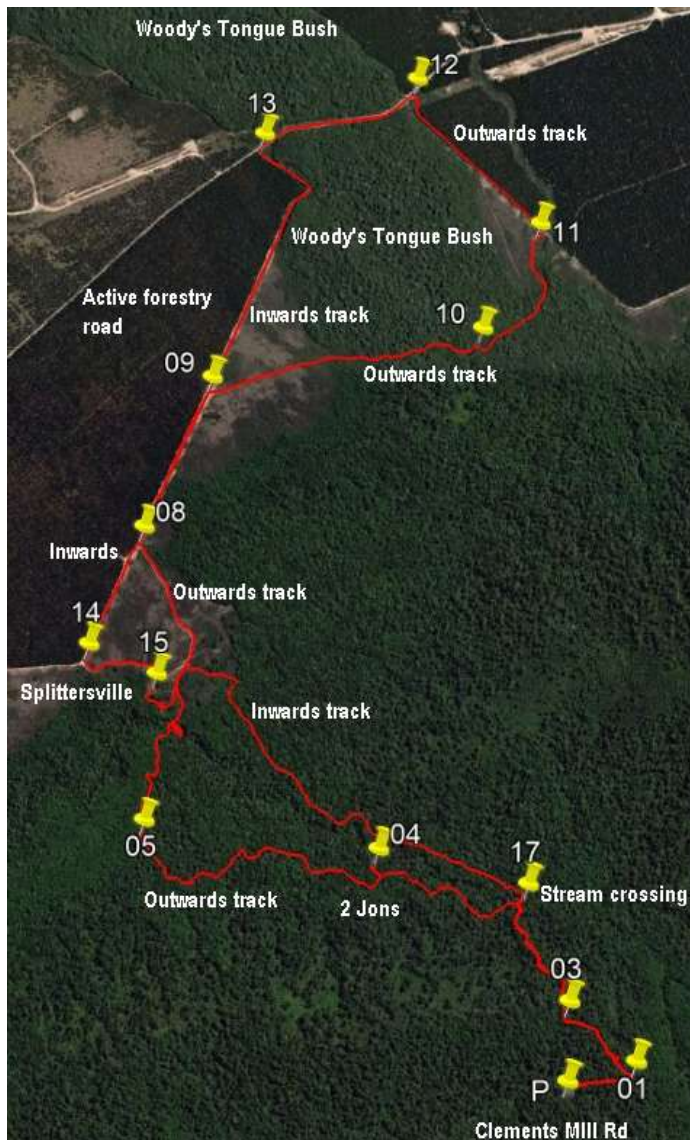
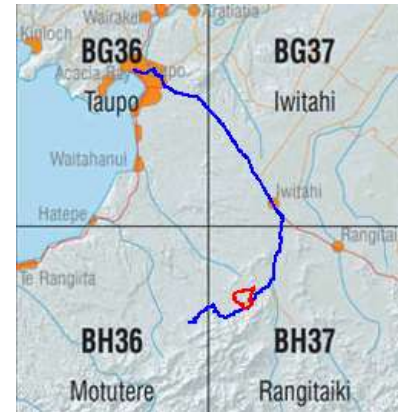
- Exit Taupo on **SH5** for Napier.
- In about 20 minutes turn right into **Taharua Road**
- In another 7 – 8 minutes turn right to **Clements Mill Road** which becomes gravel
- Look for small parking bays (**P**) about 1.5km down the gravel section, one on each side with the one on the left larger and easier to spot

Travel times for access are measured from Taupo Police Station

Rough description: This walk in the woods takes around 5 or 6 hours depending on how often “displacement” occurs, covers just over 12km and ascends a total of 284metres. The route is almost all on hunters’ tracks, old historic roads and present day forestry roads. Features include, “Woody’s Tongue” - on the norther edge of the tramp and named after Woody Collins who developed the scrubland into Wainui Station, “Splittersville” - the isolated site of a former batten splitters’ camp with a few rusty relics still to be seen, “Old Saddle Road” – the now overgrown former road into the northern Kaimanawa until Clements Mill Road was built in 1960 by Burrows Ltd of Taupo.

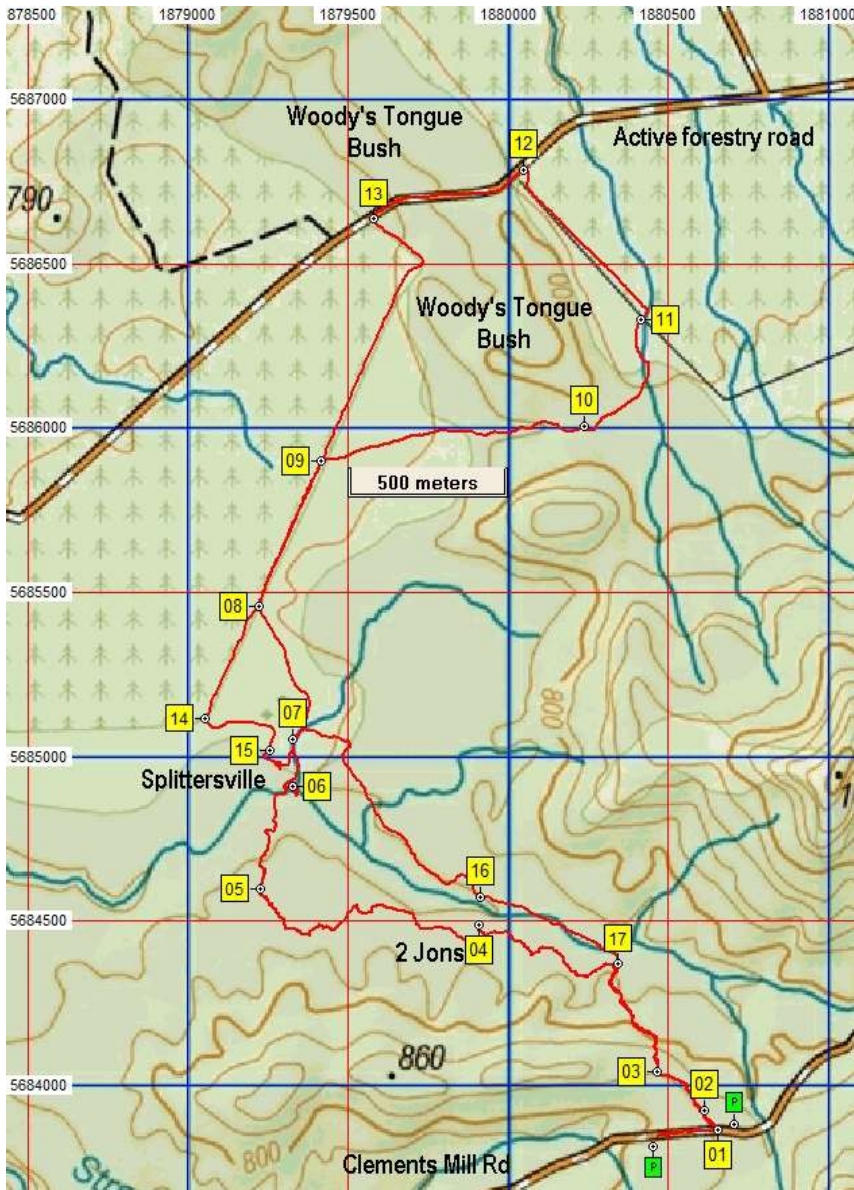
Detail: Once parked (**P**) in the larger parking area walk back towards Taupo up the slope on Clements Mill RD for a couple of hundred metres and go left (**WP01811masl**) on the track which leads to a hunters camp – with working fireplace and chimney (**WP02826masl**). After about ten minutes take right at a junction (**WP03828m**) and head downhill – enjoy this tricky descent as it is hardish work on the way home but do not cross the stream but pick up an indistinct track basically heading NW.

Within about 45min the 2 Jons Biv or Camp (**WP04769m**) is reached – worth a look around before continuing the “wriggle-around” progress westerly.

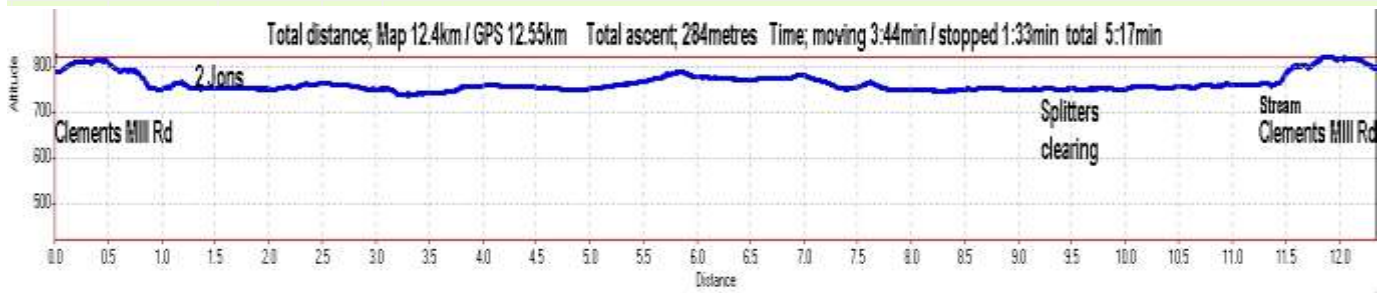


A good spot for Smoko can be found at the clear sign for Black St (**WP05759m**) after the direction is basically N and roads become clearer and easier to follow (**WP06743m**) and soon a junction (**WP07759m**) leading in to Splitters Clearing is passed. The road being used is now more or less in the open as it heads NW to meet a much larger forestry road (**WP08755m**) where the route goes right – the junction is easy to spot as it has large bunds blocking it. After 500m turn right off (**WP09752m**) this large road to a smaller one where, once again, the vegetation does slow the pace down due to work-arounds (**WP10783m**) – this section passes through the southerly end of Woody’s Tongue and a turn to the left NW is made on meeting the edge of a forestry plantation (**WP11773m**). The plantation edge is followed until the bigger, active private forest road is met (**WP12775m**) – turn left and keep eyes and ears open for approaching laden forestry trucks. After 500m through Woody’s Tongue on this bigger road turn off left (**WP13754m**) to a smaller road which is undulating in places and which soon bends round and heads SW. This is an easy walk section needing about 25min to cover the 1.5km down the edge of the coniferous plantation to then go sharp left (**WP14752m**). Then a short deviation gets you into Splitters Clearing (**WP15751m**) in time for a lunch break.

From here the route picks up the Link Road Track which parallels the Manukatuatua Stream passing a small track (**WP16757m**) that links over the stream to the 2 Jons Camp and then soon crosses (**WP17762m**) the actual stream before sorting the legs out with the grunty climb back up to the edge of Clements Mill Road.



Name	Easting	Northing	Alt...	Description
01	1880651	5683866	811	186m (3:30sec); head east on Clements Mill Rd road to turn left on to track
02	1880607	5683924	826	275m (5 min); hunters camp area with fireplace
03	1880464	5684041	828	483m (9min); right at T-junction almost due N downhill to then head W before reaching stream (WP17)
04	1879907	5684489	769	1.58km (47min); 2 Jons camp then continue "wriggling" NW
05	1879223	5684596	759	2.76km (1:24min); black & yellow road sign Black St convenient smoko stop, cafe?
06	1879327	5684907	743	3.28km (1:42min); close to river then basically head N on road
07	1879330	5685050	759	3.88km (2:04min); on road heading N with Splitters clearing off to the left
08	1879218	5685457	755	4.36km (2:14min); outwards, right to larger road, bund blocking junction. Inwards straight thro'
09	1879418	5685900	752	4.84km (2:21min); outwards, branch off right to the ENE on smaller road. Inwards straight through
10	1880239	5686009	783	5.71km (2:40min); minor deviation as road ahead blocked with windfalls
11	1880412	5686328	773	6.19km (2:53min); meet and head NW on overgrown old road from the 1930s on edge of coniferous forest
12	1880049	5686787	775	6.84km (3:04min); off heavily vegetated track to go left on forest road (watch for trucks)
13	1879578	5686640	754	7.36km (3:15min); go left off bigger road to undulating road heading SE then SSW
14	1879055	5685115	752	9.16km (3:44min); easy 25min walk for 1.5km down edge of exotic forest then sharp left
15	1879256	5685020	751	9.45km (3:49min); deviation off road into splitters clearing (lunch spot)
16	1879916	5684573	757	10.87km (4:38min); good track parallel to Manukatua Stream with 2 Jons camp to the S over stream
17	1880344	5684373	762	11.38km (4:50min); stream crossing then bit of an uphill grunt on the outwards track
P	1880452	5683814		Parking
P	1880704	5683884		Parking



Notes: • *GPS* Garmin GPSMap 60CSx *WP* = Waypoint as taken by GPS unit *masl* = metres above sea level